

**SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, August 1, 2006**

The Scott County School Board met in a regular meeting, on Tuesday, August 1, 2006, in the School Board Office Conference Room in Gate City with the following members present:

Lowell S. Campbell, Chairman
Gloria E. "Beth" Blair
Glenn M. McMurray
Joe E. Meade
E. Virgil Sampson, Jr.

ABSENT: David T. Kindle

OTHERS PRESENT: James B. Scott, Division Superintendent; K.C. Quillen Linkous, Deputy Clerk; C. Dean Foster, Jr, County Attorney; Johnny Trent, Scott County Education Association; Darryl Johnson, Director of Operations/Elementary Supervisor; Jimmy Dishner, Director of Testing; Michael Brickey, Gate City High School Principal; Chad Hood, County Board of Supervisors; Edgar Hood, PSA Authority; Clifford Jeffery, Kingsport Times News; Lisa McCarty, Scott County Virginia Star; Gerald T. Miller, Citizen; Rebecca Scott, Adult Education; Gerald Miller, Mayor of Duffield.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Lowell S. Campbell, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and presided.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman Campbell requested additions to the agenda as follows: VII. Items by Superintendent E. Resolution on State Sales Tax; F. Water Line Easement on Rye Cove Intermediate. On a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Sampson, all members voting aye, the Board approved the agenda including the additions as requested.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mike Brickey, Principal of Gate City High School spoke to the board about support of a sports complex for Gate City High School. Mr. Brickey stated that he and Mr. Nick Colobro, Athletic Director of Gate City High School, have been trying to find some land for the past 10 years for a possible sports complex. He reported they had been to the Fort Blackmore and Hilton areas, but were unable to find the land to support a complex. Mr. Brickey stated that this spring he noticed the Cozart warehouses in Weber City were for sale and that he and Mr. Colobro, along with Pam Addington and Michael Thomas, contacted TCI to find out more information. Mr. Brickey reported that the warehouses were last appraised in April 1993, for \$2 million and when he explained to TCI what the land would be used for, TCI stated they could lower the price.

Mr. Brickey further explained that the property in Weber City is located in a flood plain and that the Virginia Department of Transportation would help build up and fill in this property with the improvements currently being made on the Hwy 23 and 58 Interchange project. He also stated that there were concerns with asbestos in the warehouses, but there is no record of this on file.

Mr. Brickey explained to the board that all three high schools are in need of a track and some are in need of a baseball and softball field. He stated that this sports complex would accommodate these events county wide.

Superintendent Scott reported that he had traveled the county to see if there might be land for this project, but also, was unable to find the land to support a sports complex. Superintendent Scott agreed that there is a need for a county wide track. He also stated that there were two issues that concern him about the building of the sports complex. The first issue is to know for sure about the asbestos and the second was to get a true figure on the flood plain, because these would make a difference in the cost of the project. Superintendent Scott explained that the school system currently does not have the money to support this project. The lottery and school construction money has already been funded for the construction of the additional classrooms at Shoemaker Elementary and Duffield Primary. Superintendent Scott did state that he is willing to work with any outside individuals or other interested parties that might be able to fund this project.

The Board recommended to Mr. Brickey to find out how much interest in the county there is for this complex and who would be able to help support it.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by Mr. McMurray, seconded by Mr. Sampson, all members voting aye, the Board approved the minutes of Wednesday, July 5, 2006.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Superintendent Scott reported that a change needed to be made on the Cafeteria Claims of \$72.26 to Kingsport Times News. Mr. Scott stated that his has already been paid and the new claims total should be \$423.10. Superintendent Scott also reported that the School Fund Expenditure List for August 1, 2006 should have the claim for Linda Laney's tuition reimbursement deleted. Ms. Laney will use this class as part of her contract days. The new expenditure total should be \$181,985.48. On a motion by Mr. Meade, seconded by Mr. Sampson, all members voting aye, the Board approved payroll and claims with the corrections that Superintendent Scott presented and as follows:

School fund invoices and payroll totaling \$1,647,294.43 as shown by warrants #8056721 – 8057204 (#8076462, 8076543, and 8076614 stop payments) (#8077032, 8076785, and 8076786 voided).

Cafeteria Fund invoices and payroll totaling \$54,433.97 as shown by warrants #1008786-1008839.

Scott County Head Start invoices totaling \$45,697.00 and payroll totaling \$1,499.72 as shown by warrants #1970-2055.

REPORT ON SOL TEST SCORES: Mr. Jimmy Dishner, Director of Testing, presented the board with graphs showing the SOL Assessment for Grades 3-8 and End of Course Assessment for Reading, Writing, Math, Science and History. Mr. Dishner also reported that SOL Math scores for Grades 3, 5 & 8 were at the top 90% pass rates. Mr. Dishner explained that a new test of Reading and Math in Grades 4, 6, & 7 was initiated this year and that there were some weaknesses in these areas. He stated that several workshops have already been scheduled to address these weaknesses. Mr. Dishner anticipates that all schools will still be fully accredited by the state and probably accredited federally with AYP.

APPROVAL OF HEAD START ITEMS: Superintendent Scott presented a list of Teachers that Head Start wishes to employ. Mr. Scott explained that these teachers have been approved by the Head Start Policy Counsel, but are still required to have school board approval. On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Sampson, all members voting aye, the board approved the following teachers to be employed by Head Start: Amanda Bright, Cindy Raymond, and Connie Hefflin.

Superintendent Scott also presented the "I Am Moving, I Am Learning Initiative" Grant for Head Start to be approved by the school board. On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Meade, seconded by Mr. McMurray, all members voting aye, the board approved the Learning Initiative Grant in the amount of \$3,125.00.

REPORT ON SURPLUS SALE: Superintendent Scott reported that the surplus sale was a success with 60 people registered and a sales amount of \$6,662.00.

UPDATE ON MAINTENANCE PROJECTS: Superintendent Scott reported that the water line has been met to Rye Cove High School. He explained that the Public Service Authority will have to go through a process of checking the line for leaks and testing the water quality. Mr. Scott stated that Rye Cove High School and Intermediate School should have water by the time school starts.

Superintendent Scott reported that the classroom project at Duffield Primary is ahead of the Shoemaker project and that maintenance is waiting on the roof to be delivered. Mr. Scott anticipates that the Duffield Classroom will be ready by start of school, but Shoemaker is waiting for steel and will not be ready by the time school starts, however plans have been made to accommodate these students until the project is complete.

Superintendent Scott reported that bids were received on the Duffield Gym project and that Quesinberry was the lowest bidder by \$100,000. Construction on this project will begin soon.

RESOLUTION ON STATE SALES TAX: Superintendent Scott stated that the State overestimated FY 2007-08 sales tax distributions for school divisions by \$130 million in year one and approximately \$150 million in year two. He explained that local governments will be held harmless in FY 2007 if the board will support Governor Timothy Kaine's proposed "fix." On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye the board approved the support of the proposed "fix" as follows:

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At a meeting of the Scott County School Board begun and held in the School Board Office Conference Room in Gate City on Tuesday, the First day of August, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

*PRESENT: Lowell S. Campbell, Chairman
Joe D. Meade, Vice Chairman
Gloria E. "Beth" Blair
Glenn M. McMurray
E. Virgil Sampson, Jr.*

ABSENT: David T. Kindle

On a motion by E. Virgil Sampson, Jr., seconded by Joe D. Meade, this board hereby supports the proposed "fix" of Governor Timothy Kaine for increasing the local shares of the Standards of Quality (SOQ) funding to correct an error in the allocation of sales tax dedicated to public education and hereby requests that a copy of this resolution be presented to Governor Timothy Kaine, Senator William C. Wampler, Jr., and Delegate Terry G. Kilgore.

*Voting aye: Gloria E. "Beth" Blair, Lowell S. Campbell, Glenn M. McMurray,
Joe D. Meade, E. Virgil Sampson, Jr.*

Voting nay: None.

*A TESTE: _____
Deputy Clerk*

WATER LINE EASEMENT ON RYE COVE INTERMEDIATE: Superintendent Scott reported that on the Water Line project for Rye Cove, the board would need to approve a twenty foot easement in front of Rye Cove Intermediate School. On a motion by Mr. Meade, seconded by Mr. Sampson, all members voting aye, the board approved the twenty foot easement at Rye Cove Intermediate School.

Mr. Lowell Campbell, Chairman, stated that the board would like to express their appreciation to the Public Service Authority and the Board of Supervisors for their cooperation in helping complete the Rye Cove Water Project.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl Johnson, Director of Operations/Elementary Supervisor, and on a motion by Mr. McMurray, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board approved the leave of absence on Ms. Eileen Deckard, effective for the 2006-07 school year.

RESIGNATIONS: On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl Johnson, Director of Operations/Elementary Supervisor, and on a motion by Mr. Meade, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board accepted the resignation request of Mr. Greg Gilliam, School Bus Driver, effective July 27, 2006.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl Johnson, Director of Operations/Elementary Supervisor, and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Sampson, all members voting aye, the board approved the resignation request of Ms. Jenetta Maness, School Nurse, effective July 28, 2006.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl Johnson, Director of Operations/Elementary Supervisor, and on a motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved the resignation request of Ms. Lindsey M. Ray, Teacher, effective July 19, 2006; Ms. Jamie Hall, Teacher, effective July 26, 2006 and Ms. Teresa Burton, Special Education Teacher, effective August 1, 2006.

EMPLOYMENT: On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl Johnson, Director of Operations/Elementary Supervisor, and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. McMurray, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Ms. Kellie Franklin, Teacher, effective 2006-07 school year; Ms. Tiffany Mensch, Teacher, effective 2006-07 school year and Ms. Helen Brown, Cafeteria employee, effective 2006-07 school year.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl Johnson Director of Operations/Elementary Supervisor, and on a motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Mr. Rex Caldwell, Teacher, effective 2006-07 school year.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl Johnson, Director of Operations/Elementary Supervisor, and on a motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Mr. Clifford Bledsoe, School Bus Driver for the 2006-07 school year.

RETIREMENT: On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl Johnson, Director of Operations/Elementary Supervisor, and on a motion by Mr. McMurray, seconded by Mr. Sampson, all members voting aye, the board approved the retirement of Ms. Doris Campbell, Head Start Family Resource Specialist, effective July 25, 2006.

ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS: Mr. Lowell Campbell, Chairman, welcomed back fellow board member Joe Meade who had been absent during a brief illness.

Mr. Joe Meade expressed his appreciation for the cards, calls and visits during his illness.

Superintendent Scott wished to express his appreciation to the School Board and the Board of Supervisors for working together on the budget in order to initiate the early hiring of several teachers that were needed due to retirements.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Mr. McMurray, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board adjourned at 7:25 p.m. The next regular meeting is to be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 2, 2006, in the School Board Office Conference Room.

Lowell S. Campbell, Chairman

K.C. Quillen Linkous, Deputy Clerk