

**SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2006**

The Scott County School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, December 5, 2006, in the Scott County School Board Office Conference Room in Gate City, Virginia, with the following members present:

Lowell S. Campbell, Chairman	<u>ABSENT:</u> None
Gloria E. "Beth" Blair	
David T. Kindle	
Glenn M. McMurray	
Joe D. Meade, Vice Chairman	
E. Virgil Sampson, Jr.	

OTHERS PRESENT: James B. Scott, Division Superintendent; Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations; C. Dean Foster, Jr., County Attorney; Loretta Q. Page, Clerk of the Board; K.C. Quillen Linkous, Deputy Clerk; Johnny Trent, Scott County Education Association Representative; Gerald Miller, Duffield Community; and Lisa McCarty, Scott County Virginia Star.

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

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Chairman Campbell requested additions to the agenda as follows: VII. Items By Superintendent – A. School Safety Update, B. SOL Test Scores, and C. State Playoff Funding for High Schools.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: On a motion by Mr. McMurray, seconded by Mr. Kindle, all members voting aye, the board approved the agenda with additions as announced by Chairman Campbell.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No members of the audience came forth to speak during this period.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved the minutes of November 8, 2006, Regular Meeting, as submitted.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: On a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved payroll and claims as follows, which includes an additional claim presented by Superintendent Scott for payment to employees installing school safety cameras at the schools: School Operating Fund invoices and payroll in the amount of \$1,134,185.34 as shown by warrants #8078507-8078964. Cafeteria Auxiliary Fund invoices and payroll in the amount of \$119,505.07 as shown by warrants #1009151-1009247. Scott County Public School Head Start invoices and payroll totaling \$51,592.07 as shown by warrants #5646-5720. Superintendent Scott reported that the schools will be reimbursing approximately \$3,000 for extra cameras ordered above the number of cameras that were ordered by central office staff after a review of the school floor plans.

APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUEST: On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board approved the overnight field trip request from Duffield Primary School 4th Grade Honor Society students to Chattanooga, Tennessee, May 18-20, 2007.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Kindle, all members voting aye, the board approved the overnight field trip request from Shoemaker Elementary School Honor Society students to Richmond, Williamsburg and Jamestown, Virginia, May 24-27, 2007.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Meade, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board approved the overnight field trip request from Twin Springs High School Band students to New York, NY, June 7-11, 2007.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mr. McMurray, all members voting aye, the board approved the overnight field trip request of Weber City Elementary School Fifth and Sixth Grade Honor Society students to Charleston, South Carolina, May 16-18, 2007 (Wednesday-Friday), on a conditional basis of the school meeting the central office administrator's requests concerning facilities, chaperones, and that one of the administrators of the school must remain at the school (both elementary school administrator's had requested to attend the field trip), and that the trip adhere to the unwritten policy that a field trip requiring at least three days include one weekend day so that the students do not lose three instructional days of school.

STANDARDS OF LEARNING SCORES: Superintendent Scott presented school board members a Standards of Learning Test Results End of Course - % of Students Passing comparison that was completed by Art Mead of the Southwest Virginia Office, Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, University of Virginia. Superintendent Scott explained that he received the report from the County Office. Superintendent Scott reported that a comparison of test scores from some of the schools in Region VII and some of the larger school divisions in the state was completed and the schools were ranked according to their division summary of high school scores in SOL tests in Writing, Geometry, Algebra II, Biology, and Chemistry. According to the report, Scott County was first in Writing, Biology, and Chemistry; second in geometry; and fifth in Algebra II. Superintendent Scott credited this success to the teachers, parents, students, administrators, and school board members. He stated that the school division has been fortunate to hire great teachers that have worked hard to make sure the students excel. He expressed pride that Scott County's schools are among the top in the state.

STATE FUNDING FOR PLAYOFFS: Superintendent Scott reported that he was informed of students soliciting funds at a Wal-Mart in Tennessee for state playoff games. He reported that the playoff games are a big expense for the high schools. He explained that the Virginia High School League (VHSL) does not give back much of the funding collected at the gates for the regional, semi-final and final state games. He reported that since admission is not charged for tennis, golf, and track/cross country during the regular season, they do not generate any funds and the VHSL does not provide funding for regional and state competitions. He reported that for some of the other sports, the schools receive a small portion of the funds collected but the bulk goes to the VHSL. He also reported that in addition to the funds the VHSL receives for playoff games, they also charge a fee for each participating sport at the school. Superintendent Scott informed board members that he would like to provide funding to the high schools for their participation in VHSL athletic events if board members agree with this decision. No board members expressed any disagreement in assisting the schools with funding for the playoff games.

In response to board members questions and concerns regarding the VHSL funding, Superintendent Scott reported that changes to the funding for the VHSL playoff games would have to be approved through legislation of the General Assembly. He informed board members that he would check on this matter and report back to them.

SCHOOL SAFETY UPDATE: Superintendent Scott asked Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, to give school board members information on the cameras installed at the schools. Mr. Johnson provided a demonstration of the cameras set up at area schools. He reported that the cameras will help with school safety issues and vandalism. He reported that the school principal has the capability of monitoring at various times as they choose to do so.

Superintendent Scott reported that positive comments have been received from parents and others. He stated that the cameras have been a "good bargain" for the school system. He reported that this is a start on trying to help ensure school safety.

CLOSED MEETING: There was no motion to enter into a closed meeting.

EMPLOYMENT: On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Kindle, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Sherry Lynn Vanzant, Johnny E. Crawford, Jr., Lucas R. Vermillion, James Darren Reed, Steven Wayne Shockley, and Raymond K. Lane, as substitute school bus drivers.

ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS: Mr. Kindle expressed congratulations to the Gate City and Rye Cove High School Volleyball Teams for their outstanding season. Mr. Sampson expressed holiday greetings to everyone. Mr. Meade stated that, as his third year as a school board member comes to an end, he wished to express appreciation to fellow members, thanks to the secretaries and others for a splendid job done and to Mr. Darryl Johnson, Director of Operations, and Superintendent Scott as well.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Blair made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m., motion was seconded by Mr. Kindle, all members voting aye. The next meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2007, in the School Board Office Conference Room.

Lowell S. Campbell, Chairman

Loretta Q. Page, Clerk