

**SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2006**

The Scott County School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, May 2, 2006, in the Scott County Career & Technical Center Auditorium in Gate City, Virginia, with the following members present:

Lowell S. Campbell, Chairman
Joe D. Meade, Vice Chairman
Gloria E. "Beth" Blair
David T. Kindle
Glenn M. McMurray
E. Virgil Sampson, Jr.

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: James B. Scott, Division Superintendent; Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations; C. Dean Foster, Jr., County Attorney; Loretta Q. Page, Clerk; Karen C. Linkous, Deputy Clerk; Pat Whitley, Scott County Education Association Representative; Gerald Miller, Mayor of Duffield; Ralph Quesinberry, Scott County Career & Technical Center Director/Principal; Mary Beth and Bryan Matlock; David A. Gray, Special Education Advisory Committee President; Debbie Kilgore, Gate City High School FCCLA Instructor; Joey Deckard, Special Education Advisory Committee Vice President; and Danielle Hopkins and Rindi Perry, Gate City High School FCCLA Students.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman Campbell requested additions to the agenda as follows: Item VI. Approval of Claims – add claims for Rye Cove High School and Fort Blackmore Primary School Window Projects, and Item X. A. Facilities Update – add Rye Cove Water Line Project. On a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. McMurray, all members voting aye, the board approved the agenda including the additions as requested.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved the minutes of the April 4, 2006 Regular Meeting as submitted.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: On a motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved payroll and claims as follows:

School Operating Fund invoices and payroll in the amount of \$1,318,580.31 as shown by warrants #8075307-8075781 (#8075061 voided).

School Improvement/School Construction Fund invoices in the amount of \$138,391.25 as shown by warrants #1900392-1900397 (#1900393 & 1900395 voided).

Cafeteria Auxiliary Fund invoices and payroll in the amount of \$107,506.54 as shown by warrants #1008511-1008605.

Scott County Public School Head Start invoices and payroll totaling \$42,781.21 as shown by warrants #5131-5198.

PRESENTATION FROM GATE CITY HIGH SCHOOL FCCLA STUDENTS: Mrs. Debbie Kilgore, Gate City High School FCCLA Instructor, thanked the school board members for their support of the FCCLA. She stated that they do not take it for granted that their request will be approved to attend the national competitions. Mrs. Kilgore reported that 21 students competed in the state competitions held at Virginia Beach. She also reported that of the students that competed, 16 won gold medals, 5 won silver medals; and 11 of the 16 that won gold medals also won a trophy. She further reported that the eleven students that won a trophy are the students that will be competing in the national competitions this summer. She stated that the FCCLA students are currently doing their fundraising but they are not asking the school system for funding. The FCCLA just wanted to say thanks for the great opportunity to attend the national competitions in Nashville. She also stated that the power point presentation that is being presented was

created for community leaders, parents, guidance counselors, teachers, and others as a guideline on the curriculum of the FCCLA students.

Mr. Ralph Quesinberry, Scott County Career & Technical Center Director/Principal, reported that of the six students that competed in the state competitions, four of them won. He stated that these students did real well, especially since there were approximately 1,800 students in the competitions. He expressed appreciation for the students attending the competitions.

Danielle Hopkins and Rindi Perry, Gate City High School FCCLA students, presented an informative power point presentation on the family and consumer science curriculum. The presentation provided an overview of the curriculum core areas of Resource Management, Family Relations, Nutrition and Wellness, Life Planning, and Leadership.

Superintendent Scott and board members thanked Mrs. Kilgore and the FCCLA students for their presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mary Beth and Bryan Matlock, parents of an elementary school student, were in attendance to voice concerns about the testing process for their child while taking the Standards of Learning tests this week.

Superintendent Scott informed Mr. and Mrs. Matlock that since the particular test that the school division ordered in February for their child had not been received, it was his understanding that every accommodation possible was made for the testing process. He explained that the state cancelled their contract last year with the only company that provides the particular test. He further explained that although the test was ordered in February it still has not been received from the company.

Mrs. Matlock inquired about expressing her concerns to the state. Superintendent Scott informed her that he would furnish her with contact names if needed. He also stated that he plans to speak to someone at the state level concerning this matter. Mrs. Matlock expressed thanks to the superintendent and school board members for their time and they expressed thanks to her.

REPORT FROM SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Joey Deckard, Special Education Advisory Committee Vice President, expressed thanks to the superintendent and school board members for their support during the past decade. Mr. Deckard expressed thanks for the additional special education teachers that have been added through the past several years. He further expressed thanks for the computers that are now in all of the special education classrooms. Also, he expressed thanks for the school psychologist, social worker, and behavioral specialist.

David Gray, Special Education Advisory Committee President, reported that the special education students have increased from 620 students in the year 2000 to 738 students in the year 2005. He stated that many diverse services are provided for the special education program. A list of these services was provided to school board members along with the number of students receiving the various services.

Mr. Gray requested that the school board consider hiring a behavior therapist to replace Karen Odle that resigned; request that additional chain link fencing be installed for the playground area for the preschool class at the Scott County Career & Technical Center and consider purchasing playground equipment for the preschool play area; offer a Skills Program class at the Scott County Career & Technical Center that includes Building Trades, Electrical and Plumbing, and Horticulture; and, review the situation where certain special education classrooms are held in renovated storage areas and having to share a classroom.

Chairman Campbell gave board members an opportunity to present questions to the Special Education Advisory Committee representatives and thanked the committee members for their report.

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION FEDERAL PROGRAM (ANNUAL PLAN)
PART B, SECTION 611 FLOW THROUGH FUNDS GRANT: Mrs. Brenda P. Robinette, Supervisor

of Special Education, presented the proposed grant budget for the Special Education Federal Program (Annual Plan) Part B, Section 611 Flow Through Funds. Mrs. Robinette requested approval of the Virginia Department of Education Division of Special Education and Students Services Guidance Document on the Implementation of IDEA 2004 – Part B Requirements to be a part of the Policy and Procedures Manual. On the recommendation of Mrs. Brenda P. Robinette, Supervisor of Special Education, and on a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mr. Sampson, all members voting aye, the board approved the Virginia Department of Education Division of Special Education and Students Services Guidance Document on the Implementation of IDEA 2004 – Part B Requirements to be a part of the Policy and Procedures Manual.

Mrs. Robinette presented the Part B, Section 611, Flow Through Funds (July 1, 2006 – September 30, 2008) Proposed Grant Budget in the amount of \$808,330.00 and proposed expenditures as follows: Personal Services \$717,516.00; Employee Benefits \$48,948.00; Purchased Services \$2,000.00; Materials/Supplies \$31,118.50; and Capital Outlay \$8,747.50. On the recommendation of Mrs. Robinette and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. McMurray, all members voting aye, the board approved the Part B, Section 611, Flow Through Funds (July 1, 2006 – September 30, 2008) Proposed Grant Budget in the amount of \$808,330.00 as presented.

Mrs. Robinette presented the Part B, Section 619, Preschool Funds (July 1, 2006 – September 30, 2008) Proposed Grant Budget in the amount of \$32,183.00 and proposed expenditures as follows: Personal Services \$22,000.00; Employee Benefits \$7,100.00; Internal Services \$600.00; and Materials/Supplies \$2,715.00. On the recommendation of Mrs. Robinette and on a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved the Part B, Section 619, Preschool Funds (July 1, 2006 – September 30, 2008) Proposed Grant Budget in the amount of \$32,183.00 as presented.

OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP - GATE CITY HIGH SCHOOL FCCLA: Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, reported that the Gate City High School FCCLA students will be attending the National FCCLA Conference/Competitions in Nashville, Tennessee, on July 8-14, 2006. On a motion by Mr. McMurray, seconded by Mr. Kindle, all members voting aye, the board approved the Gate City High School FCCLA field trip as presented.

FACILITIES UPDATE: Superintendent Scott reported that the school system received approval of a grant through the state tobacco funding in the amount of \$190,000 and that an \$83,000 grant from the health department for this project is still pending. He informed board members that the pipe laying for the water line project at Rye Cove began yesterday morning with the hopes of being able to complete the laying of at least 400 feet each day. He was pleased to report that it was estimated that the crew would be able to lay 1,600 feet yesterday but ended up laying a total of 2,200-2,300 feet. He stated that at times the project will progress more slowly due to rock, etc. He reported that the school division should receive statements for the supplies and materials purchased up to now by the first of June and they will be presented for payment at the June 6 school board meeting. He also stated that everything has gone well considering a little problem with the hopes that the pipe could be run along the highway but has had to be run on private property. He stated that everyone has been cooperative with this so far.

Superintendent Scott reported that hopefully the concrete slab will be poured tomorrow for the classroom project at Duffield Primary School. He stated that the walls can be started after the slab has been poured. He also reported that the school system is just getting into the classroom project at Shoemaker Elementary School and that the school system will have to keep going with this project in order to have it completed by the beginning of school.

Superintendent Scott reported that the Rye Cove High School and Fort Blackmore Primary School window projects are complete and that the final payment is being paid in full. He also reported that the total cost of the window projects county-wide has been 1.5 million. He stated that the blinds for the classrooms have been delayed due to the closing of the company that received the bid. He reported that school personnel have met with another company and that the project is lined up to begin next week.

GRANTS UPDATE: Superintendent Scott provided a detailed report to school board members on various grants. He reported that the school division has received notification that some of these grants

have been approved and he explained that several others are still pending. Therefore, he informed board members that the total number of grants the school division will receive for next year is still uncertain at this point.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING NURSING PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2006-07 SCHOOL YEAR: Superintendent Scott presented a proposed nursing assignment for school year 2006-07. He explained that the proposed nursing assignment is a draft and if the board members have any questions or concerns to notify him. He reported that the school division has come a long way from one nurse in 1990 to the number that is currently employed. He stated he hopes that in time each school can have one nurse.

APPROVAL LOCAL WELLNESS POLICY REQUIREMENT: Superintendent Scott informed board members that according to the Department of Education's Regulatory Supts. Memo No. 7, a local wellness policy is a new requirement that requires school divisions participating in any of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) school nutrition programs to establish a local wellness policy by the first day of the school year 2006-07. He reported that according to the memo, the local wellness policy must address nutrition education, physical activity, and other school-based activities to promote student wellness. On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Meade, seconded by Mr. Kindle, all members voting aye, the board approved the Local Wellness Policy (File: JHCF) as presented.

AWARDS DAY CELEBRATION AND GRADUATION DATES REMINDER: Superintendent Scott informed board members that the Awards Day Celebration will be on Thursday, May 18, 7 p.m., at the Scott County Career & Technical Center. He also reminded board members of the high school graduation dates and stated that if it is at all possible for them, it would be good if they could attend all three high school graduation ceremonies.

RESIGNATION: On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board approved the resignation request of Bethany Hamilton, Twin Springs High School Teacher, effective at the end of the 2005-06 school year.

EMPLOYMENT: Superintendent Scott informed school board members that Janet Davidson, teacher, has completed all state requirements for certification. On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. McMurray, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Janet Davidson, teacher, for the 2006-07 school year.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Meade, seconded by Mr. Sampson, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of new teachers for the 2006-07 school year as follows:

Tammy Cassell
Jennifer Doss
Greg Hall
Amy Marchant
Lindsey Ray
Melissa Short
Adam Toney

EMPLOYMENT: Mr. Meade stated that the need for an auto mechanics instructor for the 2006-07 school year has been going on for some time and made a motion to employ Rayford Dingus as auto mechanics instructor for the 2006-07 school year, motion was seconded by Mr. Sampson.

VOTE

Ayes: Beth Blair, Lowell Campbell, Glenn McMurray, Joe Meade, E. Virgil Sampson, Jr.
Nays: David T. Kindle

EMPLOYMENT: Superintendent Scott reported that the Fort Blackmore Primary School operated with a principal vacancy. He also reported that interviews were held for the principal position and that he would like to recommend Kelsey Kilgore Taylor for the position of principal at Fort Blackmore Primary School for the remainder of the school year and for the 2006-07 school year. On a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Sampson, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Kelsey Kilgore Taylor as principal at Fort Blackmore Primary School as recommended by Superintendent Scott.

ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS: Mr. Kindle expressed pride that the Scott County Career & Technical Center Skills USA students showed a lot of class during the recent state competitions. He also expressed congratulations to them for their achievement.

Mr. Meade expressed a concern about complaints he has received that the school buses are being used for private transportation and also that some school bus drivers have a long drive from their home to their work point and back to their home. He stated that he didn't know how much this matter has been addressed but he thought it needs to be looked at and that maybe the board needs to form a committee to hear more about the matter.

Chairman Campbell asked Superintendent Scott to meet with the Transportation Supervisor to review this matter.

Superintendent Scott reported that for at least two years he has had a concern about coaches for the female sports. He explained that he feels there should be at least one female coach working with the female students and he stated that he wonders how hard personnel at the school work on this situation. He stated that a stipulation of the Virginia High School League is that if there is an employee in the school system that can do the coaching, whether it is a school bus driver, aide, etc., then the school division must hire that person for the coaching duties before hiring someone else. He stated that in order for someone other than school personnel to be hired, he has to send a letter to the Virginia High School League certifying that there are no personnel in the school system available to do the coaching.

Superintendent Scott expressed that with the number of volunteer coaches assisting at the schools, he wonders if the schools sometimes go overboard. He informed board members that he has asked the schools to send their coaching list by May 20. He stated that he would send board members the list early so that the coaches could be voted on at the June meeting since it would be good to have coaches in place for summer activities.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to discuss; Mr. McMurray made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Kindle, all members voting aye, the board adjourned at 7:20 p.m. The next regular meeting is to be held in the Scott County School Board Office Conference Room at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6, 2006.

Lowell S. Campbell, Chairman

Loretta Q. Page, Clerk