

**SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2006**

The Scott County School Board met in regular session on Wednesday, November 8, 2006, at the Scott County Career and Technical Center Auditorium in Gate City, Virginia, with the following members present: Lowell S. Campbell, Chairman

ABSENT: 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; Dolly Akers, parent; Ralph Quesinberry, Scott County Career and Technical Center Director/Principal; and Susan Green, School Food Program Director.

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 - C. Tobacco Intervention Program and, Item D. Cameras.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: An elementary school parent informed school board members of a concern regarding her child and the child's classroom teacher. Chairman Campbell instructed Superintendent Scott to look into the matter and to get back in contact with the parent. He also requested that Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, review this matter with the parent and provide the information to Superintendent Scott.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Kindle, all members voting aye, the board approved the minutes of October 3, 2006, Regular Meeting, as submitted.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Superintendent Scott presented a corrected list of cafeteria fund expenditures and an additional claim for the Shoemaker Elementary School Addition Project. On a motion by Kindle, seconded by Mr. McMurray, all members voting aye, the board approved payroll and claims as follows:

School Operating Fund invoices and payroll in the amount of \$1,400,977.82 as shown by warrants #8078012-8078506 (#8078304 and 807501 voided). Cafeteria Auxiliary Fund invoices and payroll in the amount of \$166,505.96 as shown by warrants #1009036-1009150 (#1009015 voided). Scott County Public School Head Start invoices and payroll totaling \$55,605.07 as shown by warrants #5537-5645 (#5539 and 5544 voided).

APPROVAL OF HEAD START 2006-07 TIME LINE FOR PROGRAM PLANNING AND SELF ASSESSMENT INCLUDING POLICY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDAS: On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Kindle, all members voting aye, the board approved the Head Start 2006-07 Time Line for Program Planning and Self Assessment Including Policy Council Meeting Agendas as presented.

NOTIFICATION OF RATE INCREASE FOR ELECTRIC BILLINGS FROM APPALACHIAN POWER: Superintendent Scott reported that Appalachian Power has notified the school

system that there will be a 25% increase under the power company's recent rate increase request, which is under review by the State Corporation Commission and subject to refund if not approved. He further reported that the company expects to receive a ruling in the next few months to determine the actual rates. He informed board members that this increase for this year would cost an additional \$125,000 to \$150,000 and is effective, pending the state's approval, as of October 2, 2006.

TOBACCO INTERVENTION PROGRAM: Superintendent Scott informed board members of a Tobacco Intervention Program that Debbie Keith, Head School Nurse; and Kathy Funkhouser, County Intervention Specialist, are working on with the assistance of Wise County Public Schools. He reported that the school division's students could attend this program instead of being placed in a classroom for In School Suspension (ISS). He reported that the program would be four (4) one-half day sessions at the Scott County Career and Technical Center (SCCTC). He also reported that the program would be at no cost to the county since the students would ride a school bus from their school to the SCCTC. He further reported that there would be two sessions in the morning and two in the afternoon. He stated that he hopes the school division can obtain a grant to assist with this program next year. He explained that, for this year, the program will begin next semester. He informed board members that this program is being discussed for their information but should they choose to vote to approve the program they may do so but it is not necessary. Board members granted Superintendent Scott authority to do what is necessary for the program.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING PURCHASE OF SCHOOL CAMERAS AND MAINTENANCE UPDATE: Superintendent Scott reported that the school division has several schools where the office is away from the front entrance and expressed a concern, that for this reason, office personnel are unable to view persons entering the school. He informed board members that administrators have reviewed the floor plans of the schools and decided to purchase 100 cameras at a cost of approximately \$29,000 to be installed at all schools. He stated that he hopes that the schools will be able to purchase additional cameras as they deem necessary for their schools. He informed board members that three of the maintenance employees will be working extra hours to install the cameras and the installation should be complete by the beginning of the second semester. Superintendent Scott also reported that he is in the process of checking on installing locks on all doors so that the classrooms can be locked from inside if necessary. He further reported that Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, has the floor plans for the schools and is in the process of drawing up a plan with law enforcement officials. He explained that this is so that the law enforcement can be more involved with assisting the school division to ensure the safety of all students. He reported that each school has been assigned a state trooper to check on the school area as often as possible, at least two times a day; and, whenever possible to come inside the school. He reported that this should help to provide a better situation at the schools.

Superintendent Scott reported that the roof on the Shoemaker Elementary School Addition Project should be complete by tomorrow and windows installed. He estimated the completion date to be December 10. He informed board members that the maintenance personnel are behind 3-6 months with needed projects in the schools and that this is a disadvantage to using the maintenance personnel for doing large projects. Mr. Meade, board member, asked Superintendent Scott to take a look at the lighting at Twin Springs. Superintendent Scott reported that he will keep this in mind but with the current projects that are being worked on and the two projects scheduled for next year, funds are limited. He asked board members to keep him informed and that he will use their discretion to assist in planning for projects at the schools.

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

APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUEST: 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 overnight field trip request from Gate City High School and Gate City Middle School FCCLA students to National Cluster Meeting in Charlotte, N.C. on November 17-19, 2006.

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 from Yuma Elementary School sixth grade students to Williamsburg, VA, March 29-31, 2007.

RESIGNATION: On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. McMurray, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board accepted the resignation request of Ms. Sarah N. Adams, Gate City High School Teacher, effective December 19, 2006.

ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS: Board members expressed appreciation to Ms. Susan Greene, School Food Program Director, for the food prepared for the school board meeting.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Kindle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m., motion was seconded by Mr. McMurray, all members voting aye. The next meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, December 5, 2006, in the School Board Office Conference Room.

Lowell S. Campbell, Chairman

Loretta Q. Page, Clerk