

**SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2007**

The Scott County School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, August 7, 2007, at the School Board Office in Gate City, Virginia, with the following members present:

David T. Kindle, Chairman
Joe D. Meade, Vice Chairman
Gloria E. "Beth" Blair
Lowell S. Campbell
Nathan K. Catron
Katherine J. McClelland

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: James B. Scott, Division Superintendent; Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations; C. Dean Foster, Jr., County Attorney; Brenda P. Robinette, Special Education Supervisor, Loretta Q. Page, Clerk; K.C. Linkous, Deputy Clerk; Johnny Trent, Scott County Education Association President; Lisa McCarty, Scott County Virginia Star; and Jeana Campbell, ETSU Nursing Program.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. David T. Kindle, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. and welcomed Mrs. Katherine J. McClelland, recently appointed school board member.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman Kindle requested that Easement for Rye Cove be added to agenda item VI. Other. On a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the agenda as presented and including the addition as stated by Chairman Kindle.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by Mr. Meade, seconded by Mr. Catron, all members voting aye, the board approved the minutes of July 3, 2007, Regular Meeting as submitted.

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

School Operating Fund invoices and payroll in the amount of \$1,361,504.22 as shown by warrants #8082069-8082401 (#8082089 & 8082398 voided). School Construction Fund invoices in the amount of \$16,495.00 as shown by warrants #1900439-1900440. Cafeteria Fund invoices and payroll in the amount of \$55,786.85 as shown by warrants #1009905-1009958 (#1009174 voided). Scott County Public School Head Start invoices and payroll totaling \$33,927.22 as shown by warrants #6282-6326 (#6280-6281 voided).

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION: VIRGINIA TEENS AND THE LAW: Superintendent Scott and school board members discussed the Class Action: Virginia Teens and the Law, which would be a partnership between the attorney general's office, sheriff's department and the school system. Superintendent Scott explained that all materials used by the partnership would be provided by the attorney general's office. He also explained that the school system would be responsible for partial funding of the salary of someone from the sheriff's department that would be qualified to provide the instruction to the students. He stated that funding would be obtained for use toward the salary from grants if available and if not, he felt the program was important for the students and funds needed to be made available for the program. He also stated that the program would not interrupt core area classes since it would be provided during physical education class for seventh graders and will include other grade level students when possible. He further stated that the program would cover modules, for example, alcohol, drugs, internet and school safety, which would be selected based on the specific need and according to the timeframe available for the students.

On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board approved the Class Action: Virginia Teens and the Law.

REPORT ON SURPLUS SALE: Superintendent Scott reported that the sales amount was \$3,669.00 for the surplus sale held on July 14, 2007. He explained that sales have varied during the years based on the items for sale.

MAINTENANCE UPDATE: Superintendent Scott provided an update on the following maintenance projects: Yuma Elementary School Classrooms, Duffield Gymnasium, Rye Cove High School Field House, and Twin Springs High School Gymnasium. He reported that the “open classroom” situation at Hilton Elementary School is being reviewed. He also reported that most of the funds available for projects this year have been obligated but funds should be available for the project next year. He further reported that the heating and air conditioning is constantly being upgraded in the schools. He stated that the air conditioning at the schools will be a priority for the maintenance department with the current weather conditions and school starting soon. He informed board members that the inservice will be held at the Scott County Career and Technical Center on Friday and stated the hopes that board members can attend and that a timeframe has been allotted for them to speak if they wished to do so.

RECOGNITION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER: Since Mr. Jim Spears was unable to attend the meeting, board members decided that the item, recognition of school board member, would be moved to the September agenda.

APPROVAL OF APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY EASEMENT FOR RYE COVE: On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved the Appalachian Power Company easement for Rye Cove (Appendix A).

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

RESIGNATIONS: On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Meade, seconded by Mrs. McClelland, all members voting aye, the board approved the resignations of Vera Eileen Deckard, Tracy Marshall, and Frankie Tipton, effective August 6, 2007.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mrs. McClelland, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the resignations of Rex Allen Caldwell (effective July 9, 2007), Emily E. Glenn (effective July 16, 2007), Tiffany Mensch (effective July 5, 2007), Jennifer Puckett (effective July 10, 2007), Selena Kiser (effective July 27, 2007), and Michelle Lewis (effective July 27, 2007).

EMPLOYMENT: On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Catron, seconded by Mrs. McClelland, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Shatona Williams, Head Start Family Resource Specialist.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Valerie R. Babb as a principal at Fort Blackmore Primary School.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Catron, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Charles Ratliff as a teaching assistant for the 2007-08 school year.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Meade, seconded by Mr. Catron, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Robin Bond, Jennifer Evans, and Kristi Rusek as secretaries for the 2007-08 school year.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of April Addington, Kristen Carter, Ashley Garrett, Eva Haynes, Jeremy Houseright, Lindsey Osborne, and Tamara Stout as teachers for the 2007-08 school year.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mrs. McClelland, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Donna Hass, Nicole M. Lane, Connie Truesdale, and Luke Vermillion as school bus drivers for the 2007-08 school year.

ITEMS BY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Mr. Meade stated that it sounds like the school system is ready to go and that he looking forward another school year.

Mrs. McClelland reported that the landscaping at the Gate City Middle/High School area looks good but expressed a concern about the billboard needing to be updated with current events. She also asked about the concrete bank area across from the schools and who is responsible the school, school division or the state. She reported that the area needs some maintenance work.

Chairman Kindle stated that Superintendent Scott would follow up on the matter. He also requested that Superintendent Scott check on a leak in the girls locker room at Rye Cove High School

ADJOURN: There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Campbell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m., motion was seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye. The next meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, September 4, 2007, in the School Board Office Conference Room.

David T. Kindle, Chairman

Loretta Q. Page, Clerk