

**SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD  
MINUTES OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2007**

The Scott County School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, January 2, 2007, in the Scott County School Board Office Conference Room in Gate City, Virginia, with the following members present:

Gloria E. "Beth" Blair	<b><u>ABSENT:</u></b> None
Lowell S. Campbell	
David T. Kindle	
Glenn M. McMurray	
Joe D. Meade	
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; Karen "K.C." Quillen Linkous, Deputy Clerk; Johnny Trent, Scott County Education Association President; Clifford Jeffrey, Kingsport Times-News; Emily and Lisa McCarty, Scott County Virginia Star, Dale Williams, Gate City Citizen; and Gerald Miller, Duffield Mayor.

**CALL TO ORDER:** James B. Scott, serving as temporary Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** On a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the agenda as submitted and including an addition to Items By Superintendent (C.) Update on Maintenance Projects.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:** Superintendent Scott, serving as temporary Chairman, asked for nominations for Chairman. Mr. Kindle nominated E. Virgil Sampson, Jr. to serve as Chairman; motion was seconded by Mrs. Blair. There being no other nominations, Mr. McMurray made a motion that Mr. Sampson be elected by acclamation to serve as Chairman, all members voting aye.

Chairman Sampson thanked fellow members for their election of him to serve as Chairman.

**ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN:** Chairman Sampson asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. Mr. Campbell nominated Gloria E. "Beth" Blair. There being no other nominations, Chairman Sampson declared the election period closed, all members voting aye.

**APPOINTMENT OF CLERK:** Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, Mrs. Loretta Q. Page was appointed to serve as Clerk of the Board.

**APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CLERK:** Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. McMurray, all members voting aye, Mrs. Karen "K.C." Quillen Linkous was appointed to serve as Deputy Clerk of the Board.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** On a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, December 5, 2006 as submitted.

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

School Operating Fund invoices and payroll in the amount of \$1,117,285.85 as shown by warrants #8078965-8079403 (#8078976 voided and #8075989 & 8077948 stop payments).

Cafeteria Auxiliary Fund invoices and payroll in the amount of \$110,011.40 as shown by warrants #1009248-1009343.

Scott County Public School Head Start invoices and payroll totaling \$66,059.84 as shown by warrants #5721-5807.

**APPROVAL OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATES:** Board members discussed meeting dates for the regular April meeting since the spring break would be during the first week of April. After final discussion, March 27 (Tuesday) was selected as the regular monthly meeting for April and it was decided to meet on the dates and times submitted. The board also decided to meet at the same locations as scheduled the previous year. Superintendent Scott asked board members if they were interested in having a joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors as was held last year. School board members suggested that Superintendent Scott extend an invitation to the Board of Supervisors to have a joint meeting should they wish to do so. Superintendent Scott stated that he would extend an invitation for a proposed joint meeting and would notify school board members of their decision. On a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved school board meeting dates as follows: **Date**

<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>
February 6, 2007 (Tues.)	Scott Co. Career & Technical Center (Public Hearing: 2007-08 Proposed School Budget) (Regular Meeting) 5:45 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
March 6, 2007 (Tues.)	School Board Office 6:00 p.m. (Regular Meeting & Budget Work Session To Follow)
March 27, 2007 (Tues.)	School Board Office 6:00 p.m. (Final Budget Work Session & Approval of Proposed 2007-08 School Budget)
May 1, 2007 (Tues.)	Scott Co. Career & Technical Center 6:00 p.m.
June 5, 2007 (Tues.)	School Board Office 6:00 p.m.
June 28, 2007 (Thurs.)	School Board Office 6:00 p.m. (2006-07 School Budget Close-Out Meeting)
July 3, 2007 (Tues.)	School Board Office 6:00 p.m.
August 7, 2007 (Tues.)	School Board Office 6:00 p.m.
September 4, 2007 (Tues.)	School Board Office 6:00 p.m.
October 2, 2007 (Tues.)	School Board Office 6:00 p.m.
November 7, 2007 (Wed.)	Scott Co. Career & Technical Center 6:00 p.m.
December 4, 2007 (Tues.)	School Board Office 6:00 p.m.
January 8, 2008 (Tues.)	School Board Office 6:00 p.m.

Superintendent Scott informed school board members that the Virginia School Boards Association Legislative Conference will be held on February 8 and 9. He stated that school board members need to decide whether or not they plan to attend in order for reservations to be completed.

**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 received from Rye Cove High School band students to Atlanta, Georgia, on April 19-22, 2007.

**APPROVAL OF WAIVER OF PRE-LABOR DAY OPENING REQUIREMENTS FOR 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR:** Superintendent Scott explained that Scott County meets the Virginia Department Of Education's criteria set forth for the waiver of Pre-Labor Day opening requirements because of the number of instructional days missed in the past ten years due to inclement weather. The following information was presented to school board members (0 days missed during the 2006-07 school year as of this date):

<u>School Year</u>	<u>Days Missed</u>
2005-2006	6
2004-2005	4
2003-2004	8
2002-2003	14
2001-2002	8
2000-2001	7
1999-2000	11
1998-1999	5
1997-1998	7

On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved the Waiver of Pre-Labor Day Opening Requirements for the 2007-08 school year.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF GATE CITY HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TEAM 2006 LONESOME PINE DISTRICT CHAMPION, REGION D CHAMPION, AND GROUP A STATE RUNNER-UP:** 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 resolution in recognition of Gate City High School Volleyball Team 2006 Lonesome Pine District Champion, Region D Champion, and Group A State Runner-up as follows:

***GATE CITY HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TEAM  
2006 LONESOME PINE DISTRICT, REGION D, GROUP A STATE RUNNER-UP***

***BE IT RESOLVED***, by the County School Board of Scott County, Virginia, as follows:

***WHEREAS***, the Gate City High School Volleyball Team has achieved an outstanding regular volleyball season by winning 25 games and losing 4 overall,

***WHEREAS***, the Gate City High School Volleyball Team won the Lonesome Pine District Championship with a record of 14 wins and 0 loss,

***WHEREAS***, the Gate City High School Volleyball Team won the Region D Championship with a record of 23 wins and 3 losses,

***WHEREAS***, the Scott County School Board wishes to extend congratulations to the Gate City High School Volleyball Team for winning the Lonesome Pine District Championship, Region D Championship, and for winning the State Quarter-final, Semi-final, and for being the State Runner-Up,

***WHEREAS***, the Scott County School Board acknowledges the outstanding performance of the Gate City High School Volleyball Team and is proud of the fine manner in which the team has represented Scott County,

***WHEREAS***, the Scott County School Board wishes continued success for the Gate City High School Volleyball Team and coaches,

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that the Scott County School Board wishes a copy of this resolution to be presented to each player and the coaches of the Gate City High School Volleyball Team.

Lowell S. Campbell, Chairman (Signature)

Joe D. Meade, Vice Chairman (Signature)

Gloria E. "Beth Blair, Board Member (Signature)

David T. Kindle, Board Member (Signature)

Glenn M. McMurray, Board Member (Signature)

E. Virgil Sampson, Jr., Board Member (Signature)

ATTEST:

James B. Scott, Division Superintendent (Signature)

Loretta Q. Page, Clerk (Signature)

**UPDATE ON MAINTENANCE PROJECTS:** Superintendent Scott reported that the Shoemaker Elementary School Classroom Addition Project should be complete and ready for classes to begin for this second semester on Thursday, January 4. He also reported that the Duffield Gymnasium Project has gone slower than expected recently due to the rainy weather and the steel not being delivered yet but he hopes the project will be complete by early summer. He further reported that bids for the re-

roofing of approximately one-fourth of the Duffield Primary School have been sent out and he expects this project can begin soon. He reported that plans for the Twin Springs Gymnasium Project are being drawn and will be very similar to the Duffield project. He also reported that due to funding, the field house project for Rye Cove High School will have to be completed after July 1. He informed board members that the maintenance department is behind with projects in the schools but hopes they can get caught up on those needs soon.

**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. McMurray, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Eric Baker, Gate City High School Teacher, for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year.

**ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS:** Mr. Campbell reminded Superintendent Scott to take care of the water cooler needed in the school system. Superintendent Scott indicated that he would do so.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Kindle made a motion to adjourn at 6:17 p.m., motion was seconded by Mr. McMurray, all members voting aye. The Public Hearing for the 2007-08 Proposed School Budget is to be held at 5:45 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6, 2007, in the Scott County Career & Technical Center Auditorium. The next regular school board meeting will held at 6 p.m. on the same date and following the public hearing.

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E. Virgil Sampson, Jr., Chairman

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Loretta Q. Page, Clerk