

**SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2007**

The Scott County School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, June 5, 2007, in the School Board Office in Gate City, Virginia, with the following members present:

Gloria E. "Beth" Blair  
Lowell S. Campbell  
Nathan K. Catron  
David T. Kindle  
Joe D. Meade

**ABSENT:** E. Virgil Sampson, Jr., Chairman

**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; Johnny Trent, Scott County Education Association President; Lisa McCarty, Scott County Virginia Star; Clifford Jeffery, Kingsport Times News; Gerald Miller, Mayor of Duffield; Steve Bishop, Kaitlyn and Lindsey Musick, Ronnie Godsey, Nancy Godsey, Hugh Godsey, Catherine Crooke, Tonya Hamilton Quinn, Jack and Nancy Hamilton.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. David T. Kindle, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Mr. Kindle presented an addition to the agenda as follows: Item VIII. (I.) AP Dual Enrollment. On a motion by Mr. Meade, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board approved the agenda with the addition as requested.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Vice Chairman Kindle asked everyone to observe a moment of silence for Mr. E. Virgil Sampson, Jr., School Board Chairman, who has been sick for the past few weeks and is currently in the hospital.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** After Vice Chairman Kindle read the *Public Participation at School Board Meetings* policy and explained the protocol for the public participation, Mrs. Nancy Godsey, Ms. Lindsey Musick, Mr. Ronnie Godsey, and Mr. Jack Hamilton spoke on the situation concerning Hugh Godsey's termination of coaching position at Gate City High School.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** On a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Catron, all members voting aye, the board approved the minutes of May 1, 2007, Regular Meeting, as submitted.

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

School Operating Fund invoices and payroll in the amount of \$1,595,913.41 as shown by warrants #8081223-8081654.

School Construction Fund invoices in the amount of \$127,925.34 as shown by warrants #1900410-1900424.

Cafeteria Auxiliary Fund invoices and payroll in the amount of \$144,183.36 as shown by warrants #1009747-1009847.

Scott County Public School Head Start invoices and payroll totaling \$60,981.80 as shown by warrants #6125-6205 (#6162 voided).

**APPROVAL OF SCHOOL DIVISION TECHNOLOGY PLAN:** Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, submitted the school division's technology plan for approval. He stated that the plan is required in order for the school division to receive the ERATE discount. He explained that changes have been made and submitted to the state for approval in accordance to the state goals and targets from the Virginia Department of Education Six Year Plan 2003-2009. The technology plan included the divisional goals, objectives and strategies with the status and assessment of needs for areas as follows: I. Integration, II. Professional Development and Support, III. Connectivity, IV. Educational Applications, and V. Accountability.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Catron, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved the School Division Technology Plan as submitted.

**APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIP REQUEST:** On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Instruction, and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the overnight field trip request from the Rye Cove High School FCCLA students to attend the national competitions in Anaheim, California, on July 7-14, 2007.

**APPROVAL OF SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM BIDS FOR 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR:** Superintendent Scott submitted the school nutrition program bid recommendations received from Ms. Susan Green, School Food Supervisor. He reported that it was recommended that the current contract with Sara Lee Bakery Group be extended with a 5% increase for bread products; Flav-O-Rich Dairies, LLC, be awarded the milk bid with a bid price of \$122,662. He explained that the only other bid received was from Pet Dairy in the amount of \$129,477. He recommended approval of remaining a member of the Southern Appalachian Mountains Co-op and accepting the prices bid through this co-op. On a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board approved the School Nutrition Program Bids as submitted for the 2007-08 school year.

**APPROVAL OF SCOTT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL HEAD START EMPLOYEE LIST FOR 2007-08 AND FY 2007 COST OF LIVING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS:** On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Catron, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board approved the Scott County Public School Head Start Employee List for 2007-08 and the FY 2007 Cost of Living Supplemental Funds (\$17,082) as submitted.

Charnita Adams	Teacher's Assistant	
Renda Keith	Teacher's Assistant	
Donna Frasier	Teacher's Assistant	
Lillian Baldwin	Teacher's Assistant	
Amanda Bright	Teacher	
Kara Grizzel	Teacher	
Donna Blakenship	Teacher	
Connie Hefflin	Teacher	
Brenda Kennedy	Teacher	
Susan Lane	Teacher	
Donna Hufnagle	Teacher	
Kristy Davidson	Teacher	
Cindy Raymond	Teacher	AA
Denise Howington	Family Resource Specialist 1	
New Hire	Family Resource Specialist	DEGREE
Lisa Parks	Family Resource Specialist 3	
Nora Robinette	Education Resource Specialist	
Hourly Position	Food Service/Education Resource Specialist	
Kelly Bledsoe	Family And Community Services Coordinator	
Katherine Wilcox	Child Development Services Coordinator	
Theresa Newton	Health & Nutrition Services Coordinator	
Michelle Ratliff	Receptionist/Data Secretary	
Helen Henderson	Director	
Catherine Sluss	Secretary	
Judy Calton	Administrative Assistant/Fiscal Officer	
Hourly Position	Teacher's Assistant	
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**APPROVAL OF SCOTT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS POLICY MANUAL REVISIONS:**

Superintendent Scott stated that the policy manual revisions being presented are necessary due to the recent legislation passed. He provided board members an opportunity to ask questions concerning the revisions and recommended approval of the policy manual as submitted. He also presented an Acceptable Use Policy for Electronic Information, Services, and Networks, which he explained was prepared by Mr. Darryl Johnson, Director of Operations, along with the assistance of the technology personnel. He asked that the policy be made a part of the policy manual. On a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Catron, all members voting aye, the board approved the Scott County Public Schools Policy Manual including the revisions as submitted.

Mr. Meade asked about including other policies that are still being worked on. Superintendent Scott stated that other policies and revisions could be added as necessary.

On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Meade, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board approved the Acceptable Use Policy for Electronic Information, Services, and Networks as submitted.

**APPROVAL OF SURPLUS SALE AND ITEMS FOR SURPLUS SALE:** On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Catron, the board approved a surplus sale to be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 14, 2007, at the school bus garage/Shoemaker Elementary School Playground area and approved the list of surplus sale items as submitted (Appendix F).

**APPROVAL OF SIGNATURES IN ABSENCE OF SUPERINTENDENT:** On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board authorizes the persons listed below to sign Virginia Department of Education documents and some other online systems in the absence of the Division Superintendent for the period of July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Job Category/Area of Responsibility</u>
Mr. Darryl E. Johnson	Coordinator, Elementary Education
Mrs. Debra Brickey	Coordinator, Student Records Collection
Mrs. Loretta Page	Data Administration Manager, SSWS-Back-up Manager

**SCOTT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS RECIPIENT OF THE VIRGINIA'S DISTINGUISHED TITLE I SCHOOL DIVISION FOR 2007:** Superintendent Scott presented copies of congratulatory letters received from Dr. Billy K. Cannaday, Jr., State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Dr. Margaret N. Roberts, Executive Assistant to the Board of Education, in recognition of Hilton Elementary School, Nickelsville Elementary School, Rye Cove Intermediate School, Weber City Elementary School, and Yuma Elementary School's state achievement award according to the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*. Superintendent Scott explained that these schools were chosen based on exceeding their adequate yearly progress (AYP) requirements and for making the AYP for the past two consecutive years, without using the safe harbor provision; for being fully accredited for the past two consecutive years; for exceeding the annual measurable objectives (AMO) in English and mathematics for the past two consecutive years; and for having a mean scale score at the 60<sup>th</sup> percentile in English and mathematics on the Standards of Learning assessments.

**APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL GRANTS:** On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Meade, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the applications for federal grants as follows: Title I, Part A, Improving Basic Programs; Title II, Part A, Teacher Quality; Title II, Part D, Educational Technology; Title III, Part A, Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students Consortium Lead School Division: Carroll County Public Schools; Title IV, Part A, Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act (SDFSCA); Title V, Part A, Innovative Programs; and Title VI, Part B, Subpart 2, Rural and Low-Income School Program (which the school division is waiting to hear from funding source to prepare budget & objectives). Superintendent Scott reported that the funding for these grants has reduced drastically of the past few years. He stated that hopefully this could change this year if congress makes changes on the Title I and Special Education. He reported that the funding amounts submitted is for the funding amounts received this school year and adjustments will be made according to receipt of funds.

**APPROVAL OF VPSSA TECHNOLOGY RESOLUTION:** On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott, and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Catron, all members voting aye, the board approved the VPSSA Technology Resolution as follows:

**RESOLUTION OF THE SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OF SCOTT COUNTY DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO REIMBURSE ITSELF FROM THE PROCEEDS OF ONE OR MORE GRANTS MADE BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURES MADE AND/OR TO BE MADE IN CONNECTION WITH CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

*WHEREAS, the Scott County School Board (the "Division") is a political subdivision organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia; and*

*WHEREAS, the Division has paid, beginning no earlier than July 1, 2007, and will pay, on and after the date hereof, certain expenditures (the "Expenditures") in connection with the capital project (the "Project"), as more fully described in Appendix A attached hereto; and*

*WHEREAS, the Scott County School Board of the Division (the "Board") has determined that the money (previously advanced no more than 60 days prior to the date hereof and) to be advanced on and after the date hereof to pay the Expenditures are only available for a temporary period and it is necessary to reimburse the Division for the Expenditures from the proceeds of one or more grants to be made by the Commonwealth of Virginia (the "Grants") from the proceeds of its tax exempt equipment notes (the "Notes").*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD AS FOLLOWS:*

*Section 1. The Board hereby declares the Division's intent to reimburse the Division with the proceeds of the Grants for the Expenditures with respect to the Project made on and after July 1, 2007, which date is no more than 60 days prior to the date hereof. The Division reasonably expects on the date hereof that it will reimburse the Expenditures with the proceeds of the Grants.*

*Section 2. Each Expenditure was and will be of a type properly chargeable to capital account under general federal income tax principles (determined in each case as of the date of the Expenditure).*

*Section 3. The maximum cost of the Project is expected to be \$414,000 (Scott 084) and \$26,000 (Renaissance 429 - Scott County).*

*Section 4. The Division will make a reimbursement allocation, which is a written allocation by the Division that evidences the Division's use of proceeds of the Grants to reimburse an Expenditure, no later than 18 months after the later of the date on which the Expenditure is paid or the Project is placed in service or abandoned, but in no event more than three years after the date on which the Expenditure is paid. The Division recognizes that exceptions are available for certain "preliminary expenditures," costs of issuance, certain *de minimis* amounts, expenditures by "small issuers" (based on the year of issuance and not the year of expenditure) and expenditures for construction projects of at least 5 years.*

*Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.*

*PASSED AND ADOPTED this Fifth day of June, 2007.*

*David T. Kindle, Vice Chairman (Signature)*

*Attested:*

*Loretta Q. Page, Clerk (Signature)*

**DUAL ENROLLMENT:** Superintendent Scott reported that beginning in the fall of 2007, Mountain Empire Community College (MECC) will require all computers used for dual enrollment business classes, which include CIS and Web Design, to be upgraded to include the Windows Vista Operating System. He explained that MECC is also requiring the software package Microsoft Office 2007, which is an additional software package that would have to be purchased for Scott County Schools. He also explained that according to information he has received, the Vista operating system has not been validated as safe for use with the Virginia Standards of Learning on-line testing. He further explained that in order to use all labs for testing, the school division could not upgrade the business labs at the high schools to meet these requirements since this would create a shortage of labs for testing. Superintendent Scott recommended that the school division dual enrollment status for the above classes be dropped and would only offer the classes (CIS and Web Design) for high school credit only.

**APPROVAL OF NEW COURSES:** Superintendent Scott reported that students have signed up to take the Virtual Virginia School AP Environmental Science Class - 4270 Advanced Placement Environmental Science Course Description – if approved as a new course and he recommended that the class be weighted five points. He also informed board members that if enough students are interested and the course is approved, the Virtual Virginia School Course World Mythology – regular class (not AP, not weighted) 1165 World Mythology Course Description would be offered. 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 two new courses as presented.

**CLOSED MEETING:** Mr. Campbell made a motion to enter into a closed meeting at 6:44 p.m.; motion was seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board entered into closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A) 1 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to discuss all personnel.

**RETURN FROM CLOSED MEETING:** All members returned from closed meeting at 7:50 p.m. and Vice Chairman Kindle requested the Clerk to record the vote for the standing resolution that this board hereby

certifies that the only matters discussed was the matters disclosed for the closed meeting. On a motion by Mr. Catron, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the board returned to open meeting and considered the following certification of the closed meeting:

**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

WHEREAS, the Scott County School Board has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires certification by this Scott County School Board that such meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Scott County School Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies and (ii) only such public matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Scott County School Board in the closed meeting.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Ayes: Beth Blair, Lowell Campbell, Nathan Catron, David Kindle, Joe Meade

Nays: None

ABSENT DURING VOTE: None

ABSENT DURING MEETING: None

**RESIGNATION:** 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 resignation request of Ms. Angela Lane, Special Education Hearing Impaired Teacher, effective at the end of the 2006-07 school year.

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 resignation request of Ms. Ellen Thomas, Shoemaker Elementary School Nurse, effective at the end of 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. Catron, all members voting aye, the board approved the resignation request of Ms. Melissa Short, Gate City High School Varsity Basketball Assistant Coach, effective May 28, 2007.

**RETIREMENT:** 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 retirement request of Mr. Steve Neeley, Rye Cove High School Custodian, effective May 1, 2007.

**LEAVE-OF-ABSENCE:** On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the leave-of-absence request of Mrs. Shannon G. Pillion, Gate City Middle School Teacher, effective 2007-08 school year.

**EMPLOYMENT:** 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 new teachers for the 2007-08 school year as follows: Brenda Gilliam, Mariah Elizabeth "Beth" Justice, Melanie McMurray, Sandra McMurray, Leslie Owens (January 2008), Melissa Williams, and Heather Marie Hogston.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Catron, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Mary Karen Dunlap and Sabrina Gray as school nurses for the 2007-08 school year.

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 Gate City High/Middle School, Rye Cove High School, and Twin Springs High School coaches as submitted (Appendix F).

**ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS:** Vice Chairman Kindle stated that the next meeting will be on June 28, 2007, and will be for close out of the school budget and no other items will be discussed.

**ADJOURN:** On a motion by Mr. Catron, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The close out meeting for the school budget will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 28, 2007, at the School Board Office.

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David T. Kindle, Vice Chairman

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Loretta Q. Page, Clerk