

**SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2007**

The Scott County School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, March 27, 2007, in the School Board Office Conference Room in Gate City, Virginia, with the following members present:

E. Virgil Sampson, Jr., Chairman

**ABSENT**: None

Gloria E. "Beth" Blair, Vice Chairman

Lowell S. Campbell

Joe D. Meade

David T. Kindle

**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; and Gate City High School students and community members.

**CALL TO ORDER**: Mr. E. Virgil Sampson, Jr., called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**: Chairman Sampson asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Mr. Kindle requested the addition of the following: Appointment of School Board Member for Replacement in District Two. On a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board approved the agenda as amended.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**: Chairman Sampson read the Scott County Public Schools Policy: Public Participation at School Board Meetings as follows:

*Any citizen may address the Board at any regular meeting. Persons wishing to appear before the School Board are requested to contact the superintendent, the School Board Chairman, or their designee for placement on the agenda.*

*The chairman is responsible for the orderly conduct of the meeting and shall rule on such matters as the appropriateness of the subject being presented and the length of time for such presentation. No one will be allowed to make additional presentations until everyone has an opportunity to make an initial presentation.*

*A reasonable period of time, as determined by the School Board, will be allocated at each regular meeting for citizens to present matters of concern.*

Chairman Sampson stated that although the Gate City High School Softball Team coach was not an item on the agenda, he would allow the public to speak on this matter.

The former Gate City High School Girls Softball Team coach, team members, students, and community members appeared before the Board to request that the Board reconsider their decision to terminate Mr. Hugh Godsey as Gate City High School Girls Softball coach and expressed their support of Mr. Godsey.

Chairman Sampson stated that no action would be taken on the Gate City High School Girls Softball Team coach and it was not an item on the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**: On a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved the minutes of March 6, 2007 Regular Meeting and March 19, 2007 Special Meeting, as submitted.

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

School Operating Fund invoices and payroll in the amount of \$914,277.65 as shown by warrants #8080438-8080756.

Cafeteria Auxiliary Fund invoices and payroll in the amount of \$60,784.31 as shown by warrants #1009570-1009643.

Scott County Public School Head Start invoices and payroll totaling \$44,120.08 as shown by warrants #5977-6051.

**APPROVAL OF GATE CITY HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS AND BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM**  
**RESOLUTIONS:** On a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved the Gate City High School Girls and Boys Basketball Team Resolutions as follows:

**RESOLUTION**  
**GATE CITY HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM**  
**2007 LONESOME PINE REGULAR SEASON CHAMPION**  
**LONESOME PINE DISTRICT TOURNAMENT RUNNER-UP**  
**REGION D CHAMPION**  
**GROUP A STATE FINAL FOUR PARTICIPANT**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the County School Board of Scott County, Virginia, as follows:  
**WHEREAS**, the Gate City High School Girls Basketball Team has achieved an outstanding season by winning 26 games and losing 4 overall,  
**WHEREAS**, the Gate City High School Girls Basketball Team achieved 20 wins and 2 losses during the regular season,  
**WHEREAS**, the Gate City High School Girls Basketball Team was the Lonesome Pine District Regular Season Champion and the Lonesome Pine District Tournament Runner-up,  
**WHEREAS**, the Gate City High School Girls Basketball Team won the Region D Championship,  
**WHEREAS**, the Gate City High School Girls Basketball Team won the Group A State Quarter-final Game,  
**WHEREAS**, the Gate City High School Girls Basketball Team won the Group A State Semi-final Game,  
**WHEREAS**, the Gate City High School Girls Basketball Team participated in the Group A State Final Four Game,  
**WHEREAS**, the Scott County School Board wishes to extend congratulations to the Gate City High School Girls Basketball Team for winning the Lonesome Pine District Regular Season Championship, Lonesome Pine District Tournament Runner-up, Region D Championship, Group A State Quarter-final Game, Group A Semi-final Game, and for participating in the Group A State Final Four Game,  
**WHEREAS**, the Scott County School Board acknowledges the outstanding performance of the Gate City High School Girls Basketball 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 Girls Basketball 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 Girls Basketball Team.

E. Virgil S. Sampson, Jr., Chairman(Signature)  
 Gloria E. "Beth" Blair, Vice Chairman (Signature)  
 ATTEST:  
 Loretta Q. Page, Clerk (Signature)

Lowell S. Campbell, Board Member (Signature)  
 David T. Kindle, Board Member (Signature)  
 Joe D. Meade, Board Member (Signature)  
 James B. Scott, Division Superintendent (Signature)

**RESOLUTION**  
**GATE CITY HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM**  
**2007 LONESOME PINE DISTRICT CHAMPION,**  
**LONESOME PINE DISTRICT TOURNAMENT CHAMPION,**  
**REGION D CHAMPION,**  
**GROUP A STATE FINAL RUNNER-UP**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the County School Board of Scott County, Virginia, as follows:  
**WHEREAS**, the Gate City High School Boys Basketball Team has achieved an outstanding season by winning 24 games and losing 6 overall,  
**WHEREAS**, the Gate City High School Boys Basketball Team achieved 17 wins and 4 losses during the regular season,  
**WHEREAS**, the Gate City High School Boys Basketball Team won the Region D Champion Game,  
**WHEREAS**, the Gate City High School Boys Basketball Team won the Group A State Quarter-final Game,  
**WHEREAS**, the Gate City High School Boys Basketball Team won the Group A State Semi-final Game,  
**WHEREAS**, the Gate City High School Boys Basketball Team was the Group A State Final Runner-up,  
**WHEREAS**, the Scott County School Board wishes to extend congratulations to the Gate City High School Boys Basketball Team for winning the Lonesome Pine District Regular Season and Tournament Championship, Region D Championship, the Group A State Quarter-final Championship, Group A State Semi-final Championship, and Group A State Final Runner-up.  
**WHEREAS**, the Scott County School Board acknowledges the outstanding performance of the Gate City High Boys Basketball 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 Boys Basketball 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 Boys Basketball Team.

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**APPROVAL OF NON-TENURED TEACHERS, NON-CLASSIFIED AND CAFETERIA PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT FOR 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR:** On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Kindle, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of non-tenured teachers, non-classified employees, and cafeteria employees for 2007-08 as presented. (Appendix E)

**APPROVAL OF SCHOOL & CAFETERIA SALARY SCHEDULES AND BUDGETS FOR 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR:** Superintendent Scott presented the 2007-08 Salary Schedules, School and Cafeteria Budgets, and stated that the budget includes a 4% salary increase and the step for those not yet at the top of the scale.

Mr. Meade expressed that he felt more adjustments need to be made for the support groups. He stated that these personnel all do a good job and are an essential part of the school system. Superintendent Scott stated that salaries for some of these groups have been adjusted but that this is not something that can be done all the time. He stated that one problem is that the state is only includes a 3% salary incentive for classified personnel and that this amount does not even include all of the classified personnel. Also, that the increase does not begin until December. He reported that it takes three times what is received from the state to give a raise for all personnel. He stated that this request could be reviewed another year. Mr. Meade stated that it seems these groups don't have anyone to speak for them. Superintendent Scott stated that if you review salaries in the surrounding area you will find that these salaries are at the top but that they can be reviewed next year.

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 salary schedules for the 2007-08 school year as presented (Appendix E).

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 2007-08 School and Cafeteria Budgets as presented (Appendix E).

**APPROVAL OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION DATES:** On the recommendation and consensus of the board, high school graduation dates for the 2006-07 school year are as follows:

Gate City High School	7 p.m.	Friday, May 25, 2007
Rye High School	10 a.m.	Saturday, May 26, 2007
Twin Springs High School	7 p.m.	Monday, May 28, 2007

**SCHOOL FACILITIES UPDATE:** Superintendent Scott reported that the Twin Springs High School gym project and the Duffield Primary School re-roofing project are going well. He reported that the drawings for the proposed classroom addition at Yuma Elementary School should be completed by May 1. He also reported that the Rye Cove High School field house should be ready by football season. Superintendent Scott provided the opportunity for board members to ask questions on any maintenance items.

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

**RETIREMENT:** On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Meade, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the retirement request of Ms. Betty Lane, Head Start Family Resource Specialist, effective July 1, 2007.

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 Health Insurance Retirement Benefit Incentive requests of the following:

Gena Kiser, Twin Springs High School Teacher  
 H. Eugene McClellan, Jr., Shoemaker Elementary School Teacher  
 James Glen Perry, Nickelsville Elementary School Teacher  
 Jeanette T. Taylor, Rye Cove High School Teacher  
 Catherine D. Turner, Alternative Education Program  
 Murriel Sickmen, Alternative Education Program

**RESIGNATION:** 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. Patricia Diane Horner, Shoemaker Elementary School Secretary, effective March 13, 2007.

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. Ashley A. Mitchell, Dungannon Intermediate School Teacher, and Ms. Cynthia Robbins, Yuma Elementary School Teacher, effective at the end of the 2006-07 school year.

**NON-RENEWAL OF CONTRACTS FOR 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR:** On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board approved the non-renewal of contract for the 2007-08 school year of Chadwick Fore and Sarah Puckett, teachers.

**EMPLOYMENT:** 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 employment of new teachers for the 2007-08 school year as follows:

Michael Berry	Whitney Lane (January 2008)
Emily Glenn	Hettie Love (January 2008)
Ashley Hall	Seth McConnell
Cheryl Jones	Amanda Porter
David Jones	Brandy Spivey
	Michael Vermillion

**2007 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION EDUCATION BILLS:** Superintendent Scott provided a copy of the 2007 General Assembly session education bills to school board members for their review.

**ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS:** Mr. Kindle made a motion to nominate Mr. Nathan K. Catron as a replacement for the District Two school board member, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye.

Chairman Sampson and school board members welcomed Mr. Catron.

Chairman Sampson stated that the ribbon cutting ceremony for the playground equipment at Hilton Elementary School is to be held on March 30 at 2 p.m.

**ADJOURN:** On a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board adjourned at 7:26 p.m. The next regular meeting is to be held at 6 p.m. on May 1, 2007, at the Scott County Career and Technical Center.

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E. Virgil Sampson, Jr.

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Loretta Q. Page, Clerk