

**SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2007**

The Scott County School Board met in regular session on Wednesday, November 7, 2007, in the Scott County Career and Technical Center Auditorium 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; Brenda P. Robinette, Director of Special Education; C. Dean Foster, Jr., County Attorney; Loretta Q. Page, Clerk; K.C. Linkous, Deputy Clerk; Johnny Trent, Scott County Education Association Representative; FCCLA Advisors, Parents, and Students; Shoemaker Elementary School and Weber City Elementary School First Legos League Robotics Team Parents and Students (Rachel Peters, Kristin Williams, Madison Vaughn, Alexis Casados, Jordan Gose, Morgan Gose, Etan Bishop, John Dalton Ferguson, Tommy Henry, Wendy Fields: Team Name – Mercury Surprise; Linley Pierson, Brandon Minton, Luke Pierson, Reece Williams, Erica Gibson, Emily Gibson, Kaely Gose, John Davis, Evan Baker: Team Name – U.S. Engineering Eagles); Dawn Williams, Shoemaker Elementary School Teacher/First Legos League Robotics Team; Otis Pierson, First Legos League Robotics Team Engineer; Charles Quillen, Nickelsville Elementary School Parent; Dennis Templeton, Newly-elected School Board Member; Rufus Hood, County Administrator; Jack and Nancy Hamilton, Hilton Community Members; Nancy Godsey, Gate City Community Member; Kathy Musick, Shoemaker Elementary School Principal; Milly Leighton and Crystal McConnell, Shoemaker Elementary School Teachers; and Bridgett Rose-Barnette, Hilton Elementary School Teacher.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Superintendent Scott requested additions to the agenda as follows: Item VII. (D.) Safety Issues Update and Bush Mill Property. On a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Meade, all members voting aye, the board approved the agenda including the additions by Superintendent Scott.

PRESENTATION FROM FCCLA: Mrs. Debbie Kilgore, Gate City High School Teacher, thanked Superintendent Scott and the school board members for their past support of the FCCLA field trips. She stated that since the board has new guidelines for overnight field trip requests she thought that the FCCLA students might not get to attend the national competitions. Mrs. Kilgore informed the board of various reasons that the FCCLA National Competitions are beneficial to the students. Mrs. Cindy Williams, FCCLA Parent/Eastman employee, expressed her support of the FCCLA Competitions and the leadership and training skills the students are exposed to. Katelyn Carter, FCCLA Student/State Officer, explained to the school board that attendance at the national meeting is a requirement for holding a state office of the FCCLA and cited reasons the competitions are beneficial for the students. Ms. Tammy Cassell, Rye Cove High School Teacher, stated that the national competition is very crucial to the FCCLA program. Ms. Cassell reported that the trip costs about the same no matter where the location is for the competition. Superintendent Scott expressed that it has been and, continues to be, a concern of the board that all students wanting to attend field trips not be held back due to a lack of funds. Ms. Cassell stated that every effort is made to assist any student who needs extra funding. She explained that teachers at the school also provide funding for assisting with field trip expenses and cited an example of this situation. Mrs. Beverly Musick presented information on the FCCLA fundraisers and expressed that the students

work hard to raise funds and she hopes that they will be able to attend the national competitions this coming summer.

School board members expressed verbal support of the FCCLA students attending the national competitions this coming summer.

PRESENTATION FROM SHOEMAKER AND WEBER CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FIRST LEGOS LEAGUE ROBOTICS TEAM: Mrs. Dawn Williams, Shoemaker Elementary School Teacher, and Mr. Otis Pierson, First Legos League Robotics Team Engineer; explained that the Shoemaker and Weber City Elementary School First Legos League Team is a partnership between the 4-H, Weber City Elementary School and Shoemaker Elementary School. They expressed appreciation to the parents and Mrs. Patty Collier, 4-H Extension Agent, for volunteering their time and assistance. It was explained that Mrs. Collier applied for and received a grant for Scott County. They expressed appreciation to Mrs. Kathy Musick, Shoemaker Elementary School Principal, for the use of the school facility for energy research and the First Legos League Regional Tournament that will be held at Shoemaker Elementary School on November 17. It was reported that this year's team challenge will be Alternative Energy Resources – Meeting the Global Demand. It was explained that each team has to research a building (Shoemaker was selected), develop an alternative energy resource plan, and present it to a community organization. It was also explained that, at the regional competitions teams will be scored as follows: 25% robot and communication; 25% team work; 25% innovative design and programming and 25% on presentation. The students will be communicating what they have learned to the community.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – REQUEST FOR AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM AT NICKELSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Mr. Charles Quillen, Nickelsville Elementary School Parent, requested that the board give consideration to beginning an after-school program at Nickelsville Elementary School, such as those similar to the kind being held at other schools in the county. He thought the program would be very beneficial and that students are missing an opportunity since there is so much for them to learn.

Superintendent Scott informed Mr. Quillen that both Duffield Primary School and Shoemaker Elementary School are providing an after-school program with various activities because they received a 21st Century Grant and part of the criteria for receiving the grant is their test scores and the number of free lunch participants. He informed Mr. Quillen that students at all schools are eligible to participate in the after-school program at Duffield Primary School and Shoemaker Elementary School. He understood that the timeframe to travel from one school to another and the beginning of the class might be a problem. He also stated that the school division applied for the grant for all elementary schools. He also reported that an after-school program is available at all schools for those students needing assistance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mrs. McClelland, all members voting aye, the board approved the minutes of October 2, 2007, Regular Meeting, as submitted.

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

School Operating Fund invoices and payroll in the amount of \$1,528,867.69 as shown by warrants #883340-8083831 (#8083305, 8082802, and 8082871 voided). Cafeteria Fund invoices and payroll in the amount of \$207,691.45 as shown by warrants #1010143-1010258. Scott County Public School Head Start invoices and payroll totaling \$48,379.42 as shown by warrants #6465-6562 (#6532 voided).

APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUESTS: On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Catron, all members voting aye, the board approved the overnight field trip request received from Hilton Elementary School 6th grade students to Pigeon Forge and Chattanooga, Tennessee, on May 15-17, 2008. Mrs. Blair stated that “five” chaperones were listed as the number attending but only “three” names were submitted.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mrs. McClelland, all members voting aye, the board approved the overnight field trip request received from Weber City Elementary School 5th and 6th grade honor society students to visit Monticello, Congress, monuments, Arlington Cemetery, Mt. Vernon, and Washington D.C. Mrs. Blair stated that “nine plus” chaperones were listed on the request form but only four names were listed.

School board members asked that school administrators reiterate to the schools on the importance of names being listed on the form. Mr. Johnson reported that with the changes in the overnight field trip guidelines, one item in particular is the background checks; sometimes the information is not complete from the schools since it takes a while to get them back. He stated that the schools could go ahead and list their chaperones names and then changes could be made later if needed. No members expressed any disagreement with this suggestion.

APPROVAL OF HEAD START 2007-08 TIME LINE FOR PROGRAM PLANNING AND SELF ASSESSMENT INCLUDING POLICY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDAS: On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Catron, all members voting aye, the board approved the Head Start 2007-08 Time Line for Program Planning and Self Assessment Including Policy Council Meeting Agendas as submitted.

APPROVAL OF LOCAL CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER: On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the addition of Mr. Rex McCarty to serve as a Business & Industry representative on the Career and Technical Education Advisory Council through 2009-10.

UPDATE ON SCHOOL SAFETY: Superintendent Scott reported that the school system is in the process of installing locks for classrooms throughout the county and that it has been working well. He further reported that it is projected to cost \$22,000 for installing locks needed countywide for the classrooms. He stated that from one-half to two-thirds of the schools have been completed and with changes that have been made the schools are much safer than a couple of years ago.

Mr. Meade expressed a safety concern regarding the location of the office at a couple of the schools. Superintendent Scott reported that cameras have been installed at all entrances of the schools and a monitor is located in the office. Superintendent Scott stated that he hopes that the cameras will help and that he will continue to review the schools.

CLOSED MEETING: Mr. Catron made a motion to enter into a closed meeting at 7:20 p.m.; motion was seconded by Mr. Campbell, 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 personnel, the Vocational Education Program, and superintendent. Mr. Catron also made a motion to enter into closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A) 3 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to discuss the possible acquisition and/or disposition of real estate, being Bush Mill property, motion was seconded by Mr. Campbell.

RETURN FROM CLOSED MEETING: All members returned from closed meeting at 8:50 p.m. and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Meade, the board returned to regular session 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, Kathy McClelland, Joe Meade

Nays: None

ABSENT DURING VOTE: None

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PERMISSION TO FILE A PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FORM APPLICATION WITH THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCES FOR PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR THE NOMINATION POTENTIAL OF BUSH MILL BEING LISTED ON THE VIRGINIA AND NATIONAL HISTORIC REGISTRY: Mrs. McClelland made a motion that the Scott County School Board, as legal owner, hereby grants permission, at a request submitted by Mr. Bob Etherton and on the recommendation of Superintendent Scott, to file a Preliminary Information Form Application with the Virginia Department of Historic Resources for preliminary consideration of eligibility for the nomination potential of Bush Mill being listed on the Virginia and National Historic Registry, motion was seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye.

RESIGNATIONS: 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 resignation request of Ms. Kristi Bagwell, Rye Cove High School Junior Varsity Softball Coach, effective October 3, 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. Shatona Williams, Head Start Family Resource Specialist, effective October 1, 2007.

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 resignation request of Ms. Connie Hefflin, Head Start Teacher, effective November 1, 2007.

RETIREMENT: On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. McClelland, all members voting aye, the board approved the retirement request of Ms. Mary Lesa Lane, Transportation Secretary, effective April 18, 2008.

LEAVE-OF-ABSENCE: On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Catron, all members voting aye, the board approved the leave-of-absence request of Julie A. Bowen, teacher, effective October 3, 2007 through the end of the 2007-08 school year.

EMPLOYMENT: 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 employment of Doneva Bays as Twin Springs High School Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Coach.

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 Scott Lell as Twin Springs High School Varsity Softball Assistant coach (split supplement).

ITEMS BY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS – RECOGNITION OF MR. C. DEAN FOSTER, JR., COUNTY ATTORNEY: On behalf of school board members, superintendent, clerk and deputy clerk, Chairman Kindle presented a plaque to Mr. C. Dean Foster, Jr., County Attorney, in recognition of his many years of dedicated service to the Scott County School Board. Chairman Kindle stated that he has served twelve years as a school board member, with seven of those years as being the Chairman, and he expressed gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Foster for his guidance. He also stated that Mr. Foster will certainly be missed.

Superintendent Scott and school board members expressed thanks and appreciation to Mr. Foster.

Mr. C. Dean Foster, Jr., County Attorney, stated that he is retiring with twenty nine and a half years of service for Scott County. He stated that he has worked with several school board members and four school superintendents during his tenure. He expressed that the Scott County School System is the greatest with good leadership, parents, administrators, and, especially teachers. He also expressed that the system is “worth a mint” with innovative and hardworking staff.

Mrs. Marilyn Foster, spouse of County Attorney Foster, expressed words of support to the school board members and that the young people are everything and that is what you are here for.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. McClelland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m., motion was seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye. The next meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, December 4, 2007, in the School Board Office Conference Room.

David T. Kindle, Chairman

Loretta Q. Page, Clerk