

**SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, October 2, 2007**

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

David T. Kindle, Chairman  
Gloria E. "Beth" Blair  
Lowell S. Campbell  
Nathan K. Catron  
Kathy J. McClelland

**ABSENT:** Joe D. Meade, Vice-Chairman

**OTHERS PRESENT:** James B. Scott, Division Superintendent; K.C. Linkous, Deputy Clerk; C. Dean Foster, Jr, County Attorney; Johnny Trent, Scott County Education Association; Darryl Johnson, Director of Operations; Tammy Quillen, Director of Testing; Gerald Miller, Mayor of Duffield; Tiffany Rosenbalm and Rhonda Fields, Students at King College; Suzanne Goins, Retired Teacher and a member of the Virginia Professional Educators; Lisa McCarty, Scott County Virginia Star; Ms. Nancy Godsey, community member.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. David T. Kindle, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and presided.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Chairman Kindle requested that under VIII. Items by Superintendent D. Approval of Nursing Advisory Committee, be removed from the agenda. On a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Catron, all members voting aye, the Board approved the agenda including the deletion as requested.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mrs. McClelland noted that under Call to Order, David T. Kindle was listed as the Vice Chairman and should be listed as Chairman. On a motion by Mr. Catron, seconded by Mrs. McClelland, all members voting aye, the Board approved the minutes of Tuesday, September 4, 2007 with corrections noted.

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

School fund invoices totaling \_\_\_\_\_ and payroll totaling \_\_\_\_\_ as shown by warrants #.

Cafeteria Fund invoices totaling \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and payroll totaling \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as shown by warrants #.  
Capital Improvement/School Construction Fund invoices totaling \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as shown by warrants #.

Scott County Head Start invoices totaling \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and payroll totaling \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as shown by warrants #.

**REPORT ON AYP & SOL TEST RESULTS:** Mrs. Tammy Quillen, Director of Testing, presented the board with graphs showing the SOL Assessment for Grades 3-8 and End of Course Assessment for English, Math, Science and History. Mrs. Quillen also presented information on Region 7 and State results for Grades 3-8 in Reading, Math, Science, and History. Scott County scored higher than both the Region and State in these categories, scoring above 90%. Scott County also scored higher in both Region and State in the high school End of Course testing. Mrs. Quillen stated that all Scott County schools met AYP, but unfortunately the State did not. Scott County schools also exceeded the Virginia Department of Education's benchmarks in the four core areas. Mrs. Quillen stated that all Scott County Schools are Fully Accredited for the 2007-08 school year.

**APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIPS:** Darryl Johnson, Director of Operations, presented a field trip request for Rye Cove High School FCCLA to attend Stop the Violence /Leadership Training in Lynchburg, Virginia, October 29-30, 2007. Mr. Johnson explained that this trip does not meet the new regulations for Overnight Field Trips and no action was taken pending more information.

Yuma Elementary School 6<sup>th</sup> grade submitted a field trip to Washington D.C., March 19-21. This trip is scheduled before SOL Testing and no action was taken by the board.

**APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION/504 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS :** On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mrs. McClelland, all members voting aye, the board approved the Special Education/504 Advisory Committee.

**APPROVAL OF SCHOOL HEALTH /SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS:** 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 School Health/Safety Advisory Board.

**APPROVAL OF CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mrs. McClelland, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the Career and Technical Center Advisory Committee.

**APPROVAL OF GIFTED PROGRAM LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS:** On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Catron, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the Gifted Program Local Advisory Council.

**APPROVAL OF FY2008 HEAD START BUDGET, TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN:** 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 FY2008 Head Start Budget, Training & Technical Assistance and Quality Improvement Plan.

**APPROVAL OF HEAD START POLICY COUNCIL COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES:** 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 Head Start Policy Council Community Representatives.

**APPROVAL OF RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION STUDENT NUMBER 070802:** 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 Religious Exemption Request of student number 070802 according to 22.1-254(B)(1) of the Code of Virginia as amended.

**APPROVAL OF ESCROW ACCOUNT – EMPLOYEE 2007-08/01:** On a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Catron, all members voting aye, this board hereby approves an escrow account to be set up at a local bank for employee number 2007-08/01.

**COMPUTER TECHNICIAN:** Superintendent Scott stated to the board that an additional computer technician was needed for Scott County Schools. He explained that the state has funding for technicians and funding is based on one technician per 1,000 students. Superintendent Scott explained that we currently have two technicians going to schools setting up computer labs and repairing existing computers and that we need to add a technician to help with the work load.

**TESTING:** Superintendent Scott handed out information on State, Region and Scott County SOL Data comparison. He stated that Scott County scored in the upper 90<sup>th</sup> percentile in grades 3-8 and also in high school Reading, Math, Science and History. Superintendent Scott expressed how proud he is of our teachers, administrators and especially our students.

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

**RESIGNATIONS:** On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Catron, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board approved the resignation request of Ms. Nicole Lane, School Bus Driver for the 2007-08 school year. Ms. Lane will remain on the substitute school bus driver list.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. McClelland, all members voting aye, the board approved the resignation request of Ms. Teresa Kitts, Shoemaker Elementary School Cafeteria Employee, effective September 21, 2007.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Catron, all members voting aye, the board approved the resignation request of Ms. April Williams, Twin Springs High School Junior Varsity Girl's Basketball Coach, effective September 7, 2007.

**EMPLOYMENT:** On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl 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 Ms. Jessica Howell, Full-Time Cafeteria Employee for the 2007-08 school year.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl Johnson Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Catron, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Ms. Jacqueline Willis, Part-Time Cafeteria Employee for the 2007-08 school year.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Catron, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Ms. Deborah Collier, School Bus Drive, effective October 3, 2007.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mrs. McClelland, seconded by Mr. Catron, all members voting aye the board approved the employment of Ms. Sherry Lell, School Nurse for the 2007-08 school year.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl 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 Ms. Jane Burdine, Speech Pathologist for the 2007-08 school year.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl 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 Matthew Bright, Computer Technician, effective December, 2007 upon graduation from East Tennessee State University.

**ITEMS BY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:** Mr. Catron asked about the status of having enclosed classrooms at Hilton Elementary. Superintendent Scott stated that he and the architect inspected the situation last week. The architect estimates that 14 classrooms can be established out of the present space. Superintendent Scott explained that this would be a costly project, estimating around \$700,000, due to the fact that new ceilings would have to be installed along with sprinkler systems and fire alarms. The heating and air conditioning would have to be upgraded and some of the outside windows would have to be taken out and doors installed in order to meet fire codes. He explained that the project could start in early June.

Mrs. Kathy McClelland expressed concern over the Gate City High School parking lot and the trash that is left there over the weekends. Superintendent Scott stated that he would check with the town and see if they could help with this situation. Mrs. McClelland also stated that the board should send a letter of appreciation to the teachers and students of Scott County and publish this in the county paper.

Mr. David T. Kindle, Chairman, thanked Mrs. Tammy Quillen, the teachers and students for their hard work and dedication. All members of the school board expressed appreciation and are proud of the staff and students of Scott County.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion by Mrs. McClelland, seconded by Mr. Catron, all members voting aye, the board adjourned at 6:42 p.m. The next regular meeting is to be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 7, 2007 at the Scott County Career and Technical Center auditorium.

David T. Kindle, Chairman

K.C. Linkous, Deputy Clerk