SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD AND SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS JOINT WORK SESSION MEETING 6 P.M., Thursday, February 21, 2008

The Scott County School Board and Scott County Board of Supervisors met in a joint work session meeting on Thursday, February 21, 2008, at the Scott County Career and Technical Center in Gate City, Virginia.

<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>: Mr. Joe D. Meade., School Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and took a roll call of members for the Scott County School Board:

PRESENT:

Joe D. Meade, Chairman Gloria E. "Beth" Blair Lowell S. Campbell James K. Jessee, Vice Chairman Kathy J. McClelland Dennis C. Templeton

ABSENT: None

Ms. Tina Seay, Administrative Assistant for the County, took a roll call of members for the Board of Supervisors:

PRESENT:

David S. Redwine, Chairman Paul S. Fields D. Joe Horton Randall S. "Buck" Kinkead Danny S. Parks Joe W. Herron Chad E. Hood

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: James B. Scott, Division Superintendent; K.C. Linkous, School Board Deputy Clerk; Kathie Noe, Assistant County Administrator; Tina Seay, Administrative Assistant for the County; Danny Meade, Maintenance Supervisor; Rex McCarty, Scott County Virginia Star; Clifford Jeffery, Kingsport Times News; Ralph Quesinberry, Scott County Career and Technical Center Director/Principal; Sally Little, County Attorney; John Sigmond, School Board Attorney; Kevin Helms, County Treasurer; John Rife, Attorney (collection of delinquent taxes); Johnny Trent, Scott County Education Association President; Jimmy Gibson, Gate City Community Member; Nancy Godsey, Gate City Community Member; Jack Hamilton, Hilton Community Member.

WELCOME AND OPENING COMMENTS BY MR. JOE D. MEADE, SCHOOL BOARD

<u>CHAIRMAN</u>: Mr. Joe D. Meade welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated that it was a pleasure to work with each one on the school board and on the board of supervisors. Mr. Meade stated that these meetings were started about three years ago and a lot has been accomplished through these joint meetings.

WELCOME AND OPENING COMMENTS BY DR. DAVID S. REDWINE, COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAIRMAN: Dr. David Redwine welcomed everyone to the meeting and appreciated the opportunity to meet with the School Board.

SCHOOL BOARD PRESENTATION BY SUPERINTENDENT SCOTT: Superintendent Scott presented a brief overview on several topics as follows: School Enrollment; State and County Entitlements; Composite Index; School Allocations; Test Scores; School Debt Service; Facilities and Maintenance; and School Health Services.

School Enrollment: Superintendent Scott presented enrollment figures for the past years of 2001-2007 and actual enrollment as of January 30, 2008 (3,833) and projected enrollment for the 2008-2009 school year (3,860).

State Entitlements and Local Match: Superintendent Scott presented state entitlements and the local match figures for the years 2006-2009. Superintendent Scott also explained that a memo was sent out on February 14, 2008 from Governor Kaine's office announcing proposed budget cuts in K-12 Education.

Composite Index: Superintendent Scott presented the Composite Index for the years 2008-2010. The information presented showed that the Composite Index is based on the county's true value of property, adjusted gross income, taxable retail sales, March 31, 2006 Average Daily Membership, and total population. He explained that currently Scott County's composite index is the third lowest in the state at .1850.

School Allocations: Superintendent Scott presented a school-by-school listing of allocations from the school board for the 2007-2008 school year. He explained that these allocations are based on the number of students at each school.

Test Scores: Superintendent Scott presented Fall SOL Assessments for the three High Schools, grades 3-8 and EOC Assessments for Reading, Writing, Math, Science and History.

School Debt Service: Superintendent Scott presented a schedule of the School Debt Service payments beginning with July 1, 2007 and ending with the final payment scheduled for May 15, 2012.

Facilities and Maintenance: Superintendent Scott presented a detailed report of completed, ongoing, and future facilities projects. He presented the cost of the completed projects and also a cost of future projects. Superintendent Scott explained that the Duffield Gym has been paid for as well as the Field House for Rye Cove High School. Superintendent Scott stated that the Twin Springs High School Gym is behind schedule and will be completed after June. He also explained that the school system would like to take one year and complete the small projects before taking on a new larger project.

Board of Supervisor, Joe Horton requested an update on the heating and air conditioning units at Hilton Elementary. Superintendent Scott explained that this has turned into a major project. The architects stated that if we try to close off each room, we would have to take out everything at that school up to the roof and put in new fire alarms and a sprinkler system. The cost for this project would run \$1.1 - \$1.2 million dollars. Superintendent Scott stated that the school system would look into putting individual units instead.

Board of Supervisor, Randall "Buck" Kinkead asked about a gym at Fort Blackmore Primary. Superintendent Scott stated that the school system would be willing to check and see what a small gym would cost for Fort Blackmore Primary.

School Health Services: Superintendent Scott presented information on Scott County School Health Services. He stated that we now have six RNs, five LPNs, and two health assistants. He also stated that there is one health personnel assigned to each school.

COUNTY FINANCIAL OVERVIEW BY ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

<u>KATHIE NOE:</u> Assistant County Administrator Kathie Noe, presented a financial overview of the county (copy attached hereto).

CLOSING COMMENTS BY CHAIRMAN MEADE AND CHAIRMAN REDWINE:

Mr. Meade expressed his appreciation for this meeting and stated it was very informative and that each board has been made aware of their goals for the coming year.

Dr. David Redwine expressed that these meetings are healthy and that on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, request that we do this on an annual basis if the School Board agrees. Dr. Redwine expressed thanks to everyone.

SCHOOL BOARD ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Mr. Templeton, seconded by Mr. Jessee, all members voting aye, the board adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

| Joe D. Meade, Chairman | |
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| K.C. Linkous, Deputy Clerk | |