

**SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, October 7, 2008**

The Scott County School Board met in a regular meeting, on Tuesday, October 7, 2008, in the School Board Office Conference Room in Gate City with the following members present:

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

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: James B. Scott, Division Superintendent; John R. Sigmond, School Board Attorney; Loretta Q. Page, Clerk; K.C. Linkous, Deputy Clerk; Tammy Quillen, Director of Testing; Gerald Miller, Mayor of Duffield; Suzanne Goins and Patricia Currier, Virginia Professional Educators; Ms. Nancy Godsey, Citizen; John and Nancy Hamilton, Citizens; Wes Bunch, Kingsport Times-News; Mary Shortt, Citizen; and Jeff Strouth, Clinch Valley Little League President.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Joe D. Meade, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and presided.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Superintendent Scott requested an addition to the agenda as follows: VII. Items By Superintendent (I.) VSBA School Board Member Certificates and V. Approval of Claims: change amount of Kel-San claim to use a credit received today in the amount of \$44.04. On a motion by Mr. Templeton, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the Board approved the agenda with the addition and change as requested by Superintendent Scott.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mrs. Nancy Godsey, citizen, expressed thanks for the acquisition of property in Gate City to be used for sporting activities, the new field house at Rye Cove High School, and the new gym at Twin Springs. She addressed the board with concerns regarding previous board meetings, votes and expenditures.

REQUEST FROM CLINCH VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE CONCERNING DUNGANNON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL PROPERTY: Mr. Jeff Strouth, Clinch Valley Little League President, requested permission from the school board to place an 8' x 16' concrete concession stand building to replace the current building on the Dungannon Elementary School property. Also, he requested to lease the old head start building, which is owned by the school board, and Mr. Strouth explained that it would mainly be used for restroom purposes. After various matters were discussed concerning this request, it was decided that Mr. Strouth should meet with Superintendent Scott to work out details and to put a proposal in writing for submission to the school board at their next regular meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by Mr. Jessee, seconded by Ms. McClelland, all members voting aye, the Board approved the minutes of Tuesday, September 2, 2008 as submitted.

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

School Operating Fund invoices and payroll totaling \$1,204,524.84 as shown by warrants #8087953-8088385 (voided: #8087839 & 8088012)

School Cafeteria Fund invoices and payroll totaling \$100,697.69 as shown by warrants #1011187-1011287.

Scott County Head Start invoices and payroll totaling \$44,527.88 as shown by warrants #7269-7357 (voided: #7356).

REPORT ON SCHOOL ACCREDITATION AND SOL TEST SCORES: Mrs. Tammy Quillen, Director of Testing, reported that at the end of September the Virginia School Report Card and Scott County Schools Report Card were released. She stated that the highlights and record of the current results are being presented and is based on last school year's data (2007-08). She explained that the report card contains three years of comparison data. Mrs. Quillen also explained what the Virginia Report Card is and pointed out that the Scott County Report Card population includes 3,772 students but does not include P-K and Head Start. She reported that the Virginia Accreditation Standards requires that this information be public and that it can be viewed online (Virginia Department of Education website). She provided a detailed report on the following items: Safety Report, Performance by Subject, NCLB Federal Accountability System for Schools, 100% Proficiency by 2014, 2007-08 Objectives for Math: State (pass rate) 75% - Scott County 91% and Objectives for English: State (pass rate) 77% - Scott County 92%, NCLB Graduation Indicators, and Teacher Qualifications. Ms. Quillen reported that all schools are accredited by the state and met AYP. She expressed thanks for the support of the students, teachers, administrators, and board members. (**Appendix D**)

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION/504 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS : On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mrs. McClelland, seconded by Mr. Templeton, all members voting aye, the board approved the Special Education/504 Advisory Committee for the 2008-09 school year as follows:

Pam Bellamy
Lowell Campbell
Phyllis Compton
Randy Compton
Sandra Craft
Eileen Deckard
Joseph Deckard
Judy Flanary
David Gray
April Griffin
Chad Griffin
Allison Kimbler
Renee' Light
Brenda Robinette
Chad Robinette

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL HEALTH /SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS: On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Jessee, all members voting aye, the board approved the School Health/Safety Advisory Board for the 2008-09 school year as follows:

Mrs. Kathy J. McClelland	School Board Member
Mrs. Debbie Keith	School Nurse Coordinator
Mr. Michael Brickey	Central Office Representative
Mrs. Katrina Smith Toole	School Psychologist
Mr. Andy Jones	Scott County Sheriff's Office
Ms. Lana Mullins	Scott County Department of Social Services
Mr. Jason Dishner	Scott County Juvenile Probation Officer
Ms. Hope Gardner	Scott County Health Department/Parent
Dr. Todd Cassel	Medical Doctor/Parent
Mr. Jason Smith	Weber City Elementary School Principal
Ms. Theresa Newton	Head Start Representative/Parent
Mrs. Jane Carter	Rye Cove High School Guidance Counselor
Ms. Rebecca Baker	Gate City High School Guidance Counselor
Ms. Brenda Byrd	Yuma Elementary School P.E. Teacher
Mrs. Kathy Funkhouser	Weber City Elementary School Parent
Ms. Connie Adkins	Community Member
Patrick Arwood	Rye Cove High School Student
Joshua Mark Wilson	Gate City High School Student

Michael Salyer
Mr. Jeff Casteel

Twin Springs High School Student
Special Education Teacher

Mrs. McClelland, Board member serving on the Health/Safety Advisory Committee, reported that it is her understanding that the SASI, student information system, will be changed next school year and that the Health Advisory Board is very interested in the School Board looking at an alert system which could be combined with it to allow the school system to have automatic calling and a rapid alert system.

Superintendent Scott reported that eight AED's have been purchased for the schools and there are plans to purchase the remaining six by the end of this school year or during next school year.

APPROVAL OF CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEMBERS: 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 Career and Technical Center Advisory Committee as follows:

Tony Anderson	Teacher	'09-10
Robert Sallee	Teacher	'09-10
Brent Roberts	Special Needs	'08-'09
Steven Smith	Parent	'09-'10
Amber Smith	Student	'09-'10
Mark Blanton	Business & Industry	'09-'10
Bill Franklin	Business & Industry	'09-'10
Jeff Frazier	Business & Industry	'09-'10
John Kilgore	Business & Industry	'09-'10
Rex McCarty	Business & Industry	'09-'10
Helen Smith	Family & Consumer Science	'08-'09
Desiree Clark	VA Dept of Rehabilitation	'09-'10
Karen Carter	Mt. Empire Community College	'08-'09
Ross Santell	Mt. Empire Community College	'09-'10

APPROVAL OF NURSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE: On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Jessee, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the Nursing Advisory Committee for the 2008-09 school year as follows:

Jane Carter	Guidance Counselor	Rye Cove High School
Elaine Scott	Guidance Counselor	Twin Springs High School
Rebecca Baker	Guidance Counselor	Gate City High School
Debbie Keith	Nurse Supervisor	Scott County Schools
Alana Hembree	Director of Nursing	Brian Center Nursing Home
Deborah Smith	Director of Nursing	Healthsouth Rehabilitation Hospital
Bridgett Casteel	Director of Nursing	Mountain Empire Community College
Margie Aistrop	Instructor	Scott County Career & Tech. Center
Ralph Quesinberry	Principal	Scott County Career & Tech. Center

APPROVAL OF HEAD START POLICY COUNCIL COMMUNITY

REPRESENTATIVES: On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mrs. McClelland, seconded by Mr. Templeton, all members voting aye, the board approved Ms. Karen Davidson, Ms. Tracy Begley and Mr. Kevin Helms as Head Start Policy Council Community Representatives.

APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUEST: 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 overnight field trip request of Twin Springs High School band students to St. Louis, MO, June 8-12, 2008.

APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR A REDUCTION IN LOCAL EFFORT

CONTRIBUTION: On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Templeton, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, this board hereby approves a reduction in local effort

contribution from the county in the amount of \$98,228.00 with the stipulations that should the required local effort contribution figure increase due to an unexpected March 31, 2009 Average Daily Membership of students, or the school system does not receive all their anticipated revenue funds, the stated amount of local effort requirement would be adjusted accordingly. And, should any unexpected emergency-type expenditures occur during the 2008-09 school year, the amount could be revisited and adjusted upon a request to the Board of Supervisors. A resolution of this action including the stipulations is to be sent to Mr. Rufus Hood, County Administrator.

APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR USE OF VARIOUS LOCATIONS OF THE SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM PROPERTY: On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Jessee, seconded by Mrs. McClelland, all members voting aye, the board approved a request from Mr. Neeley Lawson, a Scott County native, to use various locations of the Scott County School System property to film an independent feature with a stipulation that the shooting of this film would not interfere with the regular school day and would be at no expense to the school system.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION AWARDED TO SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS FROM THE VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION: Superintendent Scott expressed congratulations to board members Mrs. Katherine “Kathy” McClelland and Mr. Dennis C. Templeton and presented each of them a Certificate of Recognition from the Virginia School Boards Association.

CLOSED MEETING: Mr. Jessee made a motion to enter into a closed meeting at 7:07 p.m., motion was seconded by Mr. Templeton, citing Section 2.2-3711A(1) of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to discuss teachers, secretaries, and teaching assistants; and, to discuss pupil personnel matters concerning students no. A and B as provided in Section 2.2-3711A(2) of the Code of Virginia, as amended; and, to discuss possible acquisition and/or disposition of real estate, as provided in Section 2.2-3711A(3) of the Code of Virginia, as amended, all members voting aye.

RETURN FROM CLOSED MEETING: All members returned from closed meeting at 8:08 p.m. and on a motion by Mr. Templeton, 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 2.2-3711 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, Kay Jessee, Kathy McClelland, Joe Meade, Dennis Templeton

Nays: None

ABSENT DURING VOTE: None ABSENT DURING MEETING: None

RESIGNATIONS: On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mrs. McClelland, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board accepted the resignation request of Ms. April Culbertson, Twin Springs High School Guidance Secretary, effective September 29, 2008.

On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Templeton, seconded by Mr. Jessee, all members voting aye, the board accepted the resignation request of Ms. Renda Keith, Head Start Teaching Assistant, effective September 26, 2008.

EMPLOYMENT: On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Templeton, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Ms. Pam Flanary as a guidance secretary at Twin Springs High School for the remainder of the 2008-09 school year.

On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Jessee, seconded by Mr. Templeton, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Mr. Doug Campbell as Twin Springs High School 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach for the 2008-09 season.

On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Jessee, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Jamie Carter, Barry Flanary, Jeff McNew, and Jon Pierson as substitute school bus drivers.

EDUCATIONAL FORUM AT UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA AT WISE: Superintendent Scott reminded school board members of the Educational Forum to be held at the University of Virginia at Wise on October 8.

BUSH MILL – NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES: Superintendent Scott reported that he received an official notification that the Bush Mill has been entered into the National Register of Historic Places by the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service, on September 5, 2008.

RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION REQUEST: Superintendent Scott reported that the religious exemption request received today will be further reviewed and presented at the next meeting.

ITEMS BY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Mr. Jessee requested a moment of silence to be observed in recognition of the passing of former school board member, Mr. William (Bill) Franklin, Jr.'s, spouse, Janet, yesterday. He stated that the couple has been very active in our school system for many years and both were graduates of Rye Cove High School. He also requested that a letter of condolence be sent. He stated that their daughter, Mrs. Kelly Franklin Hood, is a teacher in the school system.

Chairman Meade stated that Mr. and Mrs. Bill Franklin have been a real asset to the school system and the county.

Mr. Templeton asked Superintendent Scott what percent of students meet the standards and what percent exceed them or fail to obtain them.

Superintendent Scott stated he didn't know what standards Mr. Templeton was referring to and asked if he was referring to the state standards.

Mr. Templeton explained that he was asking about the standards in the schools, in the books, the abc's, reading, writing, arithmetic, etc.

Superintendent Scott explained that Mrs. Quillen just presented figures for the standards and, if it is the state standards being asked about, Scott County runs about a 90% pass rate.

Superintendent Scott informed Board members that one item in question for all school systems, that is currently being discussed, is what the federal government determines a graduate. He explained that, recognized by the state but not the federal government, is a graduate receiving a GED, IEP diploma, or modified diploma. He further explained that the federal government only recognizes a standard or advanced diploma.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Mrs. McClelland, seconded by Mr. Jessee, all members voting aye, the board adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next regular meeting is to be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at the Scott County Career and Technical Center auditorium.

Joe D. Meade, Chairman

Loretta Q. Page, Clerk