

**SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF 2008-09 SCHOOL BUDGET
CLOSE-OUT MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2009**

The Scott County School Board met in a close-out meeting for the 2008-09 School Budget on Monday, June 29, 2009, at the Scott County School Board Office in Gate City, Virginia, with the following members present:

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

ABSENT: Katherine "Kathy" McClelland

OTHERS PRESENT: James B. Scott, Division Superintendent; John Sigmond, School Board Attorney; Loretta Q. Page, Clerk of the Board; K.C. Linkous, Deputy Clerk; John I. Ferguson, Assistant Superintendent; and Travis Nickels, Central Office Supervisor.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. James Kay Jessee, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and presided.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Superintendent Scott requested additions to the agenda as follows: C. Approval of Line of Credit, D. Report from Architect on Sports Field Property, and E. Cafeteria Grant Award. On a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Templeton, all members voting aye, the Board approved the agenda with additions as submitted by Superintendent Scott.

ITEMS BY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: There were no items presented by school board members.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND CLOSE OUT OF 2008-09 SCHOOL BUDGET INCLUDING A TRANSFER OF THE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION FUND JUNE INTEREST TO THE SCHOOL OPERATING FUND AND CLOSE OUT OF SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION FUND: On a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the Board approved expenditures for the School Operating Fund as follows: **School Operating Fund (warrants#8091571-8091665)**

Cash Balance As Of 6/29/09	\$ 586,048.38
Expenditures for Payment 6/29/09	<u>586,048.38</u>
Remaining Balance	\$ 0.00

Superintendent Scott reported a need to close out the School Construction Fund as the school division will no longer be receiving state revenue funds for this purpose. He explained that the expenditures being presented for payment would spend out the fund except for the June interest, which he estimated to be less than one dollar. On a motion by Mr. Meade, seconded by Mr. Templeton, all members voting aye, the Board approved payment of expenditures for the School Construction Fund in the amount listed below and approved the amount of the June interest to be transferred to the School Operating Fund and approved the close out of the fund:

School Construction Fund (#1900521-1900549)

Cash Balance As Of 6/29/09	\$ 46,780.97
Expenditures for Payment 6/29/09	<u>46,780.97</u>

Remaining Balance: June interest - to be transferred to the School Operating Fund

Superintendent Scott reported that the cash balance last year (6/26/09) was \$213,579.59. He presented an estimate of the July cafeteria payroll and reported that there is enough remaining funds in the account for payment but reported that it may be necessary to make a transfer for August payroll. He explained that the School Operating Fund will be needed to assist the Cafeteria Fund since there will be no revenue reimbursements for the Cafeteria Fund during July and August. He estimated that approximately \$40-45,000 will be necessary for the transfer. He also reminded the Board that the reimbursement for the Cafeteria Fund for August will only be for a couple of weeks and that it will be September before a full month can be filed for reimbursement. On a motion by Mrs. Blair, seconded by Mr. Templeton, all members voting aye, the Board approved expenditures for the Cafeteria Fund as follows:

Cafeteria Fund (#1012080-1012096)

Cash Balance As of 6/25/09	\$93,377.34
Expenditures 6/29/09	\$22,335.96
Remaining Balance	\$71,041.38

PUBLIC SEWER AUTHORITY REQUEST TO SCHOOL BOARD FOR YUMA SEWER PROJECT: Superintendent Scott reported that he met with Mr. Dan Danko of the Public Sewer Authority (PSA) and provided school board members with a detailed expenditure cost report from the PSA including a request for funding from the school board for the Yuma Sewer Project.

School board members and Superintendent Scott discussed that both Twin Springs High and Yuma Elementary Schools sewer systems have been in place since the 1960's and were estimated to last approximately 20-22 years. He explained that, although these systems have worked well beyond projection, there will be a need to replace both systems in the future. He estimated the cost of replacement for the systems to be approximately 1.6 million for Twin Springs and 1.1-1.2 million for Yuma Elementary. They also discussed that the school system also has the expense of providing an employee that is licensed to conduct wastewater analysis and reporting.

Superintendent Scott stated that PSA requested \$250,000 but explained that he was informed that bids came in less than estimated and therefore not as much funding will be needed for the project. He suggested that should it be determined that the PSA does need funding from the school board then an amount of \$100,000 could be provided the first year, if needed, and another payment of \$100,000 the second year, if needed.

Mr. Meade made a motion that Superintendent Scott be given the authority to make any necessary decisions regarding payment to the PSA for the Yuma Sewer Project and as recommended by Superintendent Scott.

APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT SCOTT TO MAKE A REQUEST TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR A LINE OF CREDIT ON BEHALF OF THE SCHOOL BOARD:

Superintendent Scott requested approval from the school board to make a request to the Board of Supervisors at their meeting on Wednesday, July 1, for a line of credit in the amount of 4 million dollars. He explained that last school year's line of credit was for 3 million and that it was only necessary to actually draw down approximately \$1.8 million. He reported that with the 3% interest rate obtained the interest paid on that amount was only around \$13,000. He stated that he was informed that the county is also planning to request a line of credit. He further reported that originally he was informed that the school system would receive payments from the county in twelve monthly payments which he stated would have made it even more difficult for the school system. He stated that the county has proposed to provide local funds to the school system as follows: one fourth payment, July 1; one fourth payment October; and the remaining one half during January. He pointed out that due to the schedule of payments received from the state and the amount

of federal funding that has to be spent up front and then requested by reimbursement, this request is once again necessary for the school system.

On a motion by Mr. Templeton, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, this Board hereby authorizes James B. Scott, Superintendent, to make a request to the Board of Supervisors for a line of credit in the amount of \$4 million for Scott County Public Schools.

ARCHITECT UPDATE ON PROPERTY FOR SPORTS FIELD: Superintendent Scott reported that Mr. Tony Street, Architect, has met with the Army Core of Engineers and the Soil and Water Conservation District on the proposed sports field project. He stated that according to an update from Mr. Street they are ready to proceed with soil borings at an estimated cost of \$5,540.00, the artist rendering (three dimensional aerial view of the athletic fields) at an approximate cost of \$2,000.00, and specifications for a grading package for the athletic fields (softball, baseball, soccer and track). Superintendent Scott reported that it may be worked out so that privately owned heavy equipment could be used for the project; therefore, creating a cost savings for the school system.

Superintendent Scott also reported that three phases of development have been discussed: Phase I – Move dirt and level property, Phase II – Sow grass for sports fields and Phase III – Lights, parking, paving and bleachers. Superintendent Scott and board members discussed that the fields need to be built to the specifications required for state tournaments and that other items, such as lighting, should take precedence over the bleacher seating. Chairman Jessee pointed out that he would like for lighting to be a priority. He stated that this would allow attendance to events at night, especially for those parents and grandparents who have to work during the day.

CAFETERIA EQUIPMENT GRANT AWARD: Superintendent Scott was pleased to announce to the Board that Scott County Public Schools received an Equipment Assistance Grant for the cafeteria program in the amount of \$342,295.95, which he explained was more than any other school division was awarded for the competitive grant. He reported that since the quotes came in less than estimated, the school division will only receive from \$250,000-260,000 of the total awarded. He explained that he wanted to mention about the grant at tonight's meeting since there is a need to move forward with the project as funds must be allocated by September 1 and reimbursement requested by September 30.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Mr. Jessee, seconded by Mr. Templeton, all members voting aye, the board adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

James K. Jessee, Chairman

Loretta Q. Page, Clerk