

**SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2009**

The Scott County School Board met in a regular meeting, on Wednesday, November 4, 2009, at the Scott County Career & Technical Center Auditorium in Gate City with the following members present:

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

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: James B. Scott, Division Superintendent; Greg Baker, School Board Attorney; Loretta Q. Page, Clerk; K.C. Linkous, Deputy Clerk; Gerald Miller, Mayor of Duffield; Nancy Godsey, Citizen; John Hamilton, Citizen; Lisa McCarty, Scott County Virginia Star; David Hartley, Heritage TV; Frances Perry, Town of Gate City; Justin Forrester, Scott County Education Association; Billy Nash and Tim Edwards, Maintenance Employees, Rayford Dingus, Scott County Career & Technical Center Instructor; Ralph Quesinberry, Scott County Career & Technical Center Director/Principal; Don Flick, Citizen; and Lou Ann Kirk, Citizen.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. James Kay Jessee, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and presided. Chairman Jessee welcomed everyone in attendance and commented that it is good to have Mrs. McClelland back with us.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Superintendent Scott requested the addition of Tobacco Grant and Award to Title I Schools. On a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the Board approved the agenda with additions submitted by Superintendent Scott.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by Mr. Templeton, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the Board approved the minutes of Tuesday, October 6, 2009 Regular Meeting, as submitted.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: On a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Blair, all members voting aye, the Board approved payroll and claims as follows: School Operating Fund invoices and payroll in the amount of \$1,277,933.45 as shown by warrants #8093004-8093415 (#8092785 and 8093024 voided) and \$1,153,089.59 electronic payroll direct deposit and \$478,657.40 electronic payroll tax deposit. Cafeteria Fund invoices and payroll in the amount of \$320,828.92 as shown by warrants #1012361-1012455 and \$11,323.30 electronic payroll tax deposit. Scott County Head Start invoices and payroll in the amount of \$51,597.40 as shown by warrants #8329-8399.

ITEM BY BOARD MEMBERS: No items presented.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO SERVE ON HEAD START POLICY COUNCIL: Superintendent Scott presented a list of nine community members to serve on the Head Start Policy Council. He reported that the list was not included in the meeting packet since they were approved by the Policy Council on Thursday (October 29) after meeting packets had been sent out. On the recommendation of Superintendent Scott and on a motion by Mr. Templeton, seconded by Mrs. McClelland, all members voting aye,

the Board approved the following list of community members submitted by Superintendent Scott and read for the public by Chairman Jessee:

Ashley B. Absher (new member)
 Karen Davidson
 Karla A. Harris
 Kevin P. Helms
 Aimee S. Lawson
 Theodora Sue Peters (new member)
 Linda K. Szadziwicz
 Tammy R. Thompson
 Judith Vicars (new member)

APPROVAL OF GIFTED PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE: 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 reappointment of the current Gifted Program Advisory Committee Members for the 2009-2010 school year as follows:

Brenda Byrd
 Kim Dorton
 Gina Fuller
 Melissa Gillenwater
 Renee' Light
 Tina Lucas
 Mary Beth Vaughn
 Brigitte Hillman
 Ruby Rogers
 Jim Scott

APPROVAL OF REVISED SPECIAL EDUCATION POLICY AND PROCEDURAL HANDBOOK: 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 Revised Special Education Policy and Procedural Handbook, which includes the new federally mandated policy and procedure changes, as submitted. Mrs. McClelland suggested that items such as the handbook in the future could be emailed to the school board members as an electronic document and therefore save the expenditure of printing copies. Superintendent Scott stated that he would keep this in mind.

APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUEST: On the recommendation of Mr. John I. Ferguson, Assistant Superintendent, and on a motion by Mr. Templeton, seconded by Mrs. McClelland, all members voting aye, the Board approved the overnight field trip request received from Hilton Elementary School 6th grade students to the Tennessee Aquarium in Chattanooga, Tennessee, on May 20-21, 2010 (Thursday & Friday). Board members asked for gender information regarding the chaperone names listed and assurance that this trip was outside the testing window.

REPORT ON MAINTENANCE PROJECTS: Superintendent Scott reported on maintenance projects as follows:

- Bathroom stall doors for Gate City Middle School have been installed and handles should be coming in soon
- Other schools have requested installation of bathroom doors and installation will begin countywide school-by-school
- Window locks have been installed at Rye Cove Intermediate School for safety purposes

- Ready to begin installation of drop ceilings at various schools and Gate City office will be first as other renovations have been done there already
- Wiring and other maintenance needs will be done
- Prices being obtained for awning at Gate City Middle School and due to rain after the concrete sidewalk was sprayed, a second coat of spray will be needed
- Going fairly well catching up on maintenance items
- Weber City and Duffield safety systems have gone real well and hearing a lot of good comments

Superintendent Scott provided an opportunity for Board member questions or comments. Mr. Meade commented that over the years (bathroom) doors have been removed when personnel (principals) have been moved around and he further commented that he feels personnel having these type changes done should have to pay to have them put back.

Superintendent Scott reported that a principals meeting is scheduled for tomorrow and he will notify them of this and stated he would put this in writing to the principals as well. He commented that some of the principals involved are no longer in the school system.

VIRGINIA FOUNDATION FOR HEALTHY YOUTH: Superintendent Scott reported that the school system has been awarded a three-year grant totaling \$120,000 by the Virginia Tobacco Settlement Foundation. He explained that through the funding a program called *Positive Action* has been implemented focusing on grades 4-8 countywide and taught by three county prevention specialists, Andy Jones, Kelvin Kimbler and Aimee Lawson. He further reported that classes are underway and will finish sometime in early spring.

VDOE TITLE I SCHOOLS THAT SIGNIFICANTLY CLOSE THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP OR EXCEED ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS TARGETS FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE YEARS GRANT: Superintendent Scott reported that the school system has been awarded \$67,904 by the Virginia Department of Education for Title I schools that significantly close the achievement gap or exceed adequate yearly progress targets for two consecutive years. He further reported that Duffield Primary, Fort Blackmore Primary, Hilton Elementary, Nickelsville Elementary, Rye Cove Intermediate, Shoemaker Elementary, Weber City Elementary and Yuma Elementary each received \$8,488 for supplies, etc. to support professional development in their schools. He explained that expenditures must be paid and then requested for reimbursement. He provided an opportunity for Board members to ask questions.

SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY: Superintendent Scott and Mr. Meade welcomed Mr. Greg Baker, school board attorney.

RESIGNATION: On the recommendation of Mr. John I. Ferguson, Assistant Superintendent, and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Templeton, all members voting aye, the Board approved the resignation request of Mr. Anthony Ratliff, Weber City Elementary School Custodian, effective October 23, 2009.

Superintendent Scott and Assistant Superintendent Ferguson explained that a part time employee has been given additional hours to cover the custodial position at Weber City and explained that no additional personnel is to be hired for the position.

EMPLOYMENT: On the recommendation of Mr. John I. Ferguson, Assistant Superintendent, and on a motion by Mr. Meade, seconded by Mr. Templeton, all members

voting aye, the Board approved the employment of Ms. Lindsey Musick, as Gate City 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach for the 2009-2010 school year.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS REGARDING EMPLOYMENT:

Superintendent Scott stated that the school system is reviewing everything with regard to hiring and does not want to hire personnel this year and then have to let them go the next.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Mrs. Blair commended the Gate City Girls Cross Country Track for placing second in the region and wished them success in their state championship playoffs. She expressed that the girls have worked hard.

Mrs. McClelland commented that she felt the Board made a good choice for the football coach at Gate City, though she hasn't been able to attend the games for health reasons, she commented that maybe she will get to go to the playoffs. She further commented that the team has had a wonderful season and she is certain Gate City is proud of the transition.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Mr. Meade, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the Board adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Mr. James Kay Jessee, Chairman

Mrs. Loretta Q. Page, Clerk