

**SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED
2013-2014 SCHOOL BUDGET AND REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2013**

The Scott County School Board met for a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2013-2014 School Budget and regular meeting on Tuesday, February 5, 2013, at the Scott County Career & Technical Center Auditorium in Gate City, Virginia, with the following members present:

James Kay Jessee, Chairman	<u>ABSENT:</u> None
William "Bill" R. Quillen, Jr., Vice Chairman	
Jeffrey "Jeff" A. Kegley	
Gail L. McConnell	
L. Stephen "Steve" Sallee, Jr.	
Herman "Kelly" Spivey, Jr.	

OTHERS PRESENT: John I. Ferguson, Superintendent; Will Sturgill, School Board Attorney; Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel and Middle School Education; Loretta Q. Page, Clerk Of The Board/Budget Specialist/Head Start Clerk; K.C. Linkous, Deputy Clerk Of The Board/Human Resource Manager; Beverly Stidham, Purchasing Specialist; Angie Vermillion, Medicaid Specialist; Delonda Spivey, Spouse of Board Member; Suzanne Goins, Virginia Professional Educators Regional Director; Kathy Musick, Virginia Professional Educators Representative; Justin Forrester, Scott County Education Association President; Robert Sallee, Supervisor of Building Services; Ralph Quesinberry, Scott County Career & Technical Center Supervisor/Principal; Lisa Bevins, Gate City Middle School Teacher; Reba Kindle, Shoemaker Elementary School; Nancy Godsey, Citizen; Ramona Russell, Duffield Primary School Teaching Assistant; Lee Sanders, School Bus Driver; Lisa Taylor, Citizen/Parent; Amanda Clark, Heritage TV; and, Wes Bunch, Kingsport Times-News.

CALL TO ORDER/PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2013-2014 SCHOOL BUDGET: Chairman Jessee called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. for a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2013-2014 School Budget. He opened the floor for public comments on the proposed budget.

Suzanne Goins, Virginia Professional Educators Regional Director, asked the Board to continue supporting the teachers. She commented on Mr. Quillen and Mr. McConnell, school board members, being former school teachers. She expressed that she would be glad to help in going before the County Board of Supervisors or in any way at the state level as well.

There being no further comments concerning the Proposed 2013-2014 School Budget, Chairman Jessee adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:17 p.m. He informed those present that the regular meeting would be held at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/MOMENT OF SILENCE/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Jessee called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The audience observed a moment of silence and Mr. Kegley led in citing the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

ADDITION TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman Jessee requested that Recognition of Board Clerks be added to Agenda: Item 8. On a motion by Mr. Kegley, seconded by Mr. Sallee, all members voting aye, the Board approved the agenda including the addition presented.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 8, 2013 REGULAR ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES: On a motion by Mr. Quillen, seconded by Mr. Spivey, all members voting aye, the Board approved the Tuesday, January 8, 2013, Regular Organizational Meeting Minutes, as submitted.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: On a motion by Mr. Quillen, seconded by Mr. Kegley, all members voting aye, the Board approved claims as follows: School Operating Fund invoices & payroll in the amount of \$3,242,453.31 as shown by warrants #8105848-8106146 (#8105439, 8105880&8106140 voided) electronic payroll direct deposit in the amount of \$1,093,830.99 & electronic payroll tax deposit \$518,288.03 & VRS payment \$323,733.83. Cafeteria Fund invoices & payroll in the amount of \$98,268.49 as shown by warrants #1015256-1015306 (#1014957 & 1015257 voided) electronic payroll direct deposit in the amount of \$21,517.13 & electronic payroll tax deposit \$11,129.15. Head Start invoices&payroll totaling \$45,770.87 as shown by warrants #10902-10955.

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE IN FEBRUARY: Superintendent Ferguson presented certificates from the Virginia School Boards Association to each school board member in recognition of their commitment of service to the children, with thanks and appreciation. He presented brief comments stating that Scott County Public Schools will join 133 other school divisions throughout the state to celebrate School Board Appreciation Month in February. He further stated that almost 850 elected and appointed school board members throughout Virginia will be recognized by schools and communities for their service and dedication to public education. He stated that the theme of this year's celebration is "School Boards Speak Out for Public Schools" which reflects the combined commitment of school boards to lead and advocate for quality and accountable public schools that ensure all students achieve. He expressed thanks and appreciation to board members for their service to the school division.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION: SCHOOL BOARD CLERKS APPRECAITON Chairman Jessee and Vice Chairman Quillen presented VSBA School Board Clerk Certificates of Recognition to Mrs. Loretta Q. Page, Clerk of the Board, and Mrs. K.C. Linkous, Deputy Clerk of the Board, in recognition of the VSBA Board of Directors designation of the third week in February as "VSBA School Board Clerk Appreciation Week" and presented a resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, school board clerks in each locality throughout our great Commonwealth are appointed by law to fulfill their duties and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, school board clerks are responsible for keeping accurate records of the meetings and proceedings of the school board, a record of all receipts and disbursements, and a record of all official acts; and

WHEREAS, school board clerks perform such other duties in connection with the school business of her/his county or city as may be required by the school board; and

WHEREAS, school board clerks maintain frequent contact with the public, including parents, employees and the media, on behalf of the school board and superintendent; and

WHEREAS, school board clerks, in the performance of their duties, are often required to work extra hours attending school board meetings; and

WHEREAS, school board clerks join with school boards to help ensure that students achieve to their highest potential; and

WHEREAS, school board clerks provide an invaluable service for school boards and superintendents; and

members for their training and development needs, the VSBA Board of Directors does hereby recognize the third week of February as School Board Clerk Appreciation Week in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and

WHEREAS, the Scott County School Board joins the VSBA in recognizing the many and varied contributions of school board clerks;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that at its meeting on the 5th day of Feb. 2013, the Scott County School Board also recognizes the third week of February as School Board Clerk Appreciation Week.

James K. Jessee
(School Board Chairman) (Date)

William R. Quillen
(School Board Vice-Chairman) (Date)

Mrs. Page & Mrs. Linkous expressed thanks for their recognition of School Board Clerk Appreciation Week.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Lisa Taylor, Citizen/Parent of Scott County Public Schools Student, presented comments in support of cameras for classrooms and drug tests for teachers. She also commented on Scott County students being charged tuition to attend Tennessee schools and that previously Tennessee students attending school in Scott County had to pay tuition but currently do not.

Mrs. Suzanne Goins, Virginia Professional Educators Regional Director; introduced Kathy Musick, Virginia Professional Educators Representative, a retiree of Scott County Public Schools who served as a teacher, assistant principal and principal. Mrs. Musick commented on being happy and excited to serve in another capacity.

SCHOOL BUDGET UPDATE: Superintendent Ferguson reported that in regard to budget figures it is difficult to get hard figures at this time since the General Assembly is meeting and have not finalized their proposals. He explained that, while not yet final, the only figures currently available to work with are the Governor's from the end of December. He also explained that once he receives final figures he can share with the Board and the committee as well.

APPROVAL OF HEALTH INSURANCE COMMITTEE: Superintendent Ferguson presented a list of insurance committee members for approval and explained that Mr. McConnell's term was for one year. He opened the floor for nominations for a replacement for Mr. McConnell if any other member was interested. There being no other members expressing an interest in serving on the Health Insurance Committee, Mr. Quillen nominated Mr. McConnell to continue serving another term, nomination was seconded by Mr. Kegley. On a motion by Mr. Kegley, seconded by Mr. Sallee, all members voting aye, the Board approved the Health Insurance Committee along with the new members for 2012-2013 as follows:

Insurance Committee Members

2011-2012

John Ferguson
KC Linkous
Angie Vermillion
Leslie Crawford, Teacher
Justin Forrester, Scott Co Rep. VEA
Michael Lane, Administrator
Henry Clabaugh, Retiree
Gail McConnell, Board Member to serve 1 year
William "Bill" Quillen, Board Member to serve 4 years

2012-2013

New Members

Kelsey Taylor, Administrator
Sarah McConnell, Teacher
Rochelle Maxwell, Retiree
Patricia Nash, Non-Classified
Judy Calton, Head Start

BUILDING SERVICES UPDATE: Robert Sallee, Supervisor of Building Services, presented a Building Services Update on a few of the work orders completed for the month of January and reported that a log of all work orders is available at the shop. He pointed out that as jobs are completed, such as the recent replacement of a walk-in freezer indoor evaporator and outdoor condensing unit at Duffield, their department will be using the upgraded refrigerants since there are phase out dates on refrigerants. Mr. Sallee also handed out a data sheet to school board members and reported that the maintenance department maintains figures on kilowatts, usage, cost of electricity, etc. and that the figures presented on the data sheet were for the year 2011-2012. He also reported that his department maintains bar graphs on this data as well. He explained that as you look through the data there are number of students,

kilowatt hours and actual cost listed. He further explained that that you couldn't always compare one school to another because of the demand factors and the actual kilowatts used. He explained that the kilowatts have actually dropped in a lot of areas but the price has gone up because of the rate increase.

Mr. Quillen brought to the attention of Mr. Sallee, Supervisor of Building Services, an urgent maintenance partitions project that needs to be addressed at Shoemaker Elementary School. He also questioned the bulbs used and lack of lighting in the Gate City High School gymnasium. Mr. Sallee, Supervisor of Building Services, informed Mr. Quillen that their department can go through and replace the bulbs but that normally they wait until a failure. Mr. Sallee reported that hopefully something will be coming soon for the lighting since all Back of the Envelope proposals for the Performance Contract have been received and interviews planned for February 26 and 27. He commented that school board members are welcome to attend. He explained that the selection committee will be at the interviews along with the BOE representatives.

Mr. Robert Sallee, Supervisor of Building Services, answered board member questions concerning the data sheet listing of kilowatt hours used at various schools when school was no longer in session. It was pointed out that you would think that amounts listed during that timeframe would be less. Mr. Sallee, Supervisor of Building Services, pointed out that lighting, refrigeration, freezers and most of the equipment would still be in use at that time. Also, Mr. Sallee explained that demand factors, kilowatt usage, rate increases and meter reading timeframes factor into the difference in the figures.

Superintendent Ferguson reported that, if you review a comparison of figures presented for Gate City Middle School, the controls installed has helped regulate usage and the amount of kilowatt hours used. He stated that you can see the difference after the installation was done in the spring of 2011.

CLOSED MEETING: Mr. Sallee made a motion to enter into closed meeting at 7:02 p.m. to discuss teachers, teaching assistants, coaches, principals, secretaries, custodians, bus drivers, maintenance, cafeteria, central office staff and school resource officers as provided in Section 2.2-3711A(1) Code of Virginia, as amended; motion was seconded by Mr. Quillen, all members voting aye.

RETURN FROM CLOSED MEETING: All members returned from closed meeting at 8:35 p.m. and on a motion by Mr. Sallee, seconded by Mr. Spivey, the Board returned to regular session and Mr. Sallee cited 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: James K. Jessee, Jeff Kegley, Gail McConnell, Bill Quillen, Steve Sallee, Kelly Spivey

Nays: None ABSENT DURING VOTE: None ABSENT DURING MEETING: None

UPDATE ON PROPERTY ADJACENT TO WEBER CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Will Sturgill, School Board Attorney, stated that the motion was made to offer \$20,000.00 for the property adjacent to Weber City Elementary School and for a check of the title to determine a clear title to the property. He reported that he spoke with the bank and the bank did accept the \$20,000.00 offer on the property. That came from Beth Morefield, Vice President, Virginia Highlands Community Bank. He also reported that right now the finalized wording of the contract is being worked on. He further reported that the title search

revealed no problems and that there is a clear title to the property. He stated that unless there is a substitute motion the property could be purchased as per the motion from the last meeting.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS & CLERKS: Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel and Middle School Education, expressed thanks and appreciation to the school board members and the clerks.

APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUEST: On the recommendation of Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel/Middle School Education, and on a motion by Mr. McConnell, seconded by Mr. Spivey, all members voting aye, the Board approved the overnight field trip request received from the Scott County Career & Technical Center for 10 students and 3 sponsors to attend the Skills USA State Leadership Conference Competition Events in Roanoke, Virginia, April 19-21, 2013.

RESIGNATION: On the recommendation of Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel, and on a motion by Mr. Sallee, seconded by Mr. Kegley, all members voting aye, the Board approved the resignation request of Ms. Donna Jones, bus driver, effective January 29, 2013.

On the recommendation of Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel, and on a motion by Mr. Sallee, seconded by Mr. Kegley, all members voting aye, the Board approved the resignation request of Jacob Horton, Rye Cove High School Boys Track Coach, effective February 5, 2013.

On the recommendation of Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel, and on a motion by Mr. Kegley, seconded by Mr. Sallee, all members voting aye, the Board approved the resignation request of Cheyenne Osborne, Rye Cove High School Varsity Softball Coach, effective February 5, 2013.

EMPLOYMENT: On the recommendation of Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel, and on a motion by Mr. McConnell, seconded by Mr. Quillen, all members voting aye, the Board approved the employment of Britney Salyer, Rye Cove High School Varsity Softball Coach, effective February 5, 2013 (replaces Cheyenne Osborne).

On the recommendation of Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel, and on a motion by Mr. Quillen, seconded by Mr. Kegley, all members voting aye, the Board approved the employment of Cheyenne Osborne, Rye Cove High School Boys Track Coach, effective February 5, 2013 (replaces Jacob Horton).

On the recommendation of Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel, and on a motion by Mr. Kegley, seconded by Mr. Spivey, all members voting aye, the Board approved the employment of Larry Lawson, Rye Cove High School Junior Varsity Softball Coach, effective February 5, 2013.

On the recommendation of Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel, and on a motion by Mr. Spivey, seconded by Mr. Kegley, all members voting aye, the Board approved the employment of Nick Colobro, Gate City High School Assistant Boys Soccer Coach, effective February 5, 2013 (½ supplement – vacant position not filled previously).

On the recommendation of Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel, and on a motion by Mr. Kegley, seconded by Mr. Sallee, all members voting aye, the Board approved the employment of Eddie Musick as school bus driver, effective February 5, 2013 (replaces Donna Jones).

Mr. Smith reported, for public record, that the coaches' background checks have been done and are in place.

On the recommendation of Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel, and on a motion by Mr. Kegley, seconded by Mr. Spivey, all members voting aye, the Board approved the employment of Jennifer Pennington, Nickelsville Elementary School cook, effective February 5, 2013 (replacement).

NON-RENEWAL OF CONTRACTS - LETTERS TO BE SENT TO NON-TENURED TEACHERS AND NON-CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL: Superintendent Ferguson explained that recommendation letters of non-renewal of contracts are sent each year to non-tenured teachers and also explained that in the past few years letters have been sent to the non-classified personnel as well. He informed the Board that the letters would be sent to these employees tomorrow.

Chairman Jessee and Superintendent Ferguson commented on hoping they can keep everyone.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Board members expressed appreciation to the Board clerks.

Chairman Jessee expressed thanks to Mr. Ralph Quesinberry, Scott County Career & Technical Center Supervisor/Principal, and his staff, to Ms. Judy Hensley, Culinary Arts Instructor, and her students for the excellent meal prepared in recognition of School Board Appreciation Month.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Mr. Kegley, seconded by Mr. Spivey, all members voting aye, the Board adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

James Kay Jessee, Chairman

Loretta Q. Page, Clerk