

**SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2015**

The Scott County School Board met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 1, 2015, at the Scott County Career & Technical Center in Gate City, Virginia, with the following members present:

William "Bill" R. Quillen, Jr., Chairman

ABSENT: None

L. Stephen "Steve" Sallee, Jr., Vice Chairman

James Kay Jessee

Jeffrey "Jeff" A. Kegley

Gail L. McConnell

Herman "Kelly" Spivey, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT: John I. Ferguson, Superintendent; K.C. Linkous, Clerk Of The Board/Human Resource Manager; Beverly Stidham, Deputy Clerk/Purchasing Agent; Will Sturgill, School Board Attorney; Kathy Musick, Virginia Professional Educators Representative; Patricia Whitley, Teacher/Virginia Education Association Representative; Ralph Quesinberry, Scott County Career & Technical Principal; Steve Taylor, Teacher/Asst. Principal SCCTC; Ramona Russell, Teaching Assistant; Amanda Clark, Heritage TV; and Nancy Godsey, Citizen.

CALL TO ORDER/MOMENT OF SILENCE/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Quillen 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*.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: On a motion by Mr. Sallee, seconded by Mr. Jessee, all members voting aye, the Board approved the agenda as presented.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 5, 2015 MEETING MINUTES: On a motion by Mr. Kegley, seconded by Mr. McConnell, all members voting aye, the Board approved the Thursday, November 5, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes, as submitted.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: On a motion by Mr. Jessee, seconded by Mr. Kegley, all members voting aye, the Board approved claims as follows:

School Operating Fund invoices & payroll in the amount of \$699,978.36 as shown by warrants #8116067 & electronic payroll direct deposit in the amount of \$1,071,819.37 & electronic payroll tax deposits in the amount of \$501,050.55. Cafeteria Fund invoices & payroll in the amount of \$161,363.97 as shown by warrants #1016944-1016998 (1016956 voided, 1016916 stop payment) & electronic payroll direct deposit in the amount of \$27,568.64 & electronic payroll tax deposit in the amount of \$13,106.85. Head Start invoices & payroll totaling \$60,180.99 as shown by warrants #13751-13812 (13757 voided).

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments.

REPORT ON HOLIDAY AND PAYROLL SCHEDULE: Superintendent Ferguson presented the following Holiday and Payroll Schedule for the Board's information:

12 Month Employees Holidays:

Christmas – Thursday, December 24 & Friday December 25

New Year's – Thursday, December 31 & Friday, January 1

Payroll for December: Wednesday, December 30, 2015

Winter Break:

Friday, December 18 – Students dismissed at 1:00 p.m.

Monday, January 4, 2016 – Teacher Workday/Schools Closed

Tuesday, January 5, 2016 – Second Semester Begins (Students return to school)

APPROVAL OF HEAD START 2014-2015 READINESS GOALS AND ACTION PLANS:

Superintendent Ferguson presented the Head Start 2015-2016 Readiness Goals and Action Plans for approval. On a motion by Mr. Spivey, seconded by Mr. Kegley all members voting aye, the Board approved the 2015-2016 Head Start Readiness Goals and Action Plans (Appendix G)

RECOGNITION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS, JAMES KAY JESSEE, JEFF

KEGLEY AND KELLY SPIVEY: Superintendent Ferguson presented Board Members James Kay Jessee, Jeff Kegley and Kelly Spivey with the following Certificate of Recognition as these three board members terms expire December 31, 2015.

SCOTT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE _____ FOR HIS YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO OUR STUDENTS, STAFF AND COMMUNITIES REPRESENTED.

SCOTT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR GRADITUDE FOR YOUR EFFORTS AS A MEMBER WHO ADVOCATED AND SHAPED OUR COUNTY'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

"LET US THINK OF EDUCATION AS THE MEANS OF DEVELOPING OUR GREATEST ABILITIES, BECAUSE IN EACH OF US THERE IS A PRIVATE HOPE AND DREAM WHICH, FULFILLED, CAN BE TRANSLATED INTO A BENEFIT FOR EVERYONE AND GREATER STRENGTH FOR OUR NATION.

JOHN F. KENNEDY, 35TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

John I. Ferguson, Division Superintendent

William R. "Bill" Quillen, Chairman

December 1, 2015.

CLOSED MEETING: Mr. Sallee made a motion to enter into closed meeting at 6:45 p.m. to discuss teachers, teaching assistants, coaches, principals, nurses, custodians, bus drivers and maintenance staff as provided in Section 2.2-3711 A (1) of the Code of Virginia, as amended; also move that the board enter into closed meeting to consult with legal counsel pertaining to actual or probable litigation as provided in Section 2.23711A (7) of the Code of Virginia as amended, motion was seconded by Mr. Jessee, all members voting aye.

RETURN FROM CLOSED MEETING: All members returned from closed meeting at 7:35 p.m. and on a motion by Mr. Sallee, seconded by Mr. Jessee, 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 Kay Jessee, Jeff Kegley, Gail McConnell, Bill Quillen, Steve Sallee, Kelly Spivey

Nays: None

ABSENT DURING VOTE: None

ABSENT DURING MEETING: None

APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUEST: On the recommendation of Mr. Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel and on a motion by Mr. Spivey, seconded by Mr. Kegley, the Board approved the overnight field trip request of Gate City High School/Middle School Band Wind Ensemble to Orlando, Florida, June 13-17, 2016 (65 students, one sponsor and 20 chaperones).

APPROVAL OF SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS: On the recommendation of Mr. Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel and on a motion by Mr. Sallee seconded by Mr. Spivey, all members voting aye, the Board approved Eric Hodges, Tammy Kimbler, Jasmine Finch, Sophia Redwine, Lindsey McDavid and Maggie Gilliam as substitute teachers.

VOLUNTEER COACHES: On the recommendation of Mr. Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel and on a motion by Mr. Spivey, seconded by Mr. Kegley, all members voting aye, the Board approved the recommendation of Mr. Chris McDonald as a volunteer boys basketball coach for Gate City Middle School, effective November 18, 2015.

EMPLOYMENT: On the recommendation of Mr. Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel and on a motion by Mr. Jesse, seconded by Mr. Sallee, all members voting aye, the Board approved the employment of Ms. Brittany Chapman as a Teaching Assistant, effective November 23, 2015.

On the recommendation of Mr. 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 Ms. Alexandra Hill as a Teacher, effective January 4, 2016.

On the recommendation of Mr. Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel and on a motion by Mr. Spivey, seconded by Mr. Sallee, all members voting aye, the Board approved the employment of Ms. Sarah Edwards as a bus aide, effective December 2, 2015.

On the recommendation of Mr. Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel and on a motion by Mr. Sallee, seconded by Mr. Kegley, all members voting aye, the Board approved the employment of Ms. Cynthia King as a Teacher, effective December 9, 2015.

RETIREMENTS: On the recommendation of Mr. Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel and on a motion by Mr. Sallee, seconded by Mr. Spivey, all members voting aye, the Board approved the retirement request of Ms. Kathy Hensley, teaching assistant, effective December 31, 2015.

On the recommendation of Mr. Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel and on a motion by Mr. Kegley, seconded by Mr. Sallee, all members voting aye, the Board approved the retirement request of Ms. Phyllis Kilgore, effective January 1, 2016.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: On the recommendation of Mr. Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel and on a motion by Mr. Kegley, seconded by Mr. Spivey, all members voting aye, the Board approved the Leave of Absence of Ms. Amy Marchant, effective November 7, 2015 through the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: All the Board members wished everyone with the school system a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Mr. Kegley seconded by Mr. Jesse, all members voting aye, the Board adjourned at 8:00 p.m.