

**SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED
2015-2016 SCHOOL BUDGET AND REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2015**

The Scott County School Board met for a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2015-2016 School Budget and regular meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 2015, at the Scott County Career & Technical Center in Gate City, Virginia, with the following members present:

William "Bill" R. Quillen, Jr., Chairman
L. Stephen "Steve" Sallee, Jr., Vice Chairman
James Kay Jessee
Jeffrey "Jeff" A. Kegley
Gail L. McConnell
Herman "Kelly" Spivey, Jr.

ABSENT: None

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; Robert Sallee, Supervisor of Building Services; Suzanne Goins, Virginia Professional Educators Representative; Monica McClelland, Teacher/Virginia Education Association Representative; Patricia Whitley, Teacher/Virginia Education Association Representative; Steve Taylor, Teacher/Asst. Principal Scott Career & Technical Center; Ramona Russell, Teaching Assistant; Lisa Taylor, Citizen; Marci Gore, Kingsport Times News; Amanda Clark, Heritage TV; Angie Vermillion, Medicaid Coordinator; William Jones, Parent; Cheyenne Jones, Student; Gary McMurray, Citizen; Connie Hoff, Citizen; and Dennis McFarlane, Comfort Systems USA.

CALL TO ORDER/PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2015-2016 SCHOOL BUDGET: Chairman Quillen called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. for the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2015-2016 School Budget. He asked Superintendent Ferguson to present information on the proposed budget. Superintendent Ferguson explained that the General Assembly is still meeting and have an adoptive budget that is subject to change, but nothing is definite.

Chairman Quillen opened the floor for public comments on the proposed budget. No one from the public came forward.

There being no further comments concerning the Proposed 2015-2015 School Budget, Chairman Quillen 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/PEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Quillen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The audience observed a moment of silence and Mr. Sallee led in citing the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF REGULAR ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BOARD: On a motion by Mr. McConnell, seconded by Mr. Kegley, all members voting aye, the Board approved the Tuesday, January 6, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes, as submitted.

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING JANUARY 15, 2015: On a motion by Mr. Kegley, seconded by Mr. McConnell, all members voting aye the Board approved the minutes of the Special Meeting held January 15, 2015.

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 \$659,265.78 as shown by warrants #8112879-8113167 & electronic payroll direct deposit in the amount of \$1,093,766.83 & electronic payroll

tax deposits in the amount of \$509,540.05. Cafeteria Fund invoices & payroll in the amount of \$103,209.00 as shown by warrants #1016473-1016518 & electronic payroll direct deposit in the amount of \$25,563.74 & electronic payroll tax deposit in the amount of \$12,772.47. Head Start invoices & payroll totaling \$33,242.83 as shown by warrants #13190-13219 (13189 voided).

DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF CHANGE OF MEETING PLACE FOR MONTHLY SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS: On a motion by Mr. Jessee, seconded by Mr. Kegley, all members voting aye, the board approved changing the meeting place for the monthly school board meetings to the Central Office except when a large population from the public is anticipated.

RECOGNITION OF SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH: Superintendent Ferguson presented the Certificate of Recognition for School Board Appreciation Month from Governor McAuliffe and presented each board member with a Certificate of Appreciation.

***WHEREAS,** the education of Virginia's children is the foundation upon which the economic, social and intellectual strength of our Commonwealth is built; and*

***WHEREAS,** locally elected and appointed school boards play an important role in a representative democracy, and decisions made by local school boards directly influence instruction in Virginia's public schools; and*

***WHEREAS,** the leadership of our local school boards affects the development and future of our children, and ensures that students are prepared and competitive in a global economy; and*

***WHEREAS,** local school board members work with parents, businesses, education professionals and other community members to create the educational vision we want for our students; and*

***WHEREAS,** the Commonwealth of Virginia is proud of its educational system and is appreciative of the efforts of local school board members to make the Virginia public school system a success; and*

***WHEREAS,** this year's theme of "Student Focused Leadership" reflects the top priority of local school board members as they advocate for public education with local, state, and federal leaders; and*

***WHEREAS,** the month of February is an opportunity to recognize Virginia's school boards for supporting a public school system from which the entire Commonwealth benefits;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize February 2015 as SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH in our COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, and I call this observance to the attention of all citizens.

Terence R. McAuliffe
Governor

Levar Stoney
Secretary of the Commonwealth

RECOGNITION/RESOLUTION OF SCHOOL BOARD CLERKS APPRECIATION WEEK: Chairman Quillen reported that February 16-20 is School Board Clerk Appreciation Week and presented School VSBA Board Clerk Certificates of Recognition and a Resolution in honor of the dedicated work for public education through continued service to students to Mrs. K.C. Linkous, Clerk of the Board and Mrs. Beverly Stidham, Deputy Clerk of the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Lisa Taylor, Citizen presented comments on cameras in the classroom and random drug testing for teachers.

William Jones, a parent from Weber City Elementary, addressed the board with a concern of what he understood to be, a teacher being moved from the school over an incident involving a student. Mr. Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel, stated that the central office was not aware of any incident and explained to Mr. Jones that he should report this to the school principal and then the central office would be glad to investigate the situation.

APPROVAL OF HEALTH INSURANCE COMMITTEE : Superintendent Ferguson presented a list of the Health Insurance Committee and asked for a board member to serve for one year. Mr.

McConnell who served previously volunteered to serve again. On a motion by Mr. Sallee, seconded by Mr. Jessee, all voting aye, the Board approved the Health Insurance Committee for a the 2015 calendar year.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

REVISED 01/27/2015

Gail McConnell, Board Member to serve 1 year- Non Voting Member
 William "Bill" Quillen, Board Member to serve 4years Non-Voting Member
 John Ferguson- Non Voting Member
 KC Linkous- Non Voting Member
 Angie Vermillion- Non Voting Member
 Aaron Hillman, Classified (2014-2016)
 Kathy Wilcox, Head Start (2014-2016)
 Darryl McConnell, Non-classified (2014-2016)
 Jennifer Meade, Administrator (2014-2016)
 Jenny Peters, Retiree (2014-2016)
 Pat Whitley, Scott Co Rep. VEA
 Tabitha Bales, VPE Rep.

New Members

Tammy Quillen, Administrator (2015-2017)
 Rebecca Baker, Classified (2015-2017)
 Martha Vermillion, Retiree (2015-2017)
 Tim Edwards, Non-Classified (2015-2017)

APPROVAL OF HEAD START QUARTERLY REPORT – FALL 2014: On a motion by Mr. Kegley, seconded by Mr. Spivey, all members voting aye, the Board approved the Head Start Quarterly Report for Fall 2014. (Appendix D)

BUILDING SERVICES/PERFORMANCE CONTRACT UPDATE: Mr. Robert Sallee, Supervisor of Building Services, presented an update on the current maintenance projects for the month of January. He explained that the maintenance department has completed the semi-annual asbestos inspection in all schools and have updated the files and posted Management Plans at all schools. Mr. Robert Sallee also stated that the maintenance crew will be working shift schedules which will start at the end of the February for 10 weeks in the spring and 10 weeks in the fall. This crew will be used for preventative maintenance only.

Mr. Dennis McFarlane presented a performance contract update and stated all schools except one are punched now and all work has been corrected on the few problems that have been encountered. He explained that the maintenance crew is on their sixth training class for controls and the mechanical training will begin next month. Mr. McFarlane also explained that implementation on the Pre-Start Program will be within a month and once the last school is punched, we should begin the audit in savings. Some board members asked if any savings have been seen thus far and Mr. McFarlane stated that up to this point the school system has used less coal and that the true savings will show when the audit is performed.

CLOSED MEETING: Mr. Sallee made a motion to enter into closed meeting at 7:04 p.m. to discuss teachers and coaches as provided in Section 2.2-3711 A (1) 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 8:11 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

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APPROVAL OF SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS: 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 following as substitute teachers: Ava Hurt, Zeke Newton, Luke Ervin, Hagan McClellan II, Greg Eastlerling, Eric Winingier, Greg Lawson, Judy McConnell and Candace Meade.

VOLUNTEER COACHES: 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 recommendation of Ms. Lauren McInturff as a volunteer soccer coach for Gate City High School, effective February 3, 2015.

On the recommendation of Mr. Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel and on a motion by Mr. Sallee, seconded by Mr. McConnell, all members voting aye, the Board approved the recommendation of Mr. Darrin Pendleton as a volunteer baseball coach for Gate City Middle School, effective February 3, 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 recommendation of Mr. Jason Taylor as a volunteer baseball coach for Gate City Middle School, effective February 3, 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 recommendation of Mr. Travis Barnette as a volunteer baseball coach for Gate City Middle School, effective February 3, 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 recommendation of Mr. Jeff Rucevice as a volunteer baseball coach for Gate City Middle School, effective February 3, 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 recommendation of Mr. Mark Williams as a volunteer baseball coach for Gate City High School, effective February 3, 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 recommendation of Mr. Gary Collier as a volunteer baseball coach for Gate City High School, effective February 3, 2015.

On the recommendation of Mr. Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel and on a motion by Mr. McConnell, seconded by Mr. Sallee, all members voting aye the Board approved the recommendation of Mr. Daniel Giles as a volunteer baseball coach for Gate City High School, effective February 3 2015.

EMPLOYMENT OF COACHES: On the recommendation of Mr. Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel and on a motion by Mr. McConnell, seconded by Mr. Jessee, all members voting aye, the Board approved the employment of Mr. Adam Toney, as Head Football Coach for Rye Cove High School, effective February 3, 2015.

On the recommendation of Mr. Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel and on a motion by Mr. Jessee, seconded by Mr. McConnell, all members voting aye, the Board approved the employment of Mr. Robin Hood as Assistant Football Coach for Rye Cove High School, effective February 3, 2015.

On the recommendation of Mr. Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel and on a motion by Mr. Jessee, seconded by Mr. Sallee, all members voting aye, the Board approved the employment of Ms. Stephanie Hood as JV Softball Coach for Gate City Middle School, effective February 3, 2015 and receiving one half of the coaching supplement for a JV Coach.

On the recommendation of Mr. Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel and on a motion by Mr. Sallee, seconded by Mr. McConnell, all members voting aye, the Board approved the employment of Mr. Bill Oakes as JV Softball Coach for Gate City High School, effective February 3, 2015 and receiving one half of the supplement for a JV Coach.

RETIREMENT: On the recommendation of Mr. Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel and on a motion by Mr. Kegley, seconded by Mr. McConnell, all members voting aye, the Board accepted the retirement request of Ms. Jane Templeton, Teaching Assistant, effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Mr. Kegley thanked all the board members and expressed his appreciation for their hard work. Mr. Spivey and Mr. McConnell expressed their appreciation as well.

Mr. Sallee thanked Ms. K.C. Linkous and Ms. Beverly Stidham for their hard work and answering any questions that the board may have.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Mr. Kegley, seconded by Mr. Sallee, all members voting aye, the Board adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

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

K.C. Linkous, Clerk