

**SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2015**

The Scott County School Board met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 6, 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; Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel & Student Services; 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; Patricia Whitley, Teacher/Virginia Education Association Representative; Ralph Quesinberry, Scott County Career & Technical Principal; Steve Taylor, Teacher/Asst. Principal Scott Career & Technical Center; Ramona Russell, Teaching Assistant; Nancy Godsey, Citizen; Lisa Taylor, Citizen; Marci Gore, Kingsport Times News; Amanda Clark, Heritage TV; William Houseright, Head Football Coach Gate City High School; Melissa Trinkle, Teacher/Cross Country Coach Gate City High School and members of the GCHS Cross Country Team; Amy Reed, Teacher/Head Volleyball Coach Gate City High School and members of the GCHS Volleyball team; Jacob Horton, Teacher/Cross Country Coach Rye Cove High School and Dennis McFarlane, Comfort Systems USA.

CALL TO ORDER/MOMENT OF SILENCE/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: William "Bill" Quillen serving as Pro Tem Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The audience observed a moment of silence and Mr. Spivey led in citing the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

PRO TEM CHAIR: This being the Organizational Meeting Pro Tem Chairman Quillen relinquished the Chair to Superintendent Ferguson to serve as Pro Tem Chairman and conduct the business of election of Chairman.

ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIRMAN: Superintendent Ferguson serving as Pro Tem Chairman, opened the floor for nominations for School Board Chairman. Mr. Jessee nominated Mr. Quillen. There being no further nominations and all members voting aye, Mr. William "Bill" R. Quillen, Jr. was elected by acclamation to serve as Chairman for the 2015 calendar year.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN: Chairman Quillen asked for nominations for Vice Chairman and Mr. Spivey nominated Mr. Sallee, seconded by Mr. Jessee. Mr. Jessee made a motion that nominations cease and that Mr. Sallee be elected by acclamation, seconded by Mr. Kegley, all members voting aye, Mr. L. Stephen "Steve" Sallee, Jr. was elected to serve as Vice Chairman for the 2015 calendar year.

APPOINTMENT OF CLERK OF THE BOARD: Mr. McConnell made a motion to nominate K.C. Linkous to serve as Clerk of the Board, seconded by Mr. Jessee all members voting aye. Mrs. K.C. Linkous was appointed to serve as Clerk of the Board for the 2015 calendar year

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD: Mr. Sallee made a motion to nominate Beverly Stidham to serve as Deputy Clerk of the Board, seconded by Mr. Kegley, all members voting aye. Mrs. Beverly Stidham was appointed to serve as Deputy Clerk for the 2015 calendar year.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: On a motion by Mr. Kegley, seconded by Mr. Sallee, all members voting aye, the Board approved the agenda of the January 6, 2015 regular board meeting.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: On a motion by Mr. Sallee, seconded by Mr. Kegley, all members voting aye, the Board approved the Tuesday, December 2, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes, as submitted.

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

School Operating Fund invoices & payroll in the amount of \$907,440.90 as shown by warrants #8112407 & #8112577-8112878 (8112513 voided) & electronic payroll direct deposit in the amount of \$1,034,945.32 & electronic payroll tax deposits in the amount of \$483,933.36. Cafeteria Fund invoices & payroll in the amount of \$156,810.17 as shown by warrants #1016415 -1016472 & electronic payroll direct deposit in the amount of \$25,711.42 & electronic payroll tax deposit in the amount of \$12,494.28. Head Start invoices & payroll totaling \$91,396.51 as shown by warrants #13101-13188 (Powell Valley National Bank).

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING DATES: On a motion by Mr. Sallee, seconded by Mr. Spivey, all members voting aye, the board approved the 2015 School Board meeting dates as follows:

February 3, 2015 (Tuesday): 6:15 – Public Hearing 2015-2016 Proposed School Budget
6:30 – Regular Meeting

March 3, 2015

April Meeting: Thursday, March 26, 2015 (Spring Break April 6-10)

May 5, 2015

June 2, 2015

June 25, 2015 (Thursday) 2014-2015 Budget Close Out Meeting

July 7, 2015

August 4, 2015

September 1, 2015

October 6, 2015

November 5, 2015 (Thursday)

December 1, 2015

January 5, 2016

PRESENTATION OF SPORTS RESOLUTIONS: Superintendent Ferguson and Mr. Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel presented sports resolutions to the following schools:

Rye Cove High School Girls Cross Country Team, 2014 Cumberland Conference District Champion, 4th Place 1A West Region and 1A State Participant

Gate City High School Football Team, Mountain District Regular Season Champion, Clinch Mountain Conference 40 Champion and Group 2A West State Quarter-Finalist

Gate City High School Cross Country Team, 2A State Participant

Gate City High School Volleyball Team, Mountain District Regular Season Champion, Clinch Mountain Conference 40 Tournament Champion, Region 2A West Champion and VSHL Group 2A State Champion

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

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL ALLOCATIONS FOR SECOND HALF OF 2014-2015

SCHOOL: Superintendent Ferguson presented School Allocations for the second half of the 2014-2015 school year. On a motion by Mr. McConnell, seconded by Mr. Jessee, all members voting aye, the Board approved School Allocations for the second half of the 2014-2015 school year as follow:

2014-15 ALLOCATIONS								
1ST HALF OF SECOND SEMESTER-JANUARY 6, 2015								
SCHOOL	COPIERS	REM.INS	LIBRARY	BUS/TECH	FAM SCI	BAND	CUSTODIAL	TOTAL
DPS	1,457.50	0.00	0.00				3,000.00	4,457.50
DIS	1,082.50	0.00	0.00				750.00	1,832.50
FBPS	1,082.50	0.00	0.00				750.00	1,832.50
HES	730.00	0.00	0.00				1,500.00	2,230.00
NES	1,182.50	0.00	0.00				2,625.00	3,807.50
RCI	907.50	0.00	0.00				1,875.00	2,782.50
SES	2,487.50	0.00	0.00				5,250.00	7,737.50
WCES	1,457.50	0.00	0.00				3,000.00	4,457.50
YES	907.50	0.00	0.00				1,875.00	2,782.50
GCMS	2,373.25	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	5,625.00	7,998.25
GCHS	2,171.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	625.00	0.00	5,250.00	8,046.25
TSHS	1,295.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	375.00	0.00	3,000.00	4,670.25
RCHS	1,295.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	375.00	0.00	3,000.00	4,670.25
SCCTC	1,020.00	10,000.00					2,500.00	13,520.00
TOTAL	19,450.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,375.00	0.00	40,000.00	70,825.00
*Remainder of allocations to be given - March 2015 (2nd half of second semester)								

APPROVAL OF RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION #1214: On a motion by Mr. Kegley, seconded by Mr. McConnell, all members voting aye, the Board approved Religious Exemption #1214.

BUILDING SERVICES/PERFORMANCE CONTRACT UPDATE: Mr. Robert Sallee, Supervisor of Building Services, presented an update on the current maintenance projects for the month of December. Mr. Sallee noted that the maintenance department picked up boiler ash from Gate City High School, Rye Cove, Shoemaker, Duffield, Nickelsville, Weber City and Career & Tech Center and delivered to Rick Begley for disposal. Mr. Sallee explained that this task is required by the Department of Environmental Quality.

Chairman Quillen asked if the water leak at Gate City has been fixed. Mr. Robert Sallee stated that the maintenance department continues to monitor the water meter and has found some things that have contributed to the leak and will continue to monitor the meter.

Dennis McFarlane, Comfort Systems USA, gave an update on the Performance Contract work and stated that all mechanical work is now completed and all controls have been installed. Mr. McFarlane explained that they will go back now and look at the control aspects and hopes to get that completed by the end of January.

Chairman Quillen asked about the temperature controls at Nickelsville Elementary and if they were operating properly. Mr. Robert Sallee stated that the system was operating as it was designed and that there is nothing wrong with the equipment.

CLOSED MEETING: Mr. Sallee made a motion to enter into closed meeting at 6:55 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 7:42 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. Jessee, all members voting aye, the Board approved Brenda Helbert and James Moses as substitute teachers.

APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIPS: On the recommendation of Mr. Jason Smith, Supervisor of Personnel and on a motion by Mr. McConnell, seconded by Mr. Spivey, all members voting aye the Board approved the overnight field trip request of Twin Springs High School Band to Bristol, Virginia for All District Band Festival on February 6-7, 2015.

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 overnight field trip request of Scott County Career & Tech Center to Roanoke, Virginia for competition in Skills USA on April 17-19, 2015.

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 approved the overnight field trip request of Gate City HS, Twin Springs HS and Rye Cove HS FCCLA to attend the Leadership Development and Compete in STAR events on April 16-19, 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 overnight field trips request of Gate City HS/MS Band to Bristol, Virginia for All District Band Festival on February 6-7, 2015.

RESIGNATIONS: 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 accepted the resignation of Mr. Matt Bays, Assistant Football Coach, Rye Cove High School effective December 4, 2014.

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 accepted the resignation of Mr. Jamie Carter, Assistant Football Coach, Rye Cove High School effective December 31, 2014.

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 accepted the resignation of Mr. David M. Jones, teacher effective January 6, 2015.

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 Mr. Mark Byington as a volunteer softball coach for Rye Cove High School, effective January 6, 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 Ms. Lisa Byington as a volunteer softball coach at Rye Cove High School, effective January 6, 2015.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Mr. Kegley, seconded by Mr. Sallee, all members voting aye, the Board adjourned at 7:50 p.m.