

**SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED
2017-2018 SCHOOL BUDGET AND REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2017**

The Scott County School Board met for a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2017-2018 School Budget and regular meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2017, at the Scott County Career & Technical Center in Gate City, Virginia, with the following members present:

William "Bill" R. Quillen, Jr., Chairman
David M. Templeton, Vice-Chairman
Linda D. Gillenwater
Larry L. Horton
Gail L. McConnell
L. Stephen "Steve" Sallee, 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; Kathy Musick, Virginia Professional Educators Representative; Lisa Bevins, Teacher/Virginia Education Association Representative; Steve Taylor, Teacher/Assistant Principal, Scott County Career & Technical Center; Ramona Russell, Teaching Assistant; Amanda Clark, Heritage TV;

CALL TO ORDER/PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2017-2018 SCHOOL BUDGET: Chairman Quillen called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. for the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2017-2018 School Budget. He asked Superintendent Ferguson to present information on the proposed budget. Superintendent Ferguson explained that the Governor released his changes in December, 2016 and the House and Senate released their version this past Sunday, February 5, 2017. He explained that we really don't know which version will get passed. Mr. Ferguson stated that there are some variations and the House version is the 10-10-10. This is based on the ADM for a ten year period, 10% decrease in enrollment and 10,000 less students. He explained that Scott County Schools does not qualify for the 10% decrease in enrollment because we have only lost about 4.9%. Mr. Ferguson stated that the senate version looks back one year and goes by the composite index which for Scott County is .188. He said that we could get 85% per student which would equal out to \$187,000 additional money for this year and this is a one-time deal. Mr. Ferguson also explained that the Governor introduced a 1.5% raise effective December, 2017. He also explained that with VRS going up 11% for 2017-2018, the school system would have to come up with an additional \$300,000. Mr. Ferguson commented that Dr. Staples called him last week to inform him that Title II funds will have a 29% decrease. He explained that the school system pays three teacher's salaries with part of these funds and the other is spent on recertification classes and workshops. Mr. Ferguson stated to the principals that the payment for recertification classes and workshops would be cut instead of taking it away in salaries.

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

There being no further comments, the board adjourned the public hearing at 6:26 p.m.

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. Horton led in citing the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

ITEMS TO ADD TO AGENDA/APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman Quillen stated that the Board needed approval to table A & B under Item 12.

On a motion by Mr. McConnell, seconded by Mr. Horton, all members voting aye, the Board approved tabling A & B under Item 12.

On a motion by Mr. Horton, seconded by Ms. Gillenwater, all members voting aye, the Board approved the Agenda.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF REGULAR ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BOARD: On a motion by Mr. Templeton, seconded by Mr. McConnell, all members voting aye, the Board approved the Tuesday, January 3, 2017 Organizational/Regular Meeting Minutes, as submitted.

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

School Operating Fund invoices & payroll in the amount of \$840,399.39 as shown by warrants #8120333-8120641 (8120318 voided) & electronic payroll direct deposit in the amount of \$1,169,315.97 & electronic payroll tax deposits in the amount of \$539,576.09. Cafeteria Fund invoices & payroll in the amount of \$109,330.68 as shown by warrants #1017663-1017713 (1017578 voided) & electronic payroll direct deposit in the amount of \$30,741.59 & electronic payroll tax deposit in the amount of \$13,244.47. Head Start invoices & payroll totaling \$43,274.33 as shown by warrants #14417-14484 (14425 voided).

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.

VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH FEBRUARY 2017

***WHEREAS,** the education of Virginia's school-aged children is the foundation upon which the economic, social and intellectual capital of our state is built; and*

***WHEREAS,** local school boards devote themselves to providing a high-quality education for all students in the commonwealth; and*

***WHEREAS,** the leadership of our school boards affects the development and future of our children and ensures that students are prepared to compete in local, state, national, and global economies; and*

***WHEREAS,** locally elected and appointed school board members play an important role in representative democracy, as the decisions of local school boards directly influence instruction in Virginia's public schools; and*

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

***WHEREAS,** the Commonwealth of Virginia is proud of our educational system and appreciates the efforts of local school board members to make the Virginia public school system a great place in which to educate our youth; and*

***WHEREAS,** we can all take this opportunity to thank Virginia's school board members for their leadership and support of a public school system from which the entire Commonwealth benefits;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, I** Terence R. McAuliffe, **do hereby recognize February, 2017 as SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.*

RECOGNITION/RESOLUTION OF SCHOOL BOARD CLERKS APPRECIATION WEEK: Superintendent Ferguson reported that February 20-24, 2017 is School Board Clerk Appreciation Week and presented VSBA School 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 and Mrs. Beverly Stidham, Deputy Clerk of the Board.

RECOGNITION OF HUNTER DAVIS – WESTERN REGIONAL ESSAY WINNER: Superintendent Ferguson recognized Hunter Davis, a senior at Gate City High School, as the Western Regional Winner in Dominion and the Library of Virginia's student writing contest about leadership and outstanding African Americans. Mr. Ferguson explained that Hunter was honored on February 1, 2017 at Virginia's *Strong Men & Women in Virginia History* celebration in Richmond. Superintendent Ferguson

stated that along with the award for Hunter Davis, Gate City High School received \$1,000 and Mr. Davis received a MacBook Air.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Kathy Musick, Virginia Professional Educators addressed the Board and stated that VPE is with them in Richmond. She also stated that VPE is supporting bill 14-14 and the Coalfield Summit Initiative including rolling back the VRS rates. Ms. Musick said that VPE will help anyway they can and thanked the Board for all they do for the students and staff of Scott County Schools.

APPROVAL OF HEAD START REVISED IMPASSE PROCEDURES: Superintendent Ferguson explained that the last time the Impasse Procedures were approved was 2002. On a motion by Mr. Templeton, seconded by Mr. Horton, all members voting aye, the Board approved the Head Start Revised Impasse Procedures. (Appendix F)

APPROVAL OF HEAD START FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN FOR DECEMBER, 2016: On a motion by Mr. McConnell, seconded by Ms. Gillenwater, all members voting aye, the Board approved the Head Start Financial breakdown for December, 2016 as follows:

Expenses	\$136,219.03
Administrative Cost	\$ 16,054.76
NonFederal In-Kind	\$ 53,195.48

APPROVAL/DISCUSSION OF ALTERNATIVE ACCREDITATION PLANS: Superintendent Ferguson presented the Request for Approval of an Alternative Accreditation Plan – Graduation Cohort of Fifty or Fewer Students (Twin Springs High School). (Appendix G)

On a motion by Mr. Templeton, seconded by Mr. Sallee, all members voting aye, the Board approved the Alternative Accreditation Plan for Twin Springs High School.

SUPERINTENDENTS ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT: Superintendent Ferguson presented the Annual Superintendents Report to the Board. This report will be posted to Scott County Schools Website and also a copy will be kept in the School Board Office.

APPROVAL/DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL ENGLISH CLASSES FOR 2017-2018 CURRICULUM: Superintendent Ferguson presented a request to add the following Secondary English classes to Scott County Schools Curriculum:

- I. Honors English 10
- II. Honors English 11

On a motion by Mr. Horton, seconded by Mr. Templeton, all members voting aye, the Board approved the addition of the two Honors English Classes to Scott County Schools Curriculum.

CLOSED MEETING: Mr. Templeton made a motion to enter into closed meeting at 6:52 p.m. to discuss teachers, coaches and school resource officers as provided in Section 2.2-3711 A (1) of the Code of Virginia, as amended, motion was seconded by Mr. Sallee, all members voting aye.

RETURN FROM CLOSED MEETING: All members returned from closed meeting at 8:14 p.m. and on a motion by Mr. Templeton, seconded by Mr. McConnell, 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: Linda Gillenwater, Larry Horton, Gail McConnell, Bill Quillen, Steve Sallee, David Templeton

Nays: None

ABSENT DURING VOTE: None

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APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIPS: On the recommendation of Superintendent Ferguson and on a motion by Mr. Sallee, seconded by Mr. Horton, all members voting aye, the Board approved the overnight field trip request of Scott County Career & Technical Center Skills USA, to Fredricksburg, Virginia on April 28 & 29, 2017 (4 students, 2 Sponsors).

On the recommendation of Superintendent Ferguson and on a motion by Mr. Templeton, seconded by Ms. Gillenwater, all members voting aye, the Board approved the overnight field trip request of Gate City High School/Middle School/Rye Cove High/Twin Springs High/SCCTC, FCCLA grades 8-12 to Virginia Beach, April 6-9, 2017 for the FCCLA Leadership Conference (35 students, 30+ Sponsors and 5 Chaperones).

On the recommendation of Superintendent Ferguson and on a motion by Mr. Horton, seconded by Mr. Sallee, all members voting aye, the Board approved the overnight field trip request of Gate City High School, Interact Club to Hot Springs, Virginia, March 17-18, 2017 (4 students, 1 Sponsor).

On the recommendation of Superintendent Ferguson and on a motion by Mr. Templeton, seconded by Mr. Horton, all members voting aye, the Board approved the overnight field trip request of Gate City High School, Wind Ensemble to Cincinnati, Ohio, June 15-18, 2017 (66 students, 1 Sponsor and 22 Chaperones).

APPROVAL OF SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS: On the recommendation of Mr. Jason Smith, Assistant Superintendent, presented by Superintendent Ferguson and on a motion by Mr. Sallee, seconded by Mr. Horton, all members voting aye, the Board approved the following as substitute teachers: Courtney McPherson, Julia Dockery, Ashley Culbertson and Retha Darnell.

EMPLOYMENT: On the recommendation of Mr. Jason Smith, Assistant Superintendent, presented by Superintendent Ferguson and on a motion by Mr. McConnell, seconded by Ms. Gillenwater, all members voting aye, the Board approved the employment of Mr. Christian Moore, JV Baseball Coach TSHS, effective February 7, 2017.

On the recommendation of Mr. Jason Smith, Assistant Superintendent. Presented by Superintendent Ferguson and on a motion by Ms. Gillenwater, seconded by Mr. Horton, all members voting aye, the Board approved the recommendation of Mr. Jeff Lester, boys track coach, TSHS, effective February 7, 2017.

On the recommendation of Mr. Jason Smith, Assistant Superintendent, presented by Superintendent Ferguson and on a motion by Mr. McConnell, seconded by Mr. Sallee, all members voting aye, the Board approved the recommendation of Mr. Johnny Gose, non-stipend track coach, TSHS effective February 7, 2017.

On the recommendation of Mr. Jason Smith, Assistant Superintendent, presented by Superintendent Ferguson and on a motion by Mr. Horton, seconded by Mr. Sallee, all members voting aye, the Board approved the recommendation of Ms. Alanna Dingus, non-stipend track coach, TSHS, effective February 7, 2017.

On the recommendation of Mr. Jason Smith, Assistant Superintendent, presented by Superintendent Ferguson and on a motion by Ms. Gillenwater, seconded by Mr. McConnell, all members voting aye, the Board approved the recommendation of Mr. Matthew Elliott, non-stipend JV baseball coach, TSHS, effective February 7, 2017.

On the recommendation of Mr. Jason Smith, Assistant Superintendent, presented by Superintendent Ferguson and on a motion by Mr. Templeton, seconded by Mr. Horton, all members voting aye, the Board approved the employment of Mr. Darren Pendleton, non-stipend baseball coach, GCHS, effective February 7, 2017.

On the recommendation of Mr. Jason Smith, Assistant Superintendent, presented by Superintendent Ferguson and on a motion by Mr. Templeton, seconded by Ms. Gillenwater, all members voting aye, the Board approved the employment of Mr. Zeke Newton, non-stipend baseball coach GCHS, effective February 7, 2017.

On the recommendation of Mr. Jason Smith, Assistant Superintendent, presented by Superintendent Ferguson and on a motion by Mr. Saltee, seconded by Mr. Horton, all members voting aye, the Board approved the employment of Mr. Matt Carter, non-stipend soccer coach, GCHS, effective February 7, 2017.

On the recommendation of Mr. Jason Smith, Assistant Superintendent, presented by Superintendent Ferguson and on a motion by Mr. Horton, seconded by Ms. Gillenwater, all members voting aye, the Board approved the employment of Ms. Amy Bledsoe, non-stipend soccer coach, GCHS, effective February 7, 2017.

On the recommendation of Mr. Jason Smith, Assistant Superintendent, presented by Superintendent Ferguson and on a motion by Mr. Saltee, seconded by Mr. Templeton, all members voting aye, the Board approved the employment of Mr. Logan Vermillion, substitute bus driver, effective February 7, 2017.

On the recommendation of Mr. Jason Smith, Assistant Superintendent, presented by Superintendent Ferguson and on a motion by Mr. Horton, seconded by Mr. McConnell, all members voting aye, the Board approved the employment of Mr. Thomas Bowen, non-stipend baseball coach, RCHS, effective February 7, 2017.

On the recommendation of Mr. Jason Smith, Assistant Superintendent, presented by Superintendent Ferguson and on a motion by Mr. Horton, seconded by Mr. Saltee, all members voting aye, the Board approved the employment of Mr. Tony Rhoton, non-stipend baseball coach, RCHS, effective February 7, 2017.

On the recommendation of Mr. Jason Smith, Assistant Superintendent, presented by Superintendent Ferguson and on a motion by Mr. Horton, seconded by Mr. McConnell, all members voting aye, the Board approved the employment of Mr. Robert Baker, non-stipend baseball coach RCHS, effective February 7, 2017.

On the recommendation of Mr. Jason Smith, Assistant Superintendent, presented by Superintendent Ferguson and on a motion by Mr. Templeton, seconded by Mr. Horton, all members voting aye, the Board approved Mr. Jason Taylor, non-stipend baseball coach GCHS, effective February 7, 2017.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: David Templeton, Larry Horton, Gail McConnell, Bill Quillen and Steve Saltee, thanked Mr. Ferguson and staff and the schools for the meals and gifts in appreciation for School Board Appreciation Month.

Linda Gillenwater also thanked Mr. Ferguson, staff and schools for the meals and gift and also congratulated Hunter Davis on his award as Western Region Essay Winner.

Superintendent Ferguson invited the Board to the Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner on March 3, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Scott County Career & Technical Center.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 8:28 p.m.