

Dickenson County School Board Regular Meeting - Summary Minutes

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- I. ROLL CALL AND MEETING CALLED TO ORDER - 5:04 P.M.** The meeting was called to order by Chair, Jason Hicks followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Members in Attendance: Jason Hicks, Chair; Damon Rasnick, Vice-Chair, Dr. Lurton Lyle; Jamie Hackney; Rick Mullins; Tonya Baker, Clerk; Haydee Robinson, Superintendent; Scott Mullins, Board Attorney

Approval of Agenda:

Following a motion by Rick Mullins and a second by, Damon Rasnick, the Agenda was approved with the amendment of changing Item: L. from Approval of the 457(b) Retirement Option for Employees to, Update of the 457 (b) Retirement Option for Employees.

Vote results

Aye:	5	Jason Hicks, Damon Rasnick, Jamie Hackney, Dr. Lurton Lyle, Rick Mullins
No:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Not Cast:	0	

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Jamie Hackney read the Public Comment Guidelines.

Kathy Musick, VPE: Handed out a brochure about VPE. Ms. Musick spoke on the Grants and Scholarships that VPE offers. The spring submission date is June.

Phyllis Mullins, DEA: Spoke about Teacher appreciation week. Stated that all Charter School bills have been killed in the General Assembly. Spoke about the budget.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Following a motion by Damon Rasnick and a second by Dr. Lurton Lyle the Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

Vote results

Aye:	5	Jason Hicks, Damon Rasnick, Jamie Hackney, Dr. Lurton Lyle, Rick Mullins
No:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Not Cast:	0	

a. Approval of Minutes

- ❖ March 7, 2022, Budget Workshop Meeting
- ❖ March 16, 2022, Budget Public Hearing
- ❖ March 23, 2022, Regular Meeting

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b. Approval of Monthly Bills - School Operation Fund

Monthly Bills: Check # 882994 - 883107- \$809,961.52

Monthly Payroll: Check # 390166 - 390195- \$1,887,336.91

c. School Activity Fund

❖ Informational Item

d. Approval of Field Trips

❖ Clintwood Elementary

- 04/21/2022 Clintwood, Va. 4th-5th
- 05/02/2022 Clintwood, Va. 2nd
- 05/10/2022 Clintwood, Va. Pre-K - 3rd
- 05/17/2022 Pikeville, Ky. 5th

❖ Ervinton Elementary

- 04/12/2022 Clintwood, Va. 4th-5th

❖ Sandlick Elementary

- 05/06/2022 Council, Va. Pre-K
- 05/10/2022 Council, Va. KG
- 05/11/2022 Council, Va. 2nd
- 05/13/2022 Breaks, Va. 1st

❖ Ridgeview High School

- 04/01/2022 Dickenson County, Va. 8th- 12th
- 04/14/2022 Clintwood, Va. 9th - PG
- 04/26/2022 Abingdon, Va. 11th - 12th
- 04/28/2022 Wise, Va. 11th-12th
- 04/29/2022 Cedar Bluff, Va. 9th-12th
- 04/30/2022 Emory, Va. 8th-12th
- 06/30/22-07/04/2022 Nashville, TN 9th-12th
- 07/24-29/2022 Elizabethton, TN 7th = 12th

e. Approval of Bank Reconciliation Documents

f. New Elementary Construction Invoices

IV. INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD

Mrs. Robinson informed the Board Members about VSBA Virtual Conferences and Seminars.

VSBA Conferences

VSBA Paid Webinar Series May 3, 2022

Paid Webinar Series, May 11, 2022

School Law Conference, June 3, 2022

VSBA Conference on Education, July 19, 2022

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V. SUPERINTENDENT ROBINSON

g. Good News from our Schools

❖ Beta Club State Winners:

Joy Bryant Hall, RHS's Spanish Teacher, and Beta Club Facilitator I presented to the School Board the list of Beta Club State Winners to be recognized by the School Board:

- VA President-Elect: Keirstyn Brooks
- Scholarship: Lee McCowan
- Agriscience: Hayden Hickman (3rd Place)
- RHS Club Trading Pin: (2nd Place)
- Color Photography: Madison Mullins, (1st Place)
- Fiber Arts: Rachel Mullins, (1st Place)
- Living Literature: Landon Hickman, Hayden Hickman, Diamond Delaney, Harmony O'Quinn, Lee McCowan, Cadence Lee (1st Place)
- On-Site Painting: Cadence Lee (2nd Place)
- Portfolio: David Farmer (3rd Place)
- Social Studies: Landon (Gus) Couch, (1st Place)
- Spanish: Jocelyn Brown (3rd Place)
- Woodworking: Clayton Hickman (1st Place)
- Campaign Skit: Daquann Proffitt, Diamond Delaney, Lee McCowan, Hayden Hickman, Harmony O'Quinn, Jocelyn Brown, Cadences Lee, Lacey Dingus, (2nd Place)

Mrs. Martin presented the Student Enrollment and Attendance Report

March 2022: Student Enrollment and Attendance Report

As of March 31, 2022, the student enrollment was 1859. The student enrollment percentage for each school is as follows;

Clintwood Elementary School:	379:	92.81%
Ervinton Elementary School:	115:	90.45%
Sandlick Elementary School:	357:	90.86%
Ridgeview Middle School:	422:	89.72%
Ridgeview High School:	586:	88.49%

An Attendance Summary Sheet with attendance percentage for each school;

Attendance Summary of March 2022
Enrollment Tally by March 31, 2022
Attendance Percentage Comparison from 2017 – 2018 to present;
PK enrollment per school;
Summary of students who withdrew in March 2022

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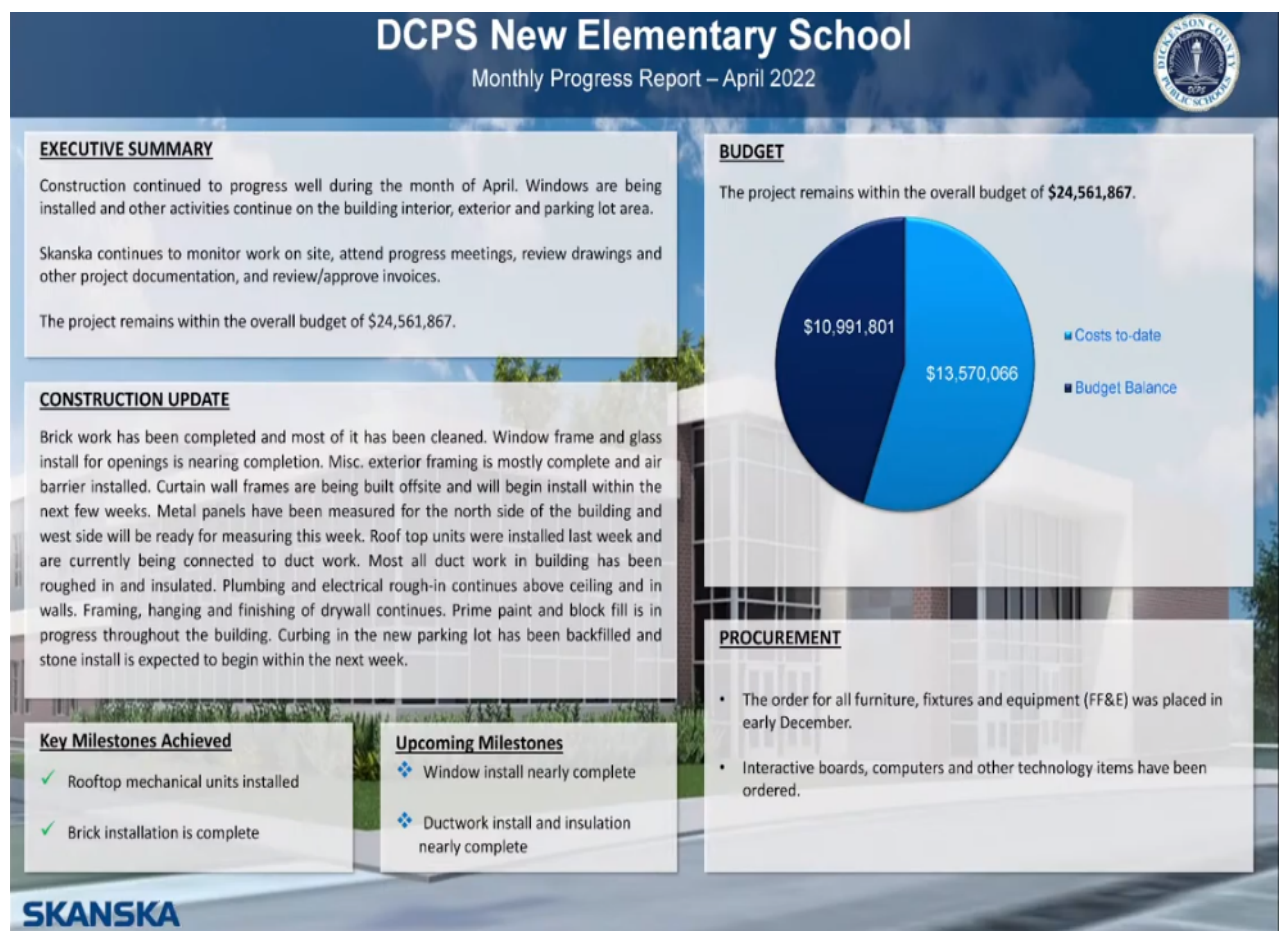
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Enrollment in DCPS Pre- K program, per school in March, 2022

Clintwood Elementary School:	33
Ervinton Elementary School:	21
Sandlick Elementary School:	27
Total:	81

h. Update on New Elementary School Construction Project

Tim Burge, Construction Superintendent with Skanska, presented a report on the construction of the new elementary school and updated the School Board.



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i. Discussion of Potential Changes Due To the Delay of the Opening of the New Elementary School

With the delay of the New Elementary School in August 2022, the focus has shifted. Several discussions with administrators and staff have taken place on a variety of issues such as

A. The naming of the New Elementary School:

Name Recommendation: Ridgeview Elementary School

B. Determining Mascot and Colors:

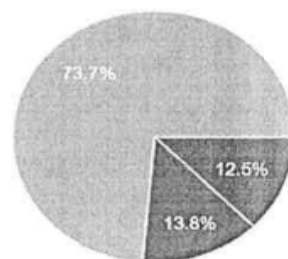
Mascot Recommendation: Wolfpack

Color Recommendation: "Ridgeview" blue, (electric blue) , Gray, black

C. Potential Revision of the 2022 – 2023 School Calendar:

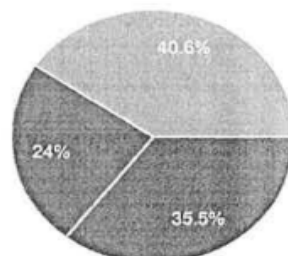
Summary of the Survey Results

Calendar Options
304 responses - Parents



- 38 or 12.5% ● Begin School on Monday, August 15, 2022, and add two (2) additional days to Thanksgiving Holiday Week. SOL Tests at Ridgeview High School will be sche...
- 42 or 13.8% ● Begin School on Monday, Aug. 8, 2022 and add two (2) additional days to the Thanksgiving Holiday Week. The 1st semester will end at Christmas. This c...
- 224 or 73.7% ● Leave the start of school on Monday, August 22, 2022 with no further revisions to the 2022 - 2023 school ca...

Calendar Options
217 responses - Staff



- 77 or 35.3% ● Begin School on Monday, August 15, 2022, and add two (2) additional days to Thanksgiving Holiday Week. SOL Tests at Ridgeview High School will be sche...
- 52 or 23.9% ● Begin School on Monday, Aug. 8, 2022 and add two (2) additional days to the Thanksgiving Holiday Week. The 1st semester will end at Christmas. This c...
- 89 or 40.8% ● Leave the start of school on Monday, August 22, 2022 with no further revisions to the 2022 - 2023 school ca...

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j. Presentation: The Opening of the New Elementary School with the transition of EES

Mrs. Robinson: Last week we had a public hearing on the transition of Ervinton Elementary to the new Elementary School and to my recollection we had no persons to speak at the public hearing regarding that issue. I ask the Board to consider two things. 1. Naming the school and along with that, the mascot, and adopting the school colors. 2. Discussion of transitioning Ervinton Elementary when the new Elementary School opens.

Following a motion by Jamie Hackney and second of Damon Rasnick to officially name the new elementary school Ridgeview Elementary School and that we let the public know that although we have suffered what appears to be a one-year time delay because of the supply chain problems associated with the electronic components required, the School Board intends to transition Sanklick Elementary School and Ervinton Elementary School into Ridgeview Elementary School in August 2023 and that we continue to explore options to bring the Clintwood Elementary students to Ridgeview Elementary at the earliest possible point in time. Mr. Hackney made an addendum to the motion to include the adoption of the school's colors as recommended.

Vote results

Aye:	5	Jason Hicks, Damon Rasnick, Jamie Hackney, Dr. Lurton Lyle, Rick Mullins
No:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Not Cast:	0	

k. Update on the 2022-2023 DCPS Budget

Laura Taylor, Director of Business and Finance, presented an update on the State Budget. There is no update on the budget the Virginia General Assembly has still not adopted a state budget for the 22-24 biennium.

l. Update on the 457(b) Retirement Option for Employees

Laura Taylor, Director of Business and Finance, presented the benefits of offering Dickenson County Public Schools an optional 457(b) plan.

DCPS currently offers employees 3 different 403(b) Retirement Plan options, but not a 457(b) Retirement Option.

Details about the 457B over the 403B:

1. No 10% early 59 ½ age penalty at retirement. Once separated from employment funds are available without that penalty regardless of age at retirement.
2. Higher Maximum tax deferrals with the Special Catchup Provision, this year up to 41k deferred from income taxes

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3. Indexed Protection Product guaranteeing no loss of principal and interest on 457b Funds.
4. Low-cost Investment managed account services.

DCPS will be adding this 457(b) Plan through Nationwide to employees beginning in the 22-23 Fiscal Year, based on the advantages a 457(b) can offer versus the 403(b)

m. Approval of the 2022-2023 Special Education Plan and Budget

Denechia Edwards, Director of Special Education and Career Technical Program presented the 2022 – 2023 Special Education Plan and budget to the School Board.

Summary of the Plan:

The Part B, Section 611, Flow-Through Special Education grant budget and application for 2022-23 was prepared based upon last year's allocation of \$540,648. Part B, Section 619, Preschool Special Education budget and application for 2022-23 was also prepared based upon last year's allocation of \$30,954. Final notification of the 2022-23 allocations will occur in July.

Following a motion by Damon Rasnick and a second by Rick Mullins, the 2022-2023 DCPS Special Education Plan and Budget was approved as presented.

Vote results

Aye:	5	Jason Hicks, Damon Rasnick, Jamie Hackney, Dr. Lurton Lyle, Rick Mullins
No:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Not Cast:	0	

n.Approval of the 2022 - 2023 Career and Technical/Carl Perkins Plan and Budget

Denechia Edwards, Director of Special Education and Career Technical Program presented the Career and Technical Plan/Carl Perkins Plan and budget to the School Board.

Summary of the Plan:

The estimated 2022-23 Career and Technical Education (CTE) Perkins Plan and Budget is \$56,700 which was based on last year's allocation.

Professional development	\$2,500
Academic support for students in special populations	\$1,500
Student certifications	\$4,000
CTSO Travel for students in spec. populations/advisor	\$2,000
Equipment	\$30,000
Virtual Learning Opportunities	\$14,000
Administration	\$2,700
Total	\$56,700

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Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment

Perkins V requires eligible school divisions to conduct a Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA) related to career and technical education (CTE) and to update the CLNA no less than once every two years. The completed CLNA document was provided to the School Board for review.

Following a motion by Damon Rasnick and a second by Rick Mullins, the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Plan and Budget for 2022-23 was approved as presented.

Vote results

Aye:	5	Jason Hicks, Damon Rasnick, Jamie Hackney, Dr. Lurton Lyle, Rick Mullins
No:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Not Cast:	0	

O. Approval of the Proposed VSBA Policies:

Karen Martin, Compliance Director, I presented the proposed VSBA Policies for the Board's discussion and consideration. The proposed policy changes are:

[BDC: Closed Meetings](#)

[BDDA: Notification of Meetings](#)

[BDDF: Voting Method](#)

[BF: Board Policy Manual](#)

[BFC: Policy Adoption](#)

[BHB: School Board Member In-Service Activities](#)

[CBCA: Disclosure Statement Required of Superintendent](#)

[CF: School Building Administration](#)

[EBBB: Personnel Training - Viral Infections](#)

[EEA: Student Transportation Services](#)

[EEAC: School Bus Safety Program](#)

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Explanation of Revisions – February 2022 Policy Update

Policy Code	Revision
BDC	Closed Meetings Section A. 13 of policy updated to reflect language of Va. Code § 2.2-3711. Cross Reference updated to reflect new name of Policy BDDA.
BDDA	Notification of Meetings Title and text of policy updated.
BDDF	Voting Method Policy updated. Text of footnote corrected to eliminate typographical error.
BF	Board Policy Manual Policy updated.
BFC	Policy Adoption Policy updated.
BHB	School Board Member In-Service Activities Policy revised to reflect Legal References. Legal References and Cross References updated.
CBCA (Optional)	Disclosure Statement Required of Superintendent Policy updated.
CF	School Building Administration Policy, Legal References and Cross References updated.
EBBB	Personnel Training-Viral Infections Policy updated.
EEA	Student Transportation Services Policy and Cross References updated.
EEAC	School Bus Safety Program Legal References updated. Cross References updated.

Following a motion by Damon Rasnick and a second by Jamie Hackney, policies BDC, BDDA, BDDF, BF, BFC, BHB, CBCA, CF, EBBB, EEA & EEAC were approved as presented.

Vote results

Aye:	5	Jason Hicks, Damon Rasnick, Jamie Hackney, Dr. Lurton Lyle, Rick Mullins
No:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Not Cast:	0	

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P. Surplus Band Equipment

The Ridgeview Band Program requested the School Board's approval to sell the following band equipment as surplus:

The band equipment includes:

Ridgeview Band Surplus Equipment 2022-2023

***1 Lacquer Sousaphone—Estimated \$2000.00**

1 King Sousaphone—No model #, SN# 42 439729

***4 Lacquer Marching Baritones—Estimated \$500.00 each.**

1 Bach Marching Baritone—1106 Series, SN# 001011

1 Dynasty Marching Baritone—M570 Series, SN# L12526

1 Dynasty Marching Baritone—M570 Series, SN# M14680

1 King Marching Baritone—1124 Series, SN#114451

***2 Lacquer Mellophones—Estimated \$500.00 each.**

1 Blessing Mellophone—Artist Series, SN# 459440

1 Dynasty Mellophone—M540 Series, SN# L13897

Following a motion by Dr. Lurton Lyle and a second by Rick Mullins, the selling of surplus band equipment was approved as presented.

Vote results

Aye:	5	Jason Hicks, Damon Rasnick, Jamie Hackney, Dr. Lurton Lyle, Rick Mullins
No:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Not Cast:	0	

VI. BOARD COMMENT

Jamie Hackney: I'm glad to have the winners from Beta here tonight, they've done a great job. We have great leadership in our schools and we appreciate them being here tonight. I would definitely like to thank Mr. Burge for providing this update on what's going on, we've had some tough news or some setbacks but I believe as it's been mentioned numerous times, there is a silver lining. I believe this is all going to work out for the best. I know my cup is half full. I am looking forward to the progress and seeing where we go next. I would just like to reiterate that I think even with the

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little obstacle we ran into that it's going to in the end, turnout for the benefit of everybody in our school system. Thank you.

Damon Rasnick: Well I certainly agree the Beta club sure did well, obviously they have lined the path and it takes hard work it's a tough competition that they face. I just hope that everybody is ready for SOLs and our folks all come every day that they can and hopefully stay healthy. I hope our students are protected all the way to the end and taught well before the SOLs. It's a strain on those folks but they'll meet the challenge despite all the interruptions we've had. It's not just us that are in this bucket it's the whole country basically, I know our folks have worked hard to keep them up to par and I simply hope the results are a testament to all that good work that they have done.

Jason Hicks: I would like to mention the beta group as well. It's great to see them here. I'm very proud of their accomplishments but you know on top of that even more and I'm sure the parents would agree that all those trophies and spots that they won but the fact that with this organization they have to display some leadership and character. Those types of things are not tested on an SOL but are probably the most valuable things that our teachers supply to our students. I'd like to mention this one, I spent today as well SOL testing, so I know what our students and teachers are going through at the moment. I know it's a very rough time but students seem to persevere, our students and teachers as well. We just want them to know that we appreciate them right now. This is tough you know it's a tough job. It's exciting to see what is going on with our elementary school. Now we finally have a name, it's a great deal and we will be able to private provide something great for the children of Dickenson County.

Dr. Lurton Lyle: I also would like to congratulate the beta winners they certainly put in a lot of work. I would also like to congratulate the others that were in it but didn't come out winners. I am disappointed at the need to delay work on the new elementary edition but understand. We will enjoy it when it gets here I am sure.

Rick Mullins: I too would like to echo everybody's successes with the Beta Club and their successes. Joy has done a great job with that program. I also believe that the situation with the switchgear, I too believe that there's going to be a silver lining with that. We will have more time and sometimes things happen for reasons.

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- VII. Closed Session, Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A of the Code of Virginia**, there will be a closed meeting for the purpose of 1.) Employment issues relating to discussion or consideration of specific individuals for employment as Part-time Aides, Retirement, and Resignation, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1)
2.) To consult with legal counsel regarding the investment of public funds associated with school construction and consultation regarding actual or probable litigation, along with consultation regarding specific matters requiring legal advice pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A) (6) (7) and (8) of the Code of Virginia.

Following a motion by Dr. Lurton Lyle and a second by Jamie Hackney, the Board convened in Closed Session.

Vote results

Aye:	5	Jason Hicks, Damon Rasnick, Jamie Hackney, Dr. Lurton Lyle, Rick Mullins
No:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Not Cast:	0	

Following a motion by Dr. Lurton Lyle and a second by Jamie Hackney; the board returned to open session.

Vote results

Aye:	5	Jason Hicks, Damon Rasnick, Jamie Hackney, Dr. Lurton Lyle, Rick Mullins
No:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Not Cast:	0	

Board Certification

Mrs. Robinson read the following certification for Closed Session:

WHEREAS, the Dickenson 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 Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and WHEREAS, section 2.2-3712 (D) of the Code of Virginia

requires a certification by this School Board that such a closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dickenson County School Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only the public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed and (ii) only such public

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business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered.

Certification results

Certify:	5	Jason Hicks, Damon Rasnick, Jamie Hackney, Dr. Lurton Lyle, Rick Mullins
No:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Not Cast:	0	

Board Action:

Following a motion by Damon Rasnick and a second by Jamie Hackney the employment recommendations were approved as presented in the executive session.

Vote results

Aye:	5	Jason Hicks, Damon Rasnick, Jamie Hackney, Dr. Lurton Lyle, Rick Mullins
No:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Not Cast:	0	

PERSONNEL/LEGAL

Substitutes

- Cory Belcher
- Deborah Green

Resignation

- Donnie Edwards - Part-time Custodian, Ridgeview Middle School
- Cheryl Sutherland - Part-time Custodian, Ervinton Elementary
- Elizabeth Young - Part-time Aide, Ervinton Elementary
- Yvonne May - Head Custodian, Clintwood Elementary

Retirement

- Hazel Sue Woods
- Willie Brooks

Employment Recommendations

- Hayli Wright

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VIII. Adjournment: 8:02 p.m.

Following a motion by Rick Mullins and a second, by Dr. Lurton Lyle; the meeting was adjourned. All votes aye.

Approved 05/25/2022

Jason Hicks

Jason Hicks, Chair

Tonya Baker

Tonya Baker, Clerk