

Dickenson County School Board Regular Meeting - Summary Minutes

March 22, 2023

- I. ROLL CALL AND MEETING CALLED TO ORDER - 5:09 P.M.** The meeting was called to order by Chair Damon Rasnick, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

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

Approval of Agenda:

Following a motion by Rick Mullins and a second by Dr. Lurton Lyle, the Agenda was approved as presented.

Vote results

Aye:	4	Dr. Lurton Lyle, Rick Mullins, Damon Rasnick, Jason Hicks
No:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Not Cast:	0	

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Jason Hicks read the Public Comment Guidelines.

Shawn Tiller DEA - Mr. Tiller spoke about attending the VEA Convention in Roanoke. The DEA held its monthly meeting and is anticipating the budget that is coming.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Following a motion by Jason Hicks and a second by Dr. Lurton Lyle, the Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

Vote results

Aye:	4	Damon Rasnick, Rick Mullins, Dr. Lurton Lyle, Jason Hicks
No:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Not Cast:	0	

a. Approval of Minutes

- ❖ February 9, 2023, Special Called Meeting
- ❖ February 22, 2023, Regular Meeting

b. Approval of Monthly Bills - School Operation Fund

Monthly Bills: Check # 884141-884250- \$750,094.78

Monthly Payroll: Check # 390546-390577- \$2,088,210.20

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c. School Activity Fund

- ❖ Informational Item

d. Approval of Field Trips

- ❖ Clintwood Elementary School
 - 04/04/2023 Abingdon, Va. 1st
- ❖ Ervinton Elementary
 - 03/09/2023 Clintwood, Va. Pre-k-5th
 - 03/17/2023 Abingdon, Va. 4th
- ❖ Ridgeview Middle School
 - 05/27/2023 Pigeon Forge, Tenn. 6th - 7th
- ❖ Ridgeview High School
 - 03/02/2023 Clintwood, Va. 9th - 12th
 - 03/04/2023 Haysi, Va. 11th - 12th
 - 03/08/2023 Abingdon, Va. 9th - 12th
 - 03/11/23-03/12/2023 Louisville, Ky - PG
 - 03/14/2023 Vansant, Va. 12th
 - 03/23/2023 Independence, Va. 9th - 12th
 - 03/31/2023 Wytheville, Va. 9th - 12th
 - Clintwood, Va. 11th
 - 04/01/2023 Haysi, Va. 11th -12th

e. Approval of Bank Reconciliation Documents

f. New Elementary Construction Invoices

IV. INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD

VSBA Conferences

April Hot Topic Conference, April 13, 2023

COSSBA Inaugural National Conference: March 31 - April 2, 2023

2023 VSBA Spring Networking Forum April 27, 2023

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V. SUPERINTENDENT ROBINSON

g. Good News from our Schools

❖ **Recognition of Deca Club Convention Winners: Chris Robinson**

Koen Powers
Carol Adkins
Abigail Mullins
Katherine Kiser
Xavier Wilson
Kylena O'Quinn
Corey Gray
Hayden Mullins
Ethan Cox

❖ **Recognition of the USA Skills Automotive Winners: Mrs. Robinson**

Skills USA contest winners in *Auto collision repair and painting*

Payton Ratliff 1st place in collision repair

Cody Honaker 2nd place collision repair

Cody Honaker 2nd place painting

❖ **Recognition of Beta Club Convention Winners: Joy Hall**

1st place, 11th grade Social Studies-Landon Couch

1st place, Living Literature-Koen Powers, Landon Hickman, Donovan Burns, Maddy Hayes, Mylee Wells, Gracie Lawrence

1st place, Club Trading Pin-designed by Kierstyn Brooks

1st place, Campaign Skit-Gracie Lawrence, Diamond Delaney, Landon Hickman, Maddy Hayes, Mylee Wells

2nd place, Quiz Bowl-Brody Buchanan, Landon Couch, David Farmer, Rachel Mullins

Elected Virginia State Vice President-Harmony O'Quinn

Serving as Virginia State President-Keirstyn Brooks

Virginia State Beta Scholarship winner-Keirstyn Brooks

Installed as Virginia State Sponsor-Sponsor Joy Hall

❖ **February 2023 Attendance and Enrollment Report:**

Mrs. Karen Martin, Compliance Director, presented student attendance and enrollment for February 2023. Mrs. Martin gave an update on Engage Virginia.

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Be Great with 8! Be a Hero: Here, Every Day, Ready, On-Time

As of February 28, 2023, student enrollment was 1985 which includes: (1) Enrolled Students; (2) PK and Post Students, and (3) Virtual Students

Ervinton Elementary was January's attendance winner at 91.46%

The student enrollment includes virtual students and the percentage for each school:

Clintwood Elementary School:	397:	88.84%
Ervinton Elementary School:	101:	90.89%
Sandlick Elementary School:	346:	89.75%
Ridgeview Middle School:	452	85.41%
Ridgeview High School:	582:	89.14%

Pre-K Enrollment:

Clintwood Elementary School:	32
Ervinton Elementary School:	10
Sandlick Elementary School:	37
Total:	79

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.

Budget & Procurement

Main Building

- Project remains within the overall budget of \$24,561,867.
- Furniture installation is nearly complete.

Classroom Wing & Multi-Purpose Room Addition

- Project remains on schedule and within budget.
- Some furniture has been delivered and stored until the building is ready for install.

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i. Approval of the Proposed PPEA Process for the Construction of the Additional New Classrooms at Ridgeview Elementary School

Mr. Curtis Elswick, Sr. Vice President/Regional Executive with Skanska presented the Ridgeview Elementary School Classroom Addition PPEA.

- January 19, 2023: DCPS receives an unsolicited Conceptual Phase Proposal from Quesenberry's Construction with ZMM Architects & Engineers/The Lane Group
- Proposal includes additional classrooms and support spaces at Ridgeview Elementary School with bus garage
- February 22, 2023: DCPS accepts proposal for additional classrooms but not bus garage
- No competing proposals received

Next Steps

- **March 22, 2023:** School Board holds a public hearing on the proposal received
- DCPS/Skanska negotiates Interim Agreement with Quesenberry's Construction
- **By March 31, 2023:** DCPS applies for DOE School Construction **Grant**
- **April 24, 2023:** BOS approves entering into Interim Agreement
- **April 26, 2023:** DCPS approves entering into Interim Agreement for design phase services
- **June 2023:** Completion of design and notification of award of DOE school construction grant funding

j. Approval of the 2023 DCPS Construction Improvement Plan

Mrs. Robinson presented the 2023 DCPS Construction Improvement Plan.

A School Board approved DCPS Construction Improvement Plan is part of the process application for the School Construction Assistance Program.

The School Construction Assistance Program was created at the 2022 Special Session of the General Assembly to award grants on a competitive basis to local school boards that demonstrate poor building conditions, commitment, and need in order for such local school boards to be able to fund the construction, expansion or modernization of public school s buildings. A minimum of 65 points (on a 100-point scale) must be met for a project to qualify. The list of criteria includes:

1. Lack of building access modernization improvements as required under the Americans with Disabilities Act
2. Percentage of Students for Free or Reduced Price Meals
3. School Division's Composite Index

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4. Percentage of Low-Income Families or percentage of families below the federal poverty guidelines
5. Locality Fiscal Stress
6. Debt Capacity of the Locality

DCPS scores above the 65 points required, and therefore qualifies to apply for this competitive construction grant.

Following a motion by Rick Mullins and a second by Dr. Lurton Lyle the 2023 DCPS Construction Improvement Plan was approved as presented.

Vote results

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

k. Update for Ridgeview Elementary School 2023 – 2024 School Opening and Transition

Timeline for Ridgeview Elementary Schools: Planning to Transition to Ridgeview Elementary School: Update to the School Board:

- a. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: **Friday, June 9, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.: Confirmed with the U. S. Corps of Engineers. Planning will begin in April 2023.**
- b. Identifying Administrative Staff: Dec./January 2023: **Completed on Jan. 25, 2023**
- c. **Identifying Staff: PK – 5th 2023: Completed in February 2023**
- d. Finalizing Educational/Instructional Programs: April- June 2023: Instructional Staff
- e. Finalizing Transportation/Bus Runs: April/May 2023: Mr. Mooney
- f. Teacher/Moving Plan: May/June 2023: **This topic is on the weekly Skanska Construction calls: Discussion centers on hiring moving companies to help with the move.**
- g. Demolishing SES ASAP: **This topic is under discussion to facilitate the earliest date to demolish SES. Plan has been submitted to the U. S. Corps of Engineers for approval**

Proposed Demolition Process Submitted to U.S. Corps

- **Early July 2023: Issue invitation for bids for HAZMAT abatement and demolition**

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- Early August 2023: Bids due for abatement and demolition/award contract
 - Early September 2023: Start abatement and demolition
 - End of December 2023: Demolition complete (~1-month abatement + ~3 months demolition)
 - January 2024: Transfer property to County
- h. Other
1. Technology: The Technology Staff / Maintenance Staff is currently installing the network and interactive TV in the classrooms.
 2. Furniture: Is currently being set up in classrooms.
 3. Determination of Summer School Schedule: Monday, June 12 – July 13, 2023: 6-hour days/ Closed July 3rd and July 4th.
 4. SES/EES/and PK and K Staff from CES: Toured the School
 5. RES Administration met with EES Staff and will meet with PK and K Staff as Introduction
 6. Classrooms per grade identified at RES
 7. School Calendar for 2023 – 2024: Presented to the School Board at the February Meeting for approval
 8. Distribution of Enrollment Eligibility Form for RES: Friday, Mar. 3, 2023

I. Approval of the 2023-2024 DCPS Budget

Ms. Laura Taylor, Director of Finance, presented the proposed 2023-2024 DCPS Budget.

The Proposed DCPS FY 23-24 Budget was presented at the 3/8/2023 Budget Workshop and Revised for the 3/15/2023 Public Hearing.

The budget is as follows:

Revenue

State Revenue: \$20,603,542

Federal Revenue: \$6,223,306

Local Appropriation Request: \$5,841,833

- Required Local Match: \$5,043,065
- Request for Funds for Staff Salary/Wages Increases: \$798,768
- Other Funds: \$298,900

Estimated CarryOver: \$2,683,132

Total Revenue: \$ 35,650,713

Expenditures

Salaries & Wages: \$ 17,398,485

Payroll-Related Expenditures: \$ 10,611,514

Non-Payroll Expenditures: \$ 7,640,714

Total Expenditures: \$ 35,650,713

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Following a motion by Jamie Hackney and second by Rick Mullins the FY 2023-2024 Budget was approved as presented.

Vote results

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

m. Approval of Proposed VSBA Policies

Karen Martin, Director of Compliance, presented proposed VSBA Policies to the School Board.

Explanation of Revisions – February 2023 Policy Update

Policy Code	Revision
BDDG	Minutes Legal References updated.
CBG	Evaluation of the Superintendent Policy updated to reflect the requirement of HB 1904/SB 1196 (2021). Legal Reference updated.
DA	Management of Funds Policy updated.
DGC	School Activity Funds Policy revised to reflect the content of Legal References. Legal Reference updated to correct a typographical error. Cross References updated.
ECAB	Vandalism Cross References updated to remove reference to deleted regulation JFC-R Standards of Student Conduct.
GAB/IIBEA	Acceptable Computer System Use Policy and Cross References updated. Legal References updated to reflect enactment of Va. Code § 22.1-23.3 by HB 145/SB 161 (2020) <i>Please note: Va. Code § 22.1-70.2 requires every school board to review, amend if necessary, and approve this policy every two years. Superintendents should be sure that the Technology Use Guidelines required by the policy are also reviewed and updated on a schedule that complies with that requirement.</i>
GCBEB	Military Leave and Benefits Policy updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 44-93 by HB 231.
GCI	Professional Staff Assignments and Transfers Policy updated. Revision requires each school board to set a date by which transfer requests for the next school year must be received.

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- GCPB** **Resignation of Staff Members**
Policy updated to reflect the content of Legal Reference.
- IIBD** **School Libraries/Media Centers**
Policy, Legal References, and Cross References updated.
- IIBEA/GAB** **Acceptable Computer System Use**
Policy and Cross References updated. Legal References updated to reflect enactment of Va. Code § 22.1-23.3 by HB 145/SB 161 (2020)
- Please note: Va. Code § 22.1-70.2 requires every school board to review, amend if necessary, and approve this policy every two years. Superintendents should be sure that the Technology Use Guidelines required by the policy are also reviewed and updated on a schedule that complies with that requirement.*
- IJD** **College and Career Readiness**
Legal Reference updated to reflect the codification of HB1299/SB738 by the Code Commission.
- IKFD** **Alternative Paths to Attaining Standard Units of Credit**
Optional policy Policy and Cross References updated.
Please note: the policy requires the superintendent to develop processes to implement this policy.
- JN** **Student Fees, Fines, and Charges**
Policy updated.
- LA** **Education Agency Relations Goals**
Cross References updated to remove reference to the deleted policy.
- LI** **Relations with Educational Accreditation Agencies**
Policy updated to reflect contents of Legal References.

Following a motion by Jason Hicks and a second by Jamie Hackney policies: LI, LA, JN, IKFD, IJD, IIBEA-GAB, IIBD, GCPB, GCI opt.1, GCBE, GAB-IIBEA, ECAB, DGC, DA, CBG, and BDDG was approved as presented.

Vote results

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

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VI. BOARD COMMENT

Jamie Hackney: I don't have much I just hate I missed the recognition of students that had won awards academically. Congratulations to all of those students. I would also like to extend appreciation to Tim and Curtis for their presentations and also to Ms. Taylor for the work on the budget. It seems like everything is moving forward as well.

Jason Hicks: It's always great to see the accomplishments of our students and their sponsors and coaches and teachers and all of those things. That's what it's all about so it's really good to see those things. I am really excited about the school. The pictures get you fired up. It's going to be a welcome sight to students once they get in there. I am sure it'll be a sweet day on day one when they do make it in there. I am excited about the possibility of another addition. Hopefully, we can make that happen and hopefully, Richmond will accept our grant and send it to us.

Damon Rasnick: I have reflected throughout between that last meeting and this meeting about things. It's still hard to believe that a hundred million dollars plus came to Dickenson County for the purpose of renovating because of the dangers imposed by flooding etc. I have been seeing it in operation now for a number of years. It's even more impressive to me than before. It looks impressive. It's beautiful. To see all the awards come up and all the winners we have and all of the competitions. Seeing our SOL scores move up from the lower quartile to the upper quartile and percentages. To have all these other competitions and activities that our children basically never got to do at Ervinton High School and later Clintwood and Haysi. This was too common and it certainly shut a lot of doors for a lot of students, technology remedied some of that. We had classrooms taught from Wise County and from the colleges etc. in our schools. Our kids had access to dual enrollment. I think that will expand here in this environment in a broad and very acceptable pattern. When you deal with Pre-K - twelve, with twelve you also deal with the college environment with the large classes and opportunities available to those students that are willing to do the work. We always have to remember I think to keep this in mind. I hear people complain about this that and the other. I am guilty of it myself so I guess it is okay to complain. We need to be thankful for what we have and what we are going to have if things fall into place. Every child in Dickenson County will have the opportunity to be served by the best, regarding education, the best that Dickenson County has to offer. There couldn't be a better platform for that here. The instructors that are here, the administration, all the staff, and all employees that have contributed to this. The parents and grandparents. We have got to remember the people of Dickenson County send us the best schools in the county, the best children in the county. They are the best children in the county because they are the only children in the county. We need to keep that in mind. They need the opportunity like everybody else around this country. I think a lot has been done. The original event goes back to the Corps money coming in and opening some doors for us making the pathway a little broader, a little wider, a little longer, and a little easier for those students. I certainly look at this facility and the people that work here and the students that attend here and the parents and grandparents who take care of them and the neighbors and

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other family members that all have to do with bringing them up. I don't think it could happen in a better environment than where we are up here on this beautiful mountain.

Dr. Lurton Lyle: It is good to see our students get recognized for their accomplishments. Sometimes we tend to focus more on their problems or our problems rather than their accomplishments. It is also good to see the work coming along on the new edition. Hopefully, before too much longer we will have all of our students in one location. I believe that when I first got on the Board we had five elementary school buildings, three high school buildings, and a shop building, so that's about nine different buildings. I believe we are making some progress. I hope we continue.

Rick Mullins: I would like to thank Tim Burge and Curtis Elswick for coming and giving us the update on the elementary school. What a wonderful job you all have done. I would like to thank Ms. Taylor for all the hard work she has done on this budget. I know it's not been easy. Somebody else I would like to comment about is Shawn Tiller who stepped up in Phyllis Mullins's DEA position. Hat's off to you Shawn. I would like to thank and congratulate Joy Hall with the Beta Club she has done an absolutely wonderful job here. My old buddy Chris Robinson with the DECA has been so consistent and done such a wonderful job with those children. I think that's what this school system is all about. It's just wonderful and it's a blessing.

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 Coaches and Substitutes, 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 Rick Mullins, the Board convened in Closed Session.

Vote results

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

Following a motion by Rick Mullins and a second by Jamie Hackney; the board returned to open session.

Vote results

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

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

Certification results

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

Board Action:

Following a motion by Jamie Hackney and second by Jason Hicks the PPEA Resolution was approved as presented in the closed session.

Vote results

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

Following a motion by Jamie Hackney and a second by Jason Hicks, the employment recommendations were approved as presented in the closed session.

Vote results

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

PERSONNEL/LEGAL

Coaches

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Substitutes

Todd Demuth
Mallory Haynes
Dennis Kennedy
Evan McCowan

VIII. Adjournment: 7:09 p.m.

Following a motion by Jason Hicks and a second by Rick Mullins, the meeting was adjourned.

All-Aye

Approved 04/26/2023

Rick Mullins

Rick Mullins, Vice-Chair

Tonya Baker

Tonya Baker, Clerk