

Dickenson County School Board Regular Meeting - Summary Minutes

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- I. ROLL CALL AND MEETING CALLED TO ORDER - 5:00 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 Jamie Hackney and a second by, Damon Rasnick, the Agenda was approved with the amendment of moving item L.Discussion of COVID Pay Leave for Employees to closed session.

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: Ms. Musick apologized for being unable to attend the budget work session. Ms. Musick said she knew that the Board was working hard and hoped they would continue to work hard to make take-home pay and all of those things the best that they can be for teachers.

Phyllis Mullins, DEA: Ms. Phyllis Mullins introduced Vicki Kitt the Uni-Serve Director, and spoke about Reading Across America. Every Pre-k - 1st-grade child in Dickenson County received a book with a bookmark and things to promote reading. This was through a DEA Grant.

Vicki Kitt, Uni-Serve Director: Ms. Kitts spoke about the Virginia Legislative Session and to let the Board know that the DEA is there to advocate for public education.

Connie Fuller: Spoke concerning the bullying in our county, especially in our schools, and asked the Board to do something about bullying.

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Tiffany Carrol: Spoke on bullying.

Robert Carrol: Spoke on bullying.

Marcella Bogle: Spoke on bullying.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Following a motion by Damon Rasnick and a second by Rick Mullins 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

- ❖ February 16, 2022, Special Called Meeting
- ❖ February 23, 2022, Regular Meeting

b. Approval of Monthly Bills - School Operation Fund

Monthly Bills: Check # 882888 - 882993- \$729,134.73

Monthly Payroll: Check # 390132 - 390165- \$1,850,814.21

c. School Activity Fund

- ❖ Informational Item

d. Approval of Field Trips

- ❖ Ridgeview High School
 - 03/25/2022 - Kingsport, TN - 10th - 11th
 - 05/11&12/2022 Charlotte, NC 12th
 - 04/01/2022 - Wytheville, VA - 10th - 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

March Hot Topic Conference, March 11, 2022

Hot Topic Conference, April 20, 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

❖ Mountain 7 and Region 2 D Girls' Basketball Superlatives

Mountain 7:	Player of the Year:	Haley Sutherland
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Mountain 7:	Coach of the Year:	Donnie Frazier
Mountain 7:	First Team:	Haley Sutherland, Brooklyn Frazier
Mountain 7:	Second Team:	Braelyn Strouth, Cristi Hill
Mountain 7:	Honorable Mention:	Maggie Grant

❖ Skills USA District Winners:

Ridgeview High School Cosmetology received 2nd place win at the Skills USA District Competition. Congratulations!

❖ Scholastic Bowl:

All-Region 2D Second Team:	Landon Couch, David Farmer
Mountain 7 All-District First Team:	David Farmer

Mrs. Martin presented the Student Enrollment and Attendance Report

February 2022: Student Enrollment and Attendance Report

As of February 28, 2022, the student enrollment was 1863. The student enrollment percentage for each school is as follows;

Clintwood Elementary School:	383:	85.50%
Ervinton Elementary School:	111:	88.20%
Sandlick Elementary School:	352:	87.36%
Ridgeview Middle School:	421:	86.34%
Ridgeview High School:	596:	86.35%

An Attendance Summary Sheet with attendance percentage for each school;

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

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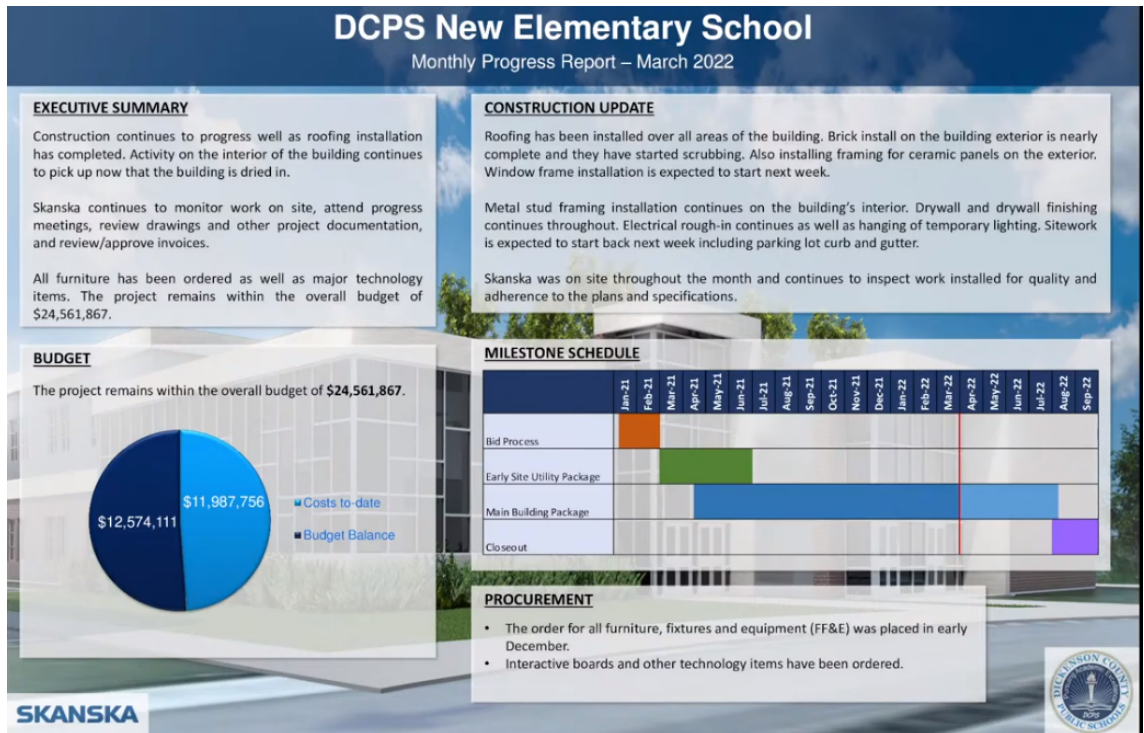
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Enrollment in DCPS Pre- K program, per school in February, 2022

Clintwood Elementary School:	35
Ervinton Elementary School:	22
Sandlick Elementary School:	26
Total:	83

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.



i. Approval of Comprehensive Agreement-Elementary School Classroom Wing Addition PPEA

Curtis Elswick presented the Comprehensive Agreement for the construction of the Elementary Schools Classroom Wing Addition PPEA project. This has been reviewed with Quesenberry Construction, Scott Mullins, and Skanska for final approval.

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The final amount for construction included in the contract is \$4,134,500 which is well under the contract cost limit included in the Interim Agreement of \$4,857,000.

Following a motion by Dr. Lurton Lyle and seconded by Jamie Hackney the comprehensive agreement 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	

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

Mrs. Robinson presented a PowerPoint presentation addressing the opening of the new elementary school for SES and the potential transitioning of EES to the new elementary school.

The presentation included:

1. Overview of New Elementary School: Timeline
2. Operating Cost for EES
3. Discussion of EES Facilities Condition Assessment Report
4. Discussion of Bus Transportation if EES is included
5. Projected Pupil-Teacher Ratio if EES is included
6. Discussion of Planning Process
7. Discussion of new student enrollment procedures at the new elementary school.
8. Next Steps

Proposed Timeline for the Opening of New Elementary School: "Beginning with the End in Mind"

- **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony:** Tentatively Scheduled for the week of Aug. 15th; with the U. S. Corps of Engineers, School Board Members, current and former, BOS, IDA, invited guests, students staff, and community
- **First Day of School:** Tentative: Monday, Aug. 22, 2022
- **Nuts and Bolts:** Moving Plan to New Elementary School: May- July 2022
- **Determining Student Bus Transportation:** April – August 2022
- **Determining Educational Programs:** February- August
- **Determining Staff:** Feb.- May 2022
- **Determining Administrative Staff:** Mar/April 2022
- **Determining Name of School/ Colors/Mascot:** March
- **Determining # of Classrooms Available:** Jan/Feb. 2022
- **Discussion Potential Student Enrollment:** Feb. 2022

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Jamie Hackney made a motion to authorize the Superintendent to continue to develop this information and schedule a public hearing on April 20th for the purpose of considering public input regarding this issue and at the conclusion of that public hearing make a decision about integrating Sandlick and Ervinton into the new Ridgeview Elementary. Damon Rasnick seconded the motion.

Vote results

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

k. Approval of the 2022-2022 DCPS Budget

Laura Taylor, Director of Business and Finance, presented an update on the State Budget.

The General Assembly adjourned on Saturday, Mar. 12, 2022, without passing a budget. At this time, a State Budget has not been approved.

We request that the School Board approve the proposed budget with the understanding that we will return to the School Board with an updated budget to approve once a state budget is adopted.

The School Board has followed all the legal requirements in regard to the development of the budget by scheduling a Budget Workshop and Public Hearing. The proposed budget will be submitted to Mr. Barton, the County Administrator, and the Board of Supervisors by Friday, April 1, 2022.

The Budget Workshop with the Board of Supervisors is scheduled on Monday, March 28th, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Following a motion by Dr. Lurton Lyle and second by Jamie Hackney, the 2022-2023 DCPS 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	

I. Discussion of COVID Pay Leave for Employees (moved to Closed Session)

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m. Approval of the 2022-2023 DCPS School Calendar

Mark Mullins presented the proposed 2022 – 2023 DCPS School Calendar to the School Board.

Dickenson County Public Schools 2022-2023 School Calendar Draft	
<u>August</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mon 15th - Fri 19th – All Teachers – Workdays (9:00-3:00) Mon 22nd - Schools Open –Full Day Schedule 	<u>January</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tues 3rd – Students Return from Christmas Break Mon 16th – End 1st Semester (Day 90) Tues 17th – Teacher Workday (9:00-3:00) – No School for Students Wed 18th – Begin 2nd Semester
<u>September</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mon 5th – Labor Day – Schools Closed 	<u>February</u>
<u>October</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mon 24th – End 1st Nine Weeks Grading Period (Day 45) 	<u>March</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fri 10th and Mon 13th – Spring Break Thurs 23rd – End 3rd Nine Weeks Grading Period (Day 135)
<u>November</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tues 8th – Election Day – Schools Closed Wed 23rd through Fri 25th – Thanksgiving and Fall Break - Schools Closed 	<u>April</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fri 7th and Mon 10th – Easter Break
<u>December</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fri 16th – Last Day Before Christmas Break Early Dismissal for Students Mon 19th – Mon, Jan 2nd – Christmas and Winter Break Schools Closed 	<u>May</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fri 26th – Exams Mon 29th – Memorial Day – Schools Closed Tues 30th – Exams - Last Day of School Early Dismissal for Students End 2nd Semester - (Day 180) Wed 31st and Thurs, June 1st – Teacher Workdays (9:00 – 3:00)

*The school calendar may be adjusted during the school year due to unforeseen circumstances including inclement weather.

** Easter and Spring Break days may be used as School Make Up Days if 10 or more days have been missed due to inclement weather.

*** Report cards mailed to students pm of last teacher workday**

August	8	January	20
September	21	February	20
October	21	March	21
November	18	April	18
December	12	May	21
	80 days		100 days
Total 180 days			

Following a motion by Damon Rasnick and second by Jamie Hackney the 2022-2023 DCPS Calendar 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	

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n.Approval of Proposed VSBA Policies:

Karen Martin, Compliance Director, presented the proposed DCPS Policies for the Board's discussion and consideration. These policies were sent to the School Board on Tuesday, Mar. 15, 2022, for review.

BB	School Board Legal Status Policy updated.	BB-RL -RL.doc
BBAA	Board Member Authority Policy updated.	BBAA -RL.doc
BCB	School Board Officers Policy updated.	BCB -RL.doc
BCC	School Board Clerk Cross References updated.	BCC-RL.doc
BCE	School Board Committees Policy and Cross References updated.	BCE-RL.doc
BDB	Special School Board Meetings Title of Cross Reference updated.	BDB-RL.doc

Following a motion by Dr. Lurton Lyle and second by Rick Mullins policies, BB, BBAA, BCB, BCC, BCE, and BDB 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	

VI. BOARD COMMENT

Rick Mullins: I'd like to thank all the staff and the Superintendent for all the work that you guys have done. You have done a wonderful job and I think it's a really exciting time to be able to get Sandlick and Ervinton Elementary Schools here and to see how the progress continues. I think that's another real blessing so thank you.

Dr. Lurton Lyle: I agree, we're in an exciting time, an important time. Probably only secondary to the building of Ridgeview High School and Middle School as an important date or movement or time in education of Dickenson County. I believe we will enjoy this as much as we did the other and I hope things go smoothly.

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Jason Hicks: It's a very exciting time. We often overlook this and just forget how blessed we are. You know that we're able to do these things and it's not going to cost the taxpayers of Dickenson County. We can do this without losing any staff and I think that's cool, definitely pay some dividends down the road for us. You know it's really upsetting to see what some of these students have gone through in the bullying and those kinds of things. I know that's an issue that nobody takes very lightly. I don't think teachers take that very lightly or administrators. However it is a definite problem and hopefully, I don't remember what month it is, if it's past or maybe it's coming up but there's an anti-bullying month here somewhere along the lines. If it's past then maybe we could even go back and visit those things and just be a little bit more diligent about it and I would also encourage each and every parent to have a discussion with their child about bullying. Whether they're being bullied or maybe they think they are just playing in some way but that may be hurting somebody else.

Damon Rasnick: I would certainly concur with that. I would just like to say we're grateful for all the good work and whoever recommended Curtis and Tim I certainly would like to thank them for being in this county and giving the expertise and good work that they have done. I hope that everyone in Dickenson County realizes what we will have here in just a couple more years. The campus is probably as pretty as one I've ever seen anywhere in my travels through my lifetime and it's certainly a blessing that Dickenson County has to serve. I hope that the day comes someday that all the children in Dickenson County are able to access the very best of everything that Dickenson County has to offer. I know that day is a while away. We have been very blessed in other ways this covid report for the past three or four days I think has been zero and I think that's just outstanding. I certainly hope that remains. We've lost so many people here and have had so many people, so many families affected. We just need to do some common sense things, I think to continue to do those things. I'm glad to see the masks are gone. I think that the last thing the Superintendent sent us was the Department of Labor has changed the rules so teachers had the option of not wearing the masks today. I would also like to say to those that do not know, that school boards don't usually have the authority to make that, usually somebody further up the line in the state. You work with the health department, especially with your local people. When those people came and spoke they certainly did an excellent job of conveying their concerns and that transition happened shortly after that. Four days without any cases that all seems like a miracle. I certainly commend everybody, every employee, every administrator, every bus driver, and everybody in all sectors for a job well done. Thank you

Jamie Hackney: I'll echo the sentiments of my colleagues here and I'm very thankful for the work that Tim and Curtis have done they've done excellent work. I am very appreciative and also thankful for the work that Mrs. Robinson is doing on this project along with the administrative staff. I'll point out special thanks again tonight for the

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work that's been done on our budget. I think we're in a very good place right now. I'm thankful to have our schedule in place. I know I get a lot of questions about the school schedule and this one this year is very popular with families coming up for the next school year. I think some of the thoughts there is a little more time in August. A little longer summer is good for families. I think a lot of people think it's kinda good to come back after a little break and do the SOL's, but there's a lot of discussion on what's best for that. I'm just hopeful that spring has finally sprung. Hopefully, I don't know if the weather's going to hold up for that but I think we approved some field trips tonight and hopefully, some more are about to come as we transition back into normalcy. You know it's very important that we are doing things that are educationally beneficial but also things that the kids enjoy and enhance their education. It's good to see those things start happening again so I appreciate everybody, it's been a good meeting.

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 Substitutes, FMLA requests, Resignation, Coaches, employee requests for additional sick leave, and discussion of COVID pay leave for employees, 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 Damon Rasnick and a second by Dr. Lurton Lyle, 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 Damon Rasnick and a second by Rick Mullins; 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	

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

Board Action:

Jamie Hackney made a motion that the Board direct the Superintendent to set protocols to extend COVID benefits through March 31, 2022. Damon Rasnick seconded the motion.

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 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	

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PERSONNEL/LEGAL

Coaches

Substitutes

- Shana Church
- Jada Frazier
- Carla Stanley
- Delois Stanley

FMLA

- Virginda Oquinn

Resignation

- Jessica Boyd - Part-Time Cook - Clintwood Elementary
- C. Todd Tiller - Teacher RHS/Head Football Coach

Request

- Ginny Stanley

VIII. Adjournment: 8:02 p.m.

Following a motion by Rick Mullins and a second, by Jamie Hackney; the meeting was adjourned. All votes aye.

Approved 04/27/2022

Jason Hicks

Jason Hicks, Chair

Tonya Baker

Tonya Baker, Clerk

