

Dickenson County School Board Regular Meeting - Summary Minutes

November 21, 2022

- 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; Rick Mullins; Dr. Lurton Lyle; Tonya Baker, Clerk; Haydee Robinson, Superintendent

Approval of Agenda:

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

Vote results

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

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Jamie Hackney read the Public Comment Guidelines.

No one was present for Public Comments.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Following a motion by Damon Rasnick and a second by Jamie Hackney, the Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

Vote results

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

a. Approval of Minutes

❖ October 26, 2022, Regular Meeting

b. Approval of Monthly Bills - School Operation Fund

Monthly Bills: Check # 883739- 883839- \$1,480,936.74

Monthly Payroll: Check # 390412- 390443- \$2,110,824.86

c. School Activity Fund

❖ Informational Item

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d. Approval of Field Trips

- ❖ Clintwood Elementary
 - 10/14/2022 Jenkins, KY KG
 - 10/14/2022 Clintwood, Va. 1st-2nd
 - 10/31/2022 Clintwood, Va. KG-4th
 - 11/18/2022 Clintwood, Va. KG-5th
- ❖ Ervinton Elementary
 - 10/31/2022 Clintwood, Va. 3rd-5th
 - 11/18/2022 Clintwood, Va. KG-5th
- ❖ Sandlick Elementary
 - 10/28/2022 Haysi, Va. Pre-K
 - 10/31/2022 Clintwood, Va. KG-5th
 - 11/18/2022 Clintwood, Va. KG-5th
- ❖ Ridgeview Middle School
 - 11/18/2022 Clintwood, Va. 6th -8th
 - 12/09/2022 Bristol, TN 7th
- ❖ Ridgeview High School
 - 11/07/2022 Pikeville, KY PG
 - 11/07/2022 Gate City, Va. 9th - 12th
 - 11/11/2022 Big Stone Gap, Va. 9th -12th
 - 11/18/2022 Clintwood, Va. 11th-12th
 - 11/18/2022 Clintwood, Va. 9th - 12th
 - 11/21/2022 Honaker, Va. 7th-12th
 - 12/03/2022 Christiansburg, Va. 9th-12th
 - Clintwood, Va. 11th

e. Approval of Bank Reconciliation Documents

f. New Elementary Construction Invoices

IV. INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD

Superintendent's Memo 026-22 Updated School Division ESSER Spending Plans 12-31-2022

Laura Taylor- On October 24, 2022, Governor Glenn Youngkin presented to the public a summary of the 2022 National Assessment of Education Progress data for Virginia. As a result of this, he released a seven-step action plan known as Our Commitment to Virginia's Children to reverse the downward path of declining achievement and ensure that all children in Virginia have the tools and support structure to get back on track.

Action item number seven of this plan is to revise the American Rescue Plan or ARP ESER spending plans and has required that we do so by December 31, 2022.

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VSBA Conferences

Insights for Budget Basics & Finance 101: Part 1 Webinar: December 7, 2022, Part 2 Webinar: December 8, 2022.

2023 VSBA Capital Conference, January 30-31, 2023

V. SUPERINTENDENT ROBINSON

g. Good News from our Schools

A. 2022 VDOE School Security Equipment Grant: The Virginia Department of Education has awarded Dickenson County Public Schools a total of \$233,380 from the 2022 School Security Equipment Grant Program authorized by the 2013 General Assembly. These funds are approved for the purchase and installation of the school security equipment requested on the applications for the approved schools shown below:

Ridgeview High

Ridgeview Middle

Mr. Compton, RHS Principal spoke about good things happening at Ridgeview High School. The football team was in the regional finals.

The girl's volleyball team for the first time was in the semifinals for the regionals.

The One Act Play drama team came in third out of seven schools.

The Academic teams right now are 9-1.

E-Sports, This is the first year we have had it, and are 5-3.

DECA competed last Friday at MECC. Ridgeview DECA received 21 medals with 5 first place.

Mr. Compton brought on stage a new podium that was designed by Chris Owens and Officer Roley Bowman and constructed by students and Mr. Edwards in the carpentry class.

B. Mountain 7 District Theater Festival: On November 5, our Advanced Theater students competed in the Mountain 7 District Theater Festival One-Act Competition. Our students placed 3rd overall. Koen Powers received an Outstanding Actor Award for his performance (4 are awarded--this year there was a tie for 4th so 5 awards were given.) As with most school activities Mountain 7 is a very tough district. Our Theater Design and Technology built/painted our set and helped with lighting and costumes.

C. RHS DECA Winners: The following is a list of the students that competed in the DECA Competition at Mountain Empire Community College on Friday, Nov. 11, 2022. The students represented RHS DECA very well.

Principles of Business & Administration: Keigan Bentley-3rd Place

Human Resource Management: Carol Adkins- 2nd Place

Principles of Marketing: Julie Edwards-2nd place, Autumn Lowe-3rd Place

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Job Interview: Koen Powers-1st Place
Principles of Hospitality and Tourism: Kylena O'Quinn-1st Place
Marketing Communications: Caelyn Dingus-2nd Place, Abigail Mullins-3rd Place
Apparel and Accessories: Corey Gray-1st Place
Quick Service Restaurant Management: Tanya Marrs-3rd Place
Automotive Services Marketing: Harley Reed-3rd Place
Restaurant & Food Service Management: Madison Mullins-2nd Place, Diamond Delaney-3rd Place
Business Finance Series: Ethan Cox-2nd Place
Retail Merchandising: Katherine Kiser-1st Place
Business Services Marketing: Hayden Mullins-2nd Place, Connor Kiser-3rd Place
Entrepreneurship: Landon Couch-3rd Place
Food Marketing Series: Xavier Wilson-1st Place, Kadence Wallace-2nd Place, Madison Salyers-3rd Place

D. Scholastic Bowl Update: Ridgeview Scholastic team competed at Virginia High School last weekend in a tournament that featured 8 different high schools from SWVA. They won the tournament with an 8-1 record and won the championship game by a score of 530-165. We are very proud of our students and so far we are 6-0 in the district. They won both matches against Lee and John Battle. Our district record now stands at 9-1.

Good News from Ervinton Elementary, Clintwood Elementary, and Sandlick Elementary. Mrs. Robinson read highlights of all the good activities going on in our Elementary Schools.

Attendance Reports

Karen Martin, Director of Compliance, presented student attendance, enrollment, and Incentive Fun for October 2022.

As of Monday, October 31, 2022, student enrollment was 2019, including (1) Enrolled Students; (2) PK and Post Students, and (3) Virtual Students.

Ridgeview High was the winner of the Attendance Banner for October.

The student enrollment includes virtual students and the percentage for each school K – 5 is as follows;

Clintwood Elementary School:	399	83.36%
Ervinton Elementary School:	108	86.08%
Sandlick Elementary School:	352	84.67%
Ridgeview Middle School:	447	88.12%
Ridgeview High School:	604	88.32%

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Pre-K Enrollment:

Clintwood Elementary School:	32
Ervinton Elementary School:	10
Sandlick Elementary School:	36
Total:	78

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 continues to be delivered and stored until the building is ready for installation.

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. Update on Ridgeview Elementary School Transition

Timeline for Ridgeview Elementary School: Planning to Transition to Ridgeview Elementary School:

I. Ribbon Cutting: Early June– August 2023: Potential dates under consideration and to be determined.

II. Determining Factors:

1. Determining # of Classrooms Available and Needed: Oct/Nov. 2022

We have determined that 33 classrooms will be utilized in PK – 5th grades with a pupil-teacher ratio of approximately 1:17 in grades PK- 3rd grades, and 1:17 pupil-teacher ratio in grades 4th and 5th grades. Grade-level classrooms, self-contained classrooms, and classrooms for Resource programs such as Title I, Encore programs, Attendance, and SROs have been identified.

- a. Identifying Administrative Staff: Dec./January 2023: The deadline for letters of interest for administrative positions at RES was Friday, Nov. 18, 2022. The School Board will consider these Letters of Interest and potential administrative positions in December 2022.
- b. Identifying Staff: PK – 5th Feb/March 2023: The process to determine RES faculty and staff has begun and is under consideration.
- c. Finalizing Educational/Instructional Programs: April- June 2023: Instructional Staff
- d. Finalizing Transportation/Bus Runs April/May 2023: Mr. Mooney
- e. Teacher/Moving Plan: May/June 2023: This topic is on the weekly Skanska Construction calls: The discussion centers on hiring moving companies to help with the move.
- f. Demolishing SES: This topic is under discussion to facilitate the earliest date to demolish SES.
- g. Other?
 - Technology: The Technology Staff will begin the process of installing the technology equipment in December/January.
 - Furniture: Has been delivered and will be set up at RES in mid-Jan. 2023
 - Other? 2023 Summer School Schedule and Location: To be determined.
 - School Calendar for 2023 – 2024: To be determined

j Presentation by Kim Carroll, LPC, and Heather Lynch, LPC with Propel Counseling Group

Kim Carroll and Heather Lynch did a PowerPoint presentation and spoke to the School Board regarding counseling services in Dickenson County Public Schools.

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k. Discussion of Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

Mrs. Robinson: The purpose of the proposed plan is to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of our schools and address the impacts of COVID. Our school division and school divisions across the state have received significant amounts of money and funding. This discussion of this plan should address the needs of the school division but also how the school division is using funds for the academic gap, to encourage school attendance and in a safe environment. The plan is posted on our DCPS website. The public is invited to read and make any comments. Comments are to be directed to Mrs. Robinson's email address. Comments will become part of the draft and will be posted on Thursday, December 1, 2022.

VI. BOARD COMMENT

Jamie Hackney: I would like to thank Mr. Compton for coming tonight. It is always nice to hear about the successes of our students. It sounds like we have had a lot in a lot of different areas lately. I am very proud of the academic progress and success. Especially after we were just talking about some of the challenges that we had faced in the last couple of years. I just want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, all of our staff and students. I am hoping for a big win Saturday over in Bluefield.

Damon Rasnick: I certainly echo all the good news from the schools concerning our students. It certainly is refreshing to hear that and to see so many students excelling with the challenges they have had. Mr. Compton and all of the principals they have so many things to be proud of with the students and the families and the teachers that have come together in a good way in the community to make all those things happen. It certainly is admirable that they had so many victories in the contests they were in. That is certainly something to be congratulated admired and rewarded. I hope everyone manages to get well and come back after the holidays in a good way and that everybody's safe and has a Happy Thanksgiving.

Jason Hicks: I wanted to brag on Mr. Compton as well. I want to thank Mr. Compton for showing up and sharing the accomplishments of our students. Each of those things reflects the talent of our students and also the dedication and skill of our teachers that bring those things along. That podium is very nice. As I said earlier, the drama, that is some stiff competition in Mountain Seven that they have to go up against. That is pretty impressive. Sandlick Elem. has adopted a cow so that's pretty neat. We have lots of good things going on. The podium just shows off the skill and our career and vocational/tech programs that are really doing well. I would like to thank Propel for you guys coming out and presenting to us tonight. We have got a lot of needs and a lot of things we can accomplish there. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. Enjoy the little break and enjoy your family.

Dr. Lurton Lyle: I applaud all of the good news from our schools. It's amazing what can be accomplished when people work together. I also wish everyone a good safe Thanksgiving and continue that into 2023.

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Rick Mullins: I'd like to reiterate everything that all the Board Members said. My hats off for all the successes that Ridgeview has been able to accomplish in the last very short while. The \$233,000.00 grant for the Securities is a great step. The successes of the DECA program, the academics team, the Ridgeview football team, and as Jason said, Roxy the cow. I think that's a really important thing. I'd like to tell this little story to everybody that's here and kind of summarize what we are all doing here. I would like to entitle this The Pennsylvania Family. My wife calls me a cheapskate sometimes. I buy these really cheap Dollar Store glasses. I keep going back over there. The ones I bought two days later had broken into so I went back over there and asked the cashier, I said I just bought these the day before yesterday. Can I get a new pair? She says you will have to talk to the Manager. So this really nice black-headed woman comes out and I showed her my glasses and she said yeah I'll give you another pair. She said don't be so rough on them next time. Two days later I am at the house and the screw came out of those glasses. I was ashamed to go back over there where she was at so I decided to buy one of those \$1.99 repair kits. I go get it and I can't see halfway in the house because I only have one pair of glasses. I am trying to put the screw in and I get it in crooked. I said well it's working I'll leave it alone. The next day I went into the Dollar Store and lo and behold there stood the black-headed woman. She said how're your glasses holding up? I said I had a little trouble, the screw came out and she said give me those glasses. She goes back to the office puts a new screw in and comes out smiles and hands them to me. I thought this is so nice. This is better than anything you get at Walmart or anywhere and I said honey I don't know you. Where in the world are you from? She said I am from Pennsylvania. I said how in the world did you get here? She said I bought a house. She said I bought the house that Dr. Senter and Ginger Senter lived in. I said how in the world did you find it? She said I got on the internet and did research on what was important to me. I wanted a very safe environment to raise my child in. I wanted the best of schools and a good quality of life. I told my husband I am going to do research on their school system. She said Ridgeview High School and the Dickenson County School system are one of the highest-rated school systems in the entire state of Virginia. That's my story about the Pennsylvania family and what we are doing here. Thank you and God Bless you.

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 Custodians, Part-time Aides, Substitutes, FMLA, and Resignation, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1)
- 2.) Discussion, and consideration of student disciplinary matters pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A) (2)
- 3.) 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.

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

Vote results

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

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

Vote results

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

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Board Action:

Following a motion by Damon Rasnick and a second by Dr. Lurton Lyle that the School Board approve the decision of the disciplinary committee regarding the expulsion of student 1000001798.

Vote results

Aye:	5	Jason Hicks; Damon Rasnick; Dr. Lurton Lyle; Rick Mullins, Jamie Hackney
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 closed session.

Vote results

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

PERSONNEL/LEGAL

Substitutes

Danielle Honaker - Substitute Teacher, Aide
Lena Meade - Substitute Teacher, Aide
Garmon "Dakota" Mullins - Substitute Teacher, Aide
Sarah Slemp - Substitute Teacher, Aide
Steffanie Willis - Substitute Teacher, Aide

FMLA

Brenda McCowan - Teacher, Clintwood Elementary

Resignation

Teresa Leftwich - Part-time Aide, Ervinton Elementary

Recommendations for Employment

Jessica Roberts - Ervinton Elementary School, Part-Time Teacher Aide
Meghan D. Green - Ridgeview Middle School, Part-Time Teacher Aide
Selena P. Moore - Ridgeview Middle School, Part-Time Teacher Aide
Heather N. Mullins - Ridgeview Middle School, Part-Time Teacher Aide
Haley D. Wallen - Ridgeview Middle School, Part-Time Teacher Aide
Daniel Scalf - Clintwood Elementary School, Custodian
Mike Powers - Ridgeview Middle School, Part-Time Custodian
Christopher Legath - Ridgeview Kitchen, Part-Time Cook

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Following a motion by Jamie Hackney and a second by Damon Rasnick the regularly scheduled December School Board Meeting was changed from December 14, 2022, to Monday, December 12, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

Vote results

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

VIII. Adjournment: 7:52 p.m.

Following a motion by Damon Rasnick and a second by Jamie Hackney, the meeting was adjourned.

All-Aye

Approved 12/12/2022

Jason Hicks

Jason Hicks, Chair

Tonya Baker

Tonya Baker, Clerk