

Dickenson County School Board Regular Meeting - Summary Minutes

April 26, 2023

- I. ROLL CALL AND MEETING CALLED TO ORDER - 5:05 P.M.** The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Rick Mullins followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

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

Attended Remotely: Damon Rasnick

Mr. Damon Rasnick requested to attend the May 2023 School Board Meeting remotely due to a personal illness.

Following a motion by Dr. Lurton Lyle and a second by Jamie Hackney, Mr. Rasnick's request to attend remotely was approved.

Vote results

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

Approval of Agenda:

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

Vote results

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

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Jamie Hackney read the Public Comment Guidelines.

Kathy Musick, VPE: Spoke about the Governor's budget and that it was trumped by both sides of the house by 2 %. Ms. Musick asked the School Board to do all they can do to make the take-home pay for teachers and employees of DCPS as good as they can.

Shawn Tiller, DEA: Mr. Tiller thanked the Board and Mrs. Robinson for inviting the DEA to the budget workshop. Mr. Tiller spoke about how hard the teacher and staff work and what great things they have been able to do with the students. Mr. Tiller stated that he hoped some positive things would come out of it. That this is an opportunity to give them credit and show that the work that they have been doing does matter.

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

a. Approval of Minutes

- ❖ March 8, 2023, Budget Workshop Meeting
- ❖ March 15, 2023, Special Called/Budget Public Hearing
- ❖ March 22, 2023, Special Called Meeting
- ❖ March 22, 2023, Regular Meeting

b. Approval of Monthly Bills - School Operation Fund

Monthly Bills: Check # 884251- 884366= \$ 996,914.06

Monthly Payroll: Check # 390578-390610- \$2,129,445.88

c. School Activity Fund

- ❖ Informational Item

d. Approval of Field Trips

- ❖ Clintwood Elementary School
 - 04/05/2023 Clintwood, Va. - 4th-5th
 - 04/21/2023 Clintwood, Va. - Pre-K - 5th
 - 05/05/2023 Clintwood, Va. - 1st
 - 05/22/2023 Pikeville, Ky. - 3rd
- ❖ Ervinton Elementary School
 - 03/31/2023 Abingdon, Va. - 4th
 - 04/11/2023 Abingdon, Va. - 2nd
 - 04/14/2023 Clintwood, Va. - 3rd-5th
 - 04/21/2023 Clintwood, Va. - Pre-k -5th
 - 05/26/2023 Johnson City, TN - 3rd
- ❖ Sandlick Elementary School
 - 04/11/2023 Abingdon, Va. 2nd
 - 04/21/2023 Clintwood, Va. 2/3yr. - 5th
 - 04/24/2023 Grundy, Va. 3rd
 - 04/28/2023 Grundy, Va. Pre-K
 - 04/28/2023 Breaks, Va. KG

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- ❖ Ridgeview Middle School
 - 03/31/2023 Norton, Va. 6th - 8th
 - 04/05/2023 Wise, Va. 6th - 8th
 - 04/12/2023 Bristol, TN 7th
 - 04/12/2023 Bristol, TN 7th
 - 04/21/2023 Clintwood, Va. 6th -8th
- ❖ Ridgeview High School
 - 04/05-09/23 Fairfax, Va. 11th -12th
 - 04/06/2023 Vansant, Va. 12th
 - 04/14/2023 Dickenson Co. Elem. Schools 6th - 12th
 - 04/20/2023 Damascus, Va. 9th-10th
 - 04/20/2023 Virginia Beach, Va.
 - 04/21/2023 Clintwood, Va. 9th -12th
 - 04/21/2023 Clintwood, Va. 11th - 12th
 - 04/26/2023 Wise, Va. 11th -12th
 - 04/28/2023 Bristol, TN 9th
 - 06/16-20/2023 Louisville, Ky. 9th -12th
 - 07/23-28/2023 Johnson City, TN 7th - 12th
 - 07/30/2023 Winston-Salem, NC 7th -12th

e. Approval of Bank Reconciliation Documents

f. New Elementary Construction Invoices

IV. INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD

VSBA Conferences

2023 VSBA Spring Networking Forum, April 27, 2023

2023 School Law Conference, June 2, 2023

Mrs. Robinson spoke about the loss of two members of our community, Lois Fields a retiree that taught for Dickenson County Public Schools for 37 years, and Simon Dotson a former graduate from Ridgeview High School.

V. SUPERINTENDENT ROBINSON

g. Good News from our Schools

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❖ **Recognition of our Faculty and Staff for Teacher Appreciation Week: Monday, May 7 – 12, 2023:**

- **School Principal Day: Monday, May 7, 2023**
- **Teacher Appreciation Day: Tuesday, May 9, 2023**
- Teaching is known to be a time-consuming and challenging profession, so this week is our chance to say thank you to those that play or have played such a huge role in our lives. Who doesn't have a fond memory of a teacher who inspired us in some way?

❖ **Recognition of Wade Rose and RHS Golfing Students**

Wade Rose recognized two students on the Ridgeview High School golf team, Dalton Austin and Bryson Sutherland. Both Ridgeview High School students were offered a \$28,000 scholarship to attend and play golf at Bluefield University.

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

Mrs. Karen Martin, Compliance Director, presented student attendance and enrollment for March 2023.

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

As of March 31, 2023, student enrollment was 1988 which includes: (1) Enrolled Students; (2) PK and Post Students, and (3) Virtual Students

Ervinton Elementary was March's attendance winner at 95.19%

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

Clintwood Elementary School:	400:	95.13%
Ervinton Elementary School:	100:	95.19%
Sandlick Elementary School:	344:	91.92%
Ridgeview Middle School:	450:	91.82%
Ridgeview High School:	580:	90.46%

Pre-K Enrollment:

Clintwood Elementary School:	32
Ervinton Elementary School:	11
Sandlick Elementary School:	38
Total:	81

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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.

SKANSKA



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i. Approval of the Proposed PPEA Interim Agreement for RES

Scott Mullins, School Board Attorney, presented the PPEA Interim Agreement for RES to build additional new classrooms during the 2023 – 2024 school year.

The Board of Supervisors reviewed and approved of the resolution at their April 25, 2023 meeting, and authorized the School Board to move forward.

In summary, this agreement

1. Is part of the PPEA process that has been ongoing since January of this year when we received an unsolicited proposal from Quesenberry's Inc. for a new classroom addition to Ridgeview Elementary School.
2. In compliance with the SB's PPEA Guidelines, the SB accepted that proposal and advertised for competing proposals, held a public hearing, and entered into negotiations with the assistance of the Skanska team.
3. Those negotiations resulted in a draft Interim Agreement.
4. Both law and our PPEA Guidelines require BOS approval before we can execute the Interim Agreement.
5. In essence, this proposed Interim Agreement provides:
 - a. Design and preconstruction phase services for potentially 6 additional classrooms.
 - b. The lump-sum contract value for this design work is \$286,360.
 - c. This design work is anticipated to reach completion in June 2023.
 - d. We anticipate that at the completion of the design work, we will be presented with a Comprehensive Agreement for the construction of all these classrooms at a guaranteed maximum price not to exceed \$5,039,200.
6. We will not be requesting funding from the BOS

Following a motion made by Dr. Lurton Lyle and seconded by Jason Hicks the PPEA Resolution was approved as presented.

Vote results

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

j. Update on the FY 24 Budget

Ms. Laura Taylor gave the Board an update on the 2023-2024 budget.

The FY 23-24 DCPS budget was submitted to Dickenson County on Thursday, March 30th. We presented the budget in detail to the Dickenson County Board of Supervisors at their April 12th Budget Workshop.

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Our appropriation request is currently under consideration by the Board of Supervisors in their annual budget process.

The Virginia Legislature is still negotiating the 23-24 State Budget and has passed only the “Skinny Budget” at this time. The “Skinny Budget” includes a 5 % compensation supplement and not the 7% that was included in both House and Senate versions of the budget bill.

Media and other sources are reporting that decisions regarding the State Budget will not occur until mid to late June 2023. We continue to monitor the state activity and will keep you updated as information is available.

k. Approval of the 2023 - 2024 Special Education Plan and Budget

Denechia Edwards, Director of Special Education and Career Technical Education presented the 2023 -2024 proposed Special Education Plan and Budget for the School Board’s consideration. Part B, Section 611, Flow-Through Special Education grant budget and application for 2023-24 was prepared based upon last year’s allocation of \$558,951. Part B, Section 619, Preschool Special Education budget and application for 2023-24 was also prepared based upon last year’s allocation of \$31,597. Final notification of the 2023-24 allocation will occur in July.

[Special Education Plan and Budget Summary](#)

Following a motion by Jason Hicks and a second by Dr. Lurton Lyle, the 2023-2024 Special Education Plan, and Budget was approved as presented.

Vote results

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

l. Approval of the 2023 - 2024 Career and Technical/Carl Perkins Plan and Budget

Denechia Edwards, Director of Special Education and Career Technical Education presented the 2023 -2024 proposed Career Technical Education / Carl Perkins Plan and Budget for the School Board’s consideration.

[CTE Perkins Plan and Budget Summary](#)

Following a motion by Dr. Lurton Lyle and a second by Jamie Hackney, the 2023-2024 Career and Technical/Carl Perkins Plan, and Budget was approved as presented.

Vote results

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

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m. Update for Ridgeview Elementary School 2023-24 School Opening and Transition

Mrs. Robinson updated the Board on the School Opening and Transition.

1. **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: The 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**
 - **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 has installed 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**
 - a. **As of Friday, April 21, 2023: 17 children are listed on Priority 3**
 - b. **As of Friday, April 21, 2023: 18 children are listed on Priority 4**
 9. **A Tour will be provided on Wednesday, May 3, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. for PK parents and students.**
 10. **“Save the Date” fliers have been sent to community agencies and community boards, and invitations have been sent to former School Board members to attend.**

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n. Approval of Proposed VSBA Policy:

Please see the attached proposed draft of DCPS Policy KG: Community Use of School Facilities with revisions for your consideration. These revisions were recommended by VaCorps, the insurance carrier for the school division.

[KG- Community Use of School Facilities](#)

[KG- Community Use of School Facilities Revised](#)

Following a motion by Jamie Hackney and a second by Dr. Lurton Lyle policy KG- Community Use of School Facilities was approved as presented.

Vote results

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

VI. BOARD COMMENT

Jamie Hackney: I just want to thank Coach Rose for bringing his golf students in tonight very, very proud of them and their parents. I think it just really highlights the importance of a coach's involvement in the academic future. It's not just the classroom, a lot of time coaches can be involved in that and promoting their students for college opportunities. So very proud of them. And just wanted to extend well wishes to Mr. Rasnick hope he gets to feeling better soon.

Jason Hicks: With the Teacher Appreciation, I would just like to say that you don't get thanked enough just for the education and the job that you do. I'd like to thank all of our folks for all the little things that they do. And we thank Mr. Rose with the golfers as a great example that, he went beyond just trying to teach how to how to chip and putt and those kinds of things. Just building great young men and social skills. And, of course, the parents, of course, have a lot to do with that part. But you know, it's something that shows how our staff, teachers, coaches can be a partner with parents when, as we try to raise, you know, incredible young men and young ladies and you know, our teachers do all those little things, whether that's a supporter and encourager, they buy shoes and buy jackets and things when kids need those sorts of things. And those things tend to get overlooked sometimes, but that's the quality of people that we have in the system. I thank Mr. Burge for the tour today. It's really incredible to walk through there. Thanks, Mr. Barton and Ms. Cronkhite for coming up and joining us and doing that as well. I'll share a comment that I made during the tour and is this going to make Mrs. Robinson pretty nervous right now. But as we walked through there, I kind of thought about my time going back to school and I remember how hot it was and of course, they didn't care they just let us sweat it out. Then by the time I started teaching, we had some heat days. We'd have early releases for heat days and those kinds of things. And my comment was that we're really gonna spoil some kids with this

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facility. And that will certainly be the case and rightfully so. I was saddened to hear the news about Mrs. Fields and all that she had done for Dickenson County. I was sad to hear about Mr. Dotson's passing and just know that our thoughts are with those families. At the risk of being wrong which I very well could be because I'm trusting social media on this. I saw that today may have been the last ride for Mr. Kennedy. Is that correct? I'm going to prematurely thank Mr. Kennedy and just show appreciation for you know, gosh, Mr. Kennedy seems like he's been around for a long, long time. You know, as a teacher, administration, Bus Driver. I think the post said he'd been driving the bus for like 40 years or so maybe more. So, which is amazing because he is only like 52 or so. Back in those days when you drove you drove your buddies to school with you. What a legacy that is, you know for someone to be doing that and what it's meant to all those children, as a teacher, and as an administrator and definitely as a bus driver for all those years up there, up on the ridge as they say. I am very proud of those golfers that we saw. As I shared with the parents there it's the things that Coach Rose and said and the other coach about what's great good gentlemen you were, being coachable, and those kinds of things. Those are the kind of things that as a parent I'm sure that you can't hear anything better said about your child than that. My offer still stands for those two to carry me through a golf scramble at some point in time.

Dr. Lurton Lyle: I also enjoyed the walkthrough. The size of the elementary school, the space the colors, the brightness, and the lights in it is totally amazing. It made me think back to my elementary school, and that's a long time ago. We had one room that had grades one through four in it. We had one room that had grades five through eight in it. It was a two-room school. It's somewhat different now. I think the work in progress is doing good. I can't wait to see it in action.

Rick Mullins: Well, it's an exciting time. To see Mr. Rose here with our golf team and getting that funding from Bluefield. You know, we've had wonderful athletic programs before I can see a vision in my mind sometime not too far away that Mr. Rose will be bringing in Tiger Woods and Davis Love for a visit. Those are the things that dreams are made of. It's really an exciting time to see the new elementary continue to escalate into reality and I look so forward to that.

Jason Hicks: I want to express appreciation to the Board Supervisors for the budget meeting that we had. I appreciate their support and their partnership with us.

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, Elementary PK-6, Middle School, and Art Teachers, Resignations, Retirements 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.

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Following a motion by Dr. Lurton Lyle and a second by Jamie Hackney, 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 Dr. Lurton Lyle 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	

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	

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Board Action:

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

Retirements

Lisa Rife, Teacher - Ridgeview Middle School
James Moore, Teacher - Ridgeview High School

Resignations

Seth Boyd, Teacher - Ridgeview Middle/High
Natasha Gardner, Teacher - Sandlick Elementary
Lindsey Wood, Nurse - Ridgeview Middle School
Allison Sluss, Part-time Aide - Clintwood Elementary
Steven Villani, Baseball Coach - Ridgeview High School

90-Day Probationary Period

Harley Shelton, Custodian - Clintwood Elementary

Recommendation for Transfer for the 2023-2024 School Year

Erin Dorsey transfer from CES PK-6 Teacher to RMS Visual Art Teacher.

Recommendations for Employment for the 2023-2024 School Year

Kayla Bailey	Ridgeview Elementary School	Elementary PK-6 Teacher
Kristen Bostic	Ridgeview Elementary School	Elementary PK-6 Teacher
Toni Lester	Ridgeview Elementary School	Elementary PK-6 Teacher
Makayla Martinez	Ridgeview Elementary School	Elementary PK-6 Teacher
Heather Rose	Ridgeview Elementary School	Elementary PK-6 Teacher
Elizabeth Slone	Ridgeview Middle School	Middle School Teacher
Ginny Stanley	Clintwood Elementary School	Elementary PK-6 Teacher
Addison Whitner	Clintwood Elementary School	Visual Art Teacher
Paula O'Quinn	Ridgeview Middle School	Long Term Sub. Special Educ. Teacher

Recommendations for Employment

Debra Green	Clintwood Elementary School	Custodian
James Mullins	Clintwood Elementary School	Part-Time Custodian

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VIII. Adjournment: 7:17 p.m.

Following a motion by Jason Hicks and a second by Jamie Hackney, the meeting was adjourned.

All-Aye

Approved 05/24/2023

Damon Rasnick

Damon Rasnick, Chair

Tonya Baker

Tonya Baker, Clerk