

## 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 the 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 Jamie Hackney, the Agenda was approved with the addition of item number s. Discussion in regards to surplus property at the town of Clinchco.

*Vote results*

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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 attending the opening of the new Elementary School. Ms. Musick asked that the Board keep the teachers and students as they have in the past in the forefront of their minds. Because that's who we do it all for and that's who makes a difference.

**Susan Mullins and Catherine Cummins - Historical Society**, Invited the members of the board and the public to come by the old Clintwood High School Field House to see what the Historical Society has done. Ms. Mullins requested that teachers that teach local and Virginia history consider bringing their students to the Historical Society for a Field Trip and that the School Board donate all of the Military and Architectural plaques from the schools that will be closing. Ms. Mullins requested to be allowed to go through the schools that will be closing.

**Shawn Tiller - DEA**, Thanked the Board for taking care of the teachers and employees with the raise this year.

**Vickie Barton - DCPS Fair Committee**, Thanked the Board for scheduling an early dismissal so the children can attend the fair.

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### III. CONSENT AGENDA

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

*Vote results*

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

a. Approval of Minutes

- ❖ May 24, 2023, Regular Meeting

b. Approval of Monthly Bills - School Operation Fund

Monthly Bills: Check # 884481- 884492= \$ 1,248,927.94

Monthly Payroll: Check # 390644-390677- \$1,943,738.49

c. School Activity Fund

- ❖ Informational Item

d. Approval of Field Trips

- ❖ Ervinton Elementary School
  - 05/24/2023 McClure, Va. Pre-k-5th
- ❖ Ridgeview High School
  - 05/22/2023 Norton, Va. - 11th
  - 06/06-13/2023 Pikeville, Ky. - Emory, Va. 8th - 12th
  - 07/01/2023 Norton, Va. - 7th -12th

e. Approval of Bank Reconciliation Documents

f. New Elementary Construction Invoices

### IV. INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD

#### VSBA Conferences

2023 Conference on Education, July 13, 2023

2023 VSBA Legislative Advocacy Conference, September 21, 2023

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V. SUPERINTENDENT ROBINSON

g. Good News from our Schools

❖ **Recognition of the Ridgeview High School Bass Fishing Club**

Mr. Allen Taylor, Coach and Organizer of the RHS Bass Fishing Club spoke about the accomplishment of the Fishing Club. Mr. Taylor read a quote from the Virginia Bass Federation: Congratulations to Braxton Fleming and Alex Grant from Ridgeview Middle School on the third-place win in the Virginia Bass Federation Junior State Championship at Lake Anna. Congratulations to Ryder Taylor and Parker Taylor from Ridgeview Middle School on their second-place win in the Virginia Bass Federation Junior State Championship at Lake Anna. And finally, to complete the sweep again Ridgeview Middle School, congratulations to Dylan Lee and Jordan Barton for the first-place win in the Virginia Bass Federation Junior State Championship at Lake Anna. Ridgeview Middle School took it all. Way to represent your school.

Dylan and Jordan will be going to Oklahoma the last week of July to represent Virginia in the Nationals.

Mr. Taylor asked the School Board to be able to set up an account through the school system to be able to use the tax-exempt number and for larger donations to the club.

❖ **Teacher workday schedule for the school year 2023-2024**

Mr. Dennis Deel, Director of Instruction presented a Teacher workday schedule for the 2023-2024 school year.

❖ **Mrs. Robinson** recognized all the people that worked behind the scenes to make the new elementary school Ribbon Cutting Ceremony a success.

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

Mr. Dennis Deel, Director of Instruction, presented student attendance and enrollment for May 2023.

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

As of May 31, 2023, student enrollment was 1995 which includes: (1) Enrolled Students; (2) PK and Post Students, and (3) Virtual Students

Clintwood Elementary was the May attendance winner at 93.6%

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

Clintwood Elementary School:	400:	93.6%	95.48%
Ervinton Elementary School:	100:	90.56%	94.88%
Sandlick Elementary School:	344:	90.17%	91.16%
Ridgeview Middle School:	450:	86.11%	90.58%
Ridgeview High School:	580:	90.32%	91.16%

### Pre-K Enrollment:

Clintwood Elementary School:	33
Ervinton Elementary School:	11
Sandlick Elementary School:	<u>38</u>
Total:	82

### 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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In July, we will request the approval of the Board of Supervisors and the School Board for the execution of the Comprehensive Agreement which will allow the construction of the new additional classrooms for the consolidation of CES for the 2024 – 2025 school year:

### Proposed Phase 3 – New PPEA for Additional Classrooms:

- o April 26, 2023: Execution of Interim Agreement
- o June 9, 2023: Site & Utility Design Complete
- o June 12, 2023: Building Design 90% Complete
- o June 26, 2023: Building Design 100% Complete
- o June 28, 2023: Execution of Comprehensive Agreement  
(following DCPS SB meeting)
- o July 5, 2023: Commence Construction
- o July 31, 2024: Substantial Completion
- o August 30, 2024: Final Completion

### i. Approval of the milk bid for FY 2024

Ms. Laura Taylor and Mrs. Deborah Compton, Food Service Coordinator, requested the acceptance of the milk bid for the school year 2023-2024.

An invitation to Bid for Milk & Dairy was issued on 05/10/2023 and bids were accepted through 06/14/2023 at 10:00 am.

DCPS received one bid that was opened on 06/14/2023 at 10:00 am from New Dairy Kentucky (dba Borden Dairy). Unit Costs in the bid were comparable to current prices and are included in the board packet. The total annual cost based on unit costs and estimated units is \$111,863.40.

Ms. Taylor requested that the board accept the Milk & Dairy bid from New Dairy Kentucky (dba Borden Dairy) and give consent to enter the contract for the period beginning August 1, 2023, and ending July 31, 2024.

Following a motion by Rick Mullins and a second by Jamie Hackney; the milk bid from New Dairy Kentucky (dba Borden Dairy) was approved as presented.

#### *Vote results*

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

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### **j. Update on the FY 24 Budget**

Laura Taylor, Director of Business and Finance, gave the Board an update on the 2023- 2024 budget.

The General Assembly has not met any further on the budget. The budget that we have now from the June 9th calculation tools received from the DOE is the budget that we will move forward with.

### **k. Discussion of FY23 Budget End-of-the-Year Summary**

Laura Taylor, Director of Business and Finance presented the FY 23 Budget End of the Year Summary:

We are currently closely monitoring the FY23 budget, revenues, and expenditures in preparation for Year-End Close.

Based on our March 31 ADM and the VDOE Final Calculation Tool released on 06-08-2023, there is no need to request additional funding from Dickenson County to meet RLM.

There will be 2 payrolls processed on June 30th: Regular June Payroll and Post Payroll for employees with contracts less than 12 months.

On June 30 th, DCPS will finalize revenues and expenditures and submit a carryover request to Dickenson County. School Board members will receive a copy of this letter when it is submitted.

### **l. Approval of the 2023-2024 Federal Grant Application: Title I, Title II, Title III, Title VI, and Title V.**

Mr. Mark Mullins, Director of Federal Programs/testing, presented the Federal Grant Applications and gave a summary of each one.

#### **Approval of the 2023-2024 Federal Grant Applications:**

- Title I Part A – Improving Basic Programs
- Title II Part A – Supporting Effective Instruction
- Title III – Language Instruction for English Learners
- Title IV Part A – Student Support and Academic Enrichment
- Title V Part B Rural Schools – Rural and Low-Income Schools

To summarize the individual Federal Grant Applications:

**Title I Part A** – The estimate for this grant is \$850, 000 for next year. This grant will provide federal funds to operate our Title I programs in both of our elementary schools (Title I Reading Teachers, Title I Math Teachers, one Computer Lab Teacher, and two Reading Specialists). Reading and Math

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Intervention and remediation is the goal for our Title I program. Ninety-eight percent of this grant will cover the salary and benefits for 9 full-time employees.

**Title II Part A** – The estimate for this grant is \$102,000 for the coming school year. The grant provides federal funds to pay for Class Size Reduction teachers in grades K-6. The grant will cover salaries for 3 teachers in those grade levels. The funds assist in maintaining lower class sizes across that grade span. 100% of this grant goes toward salaries for these 3 teachers.

**Title III Statewide Consortium** – The estimate for this grant is \$1,168 for next year. The grant provides funds to assist the division's English learner (EL) students. Materials and supplies are purchased to assist with language development.

**Title IV Part A** – The estimate for this grant is \$66,000 this year. This grant will cover one additional class size reduction teacher in the elementary grades. It will cover salary and benefits. 100% of this grant goes toward teacher salary and benefits.

**Title V Part B, Rural Schools** – We estimate this grant to be \$55,000 for next year. This grant works in conjunction with the Title II Part A grant to cover the benefit cost for the three K-6th grade class size reduction teachers. 100% of this grant goes toward teacher benefit expenses.

All five federal grants are projected this year to total approximately \$1,074,168. Salary and benefits are covered for 13 full-time employees.

Following a motion by Jason Hicks and a second by Dr. Lurton Lyle, the Title I, Title II, Title III, Title VI, and Title V federal grant applications were approved as presented.

*Vote results*

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

### **m. Communities in School and Propel Counseling End of the Year Presentation**

Kim Carroll and Heather Lynch with Propel's Counseling presented their work with our children since January 2023. DCPS received a Community School Grant of \$437,900 to allow student-focused services to be provided for our students by Propel Counseling and Communities in Schools, and services for our staff by United Way of Southwest Virginia.

Mike Setser did a PowerPoint presentation and gave an end-of-the-year summary for Communities in Schools.

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### n. Discussion of Requested Surplus Equipment at SES and EES

With the closure of EES and SES, the school division has received several requests for equipment from communities.

The County has requested from the U. S. Corps of Engineers that the following equipment not be demolished on the SES campus but be left for community use:

1. The playground area beside the school, including the fencing around it.
2. The playground area behind the school
3. The walking track, bleachers field goals, and stadium lights at the football field
4. The paved driveway and parking lots that are on the school property.

**Mr. Scott Mullins, School Board Attorney** - There was a Dickenson County Board of Supervisors meeting last night where they passed a resolution dealing with some of these issues. They were firmly requesting that the School Board as quickly as it is possible allow the Fair Committee to have a set of bleachers from Sandlick Elementary School and that the School Board leave and preserve all playground equipment at Sandlick Elementary School. Those were the two primary things they were asking. Mr. Mullins gave the Board a quick tutorial on property and on the law to let them know what he was asking for. There are two types of property, real property, and personal property. The real property is the land that makes up the Sandlick and Ervinton campuses. There are things on that land that might be considered personal property. Those are things that are not permanently affixed to the land that could be moved. Those things like bleachers, playground equipment, and fencing. You have community groups from a fair committee to the Kiwanis that are wanting to get some of this personal property and use it in a way that's consistent with not only the children's needs of Dickenson County but the citizens of Dickenson County. There is one thing significantly different between the Board of Supervisors and a School Board. The Board of Supervisors can lawfully make gifts. Under Virginia Law, school systems can not make gifts to community members, churches, etc. We want to do these things but legally we are not entitled to make gifts and that's a very clear concept of law.

Mr. Scott Mullins gave the Board a resolution that does two things, to two different types of property. The first is that it declares that the Ervinton and Sandlick Elementary Schools are declared to be surplus property as the term is defined by the Code of Virginia. That is the real property. As of tonight, you are not doing a deed. We are not formally transferring that land to the Board of Supervisors yet. It says we will work with the County Administrator and the County Attorney to begin this orderly transfer of these properties. We want to work with the Board of Supervisors and the community members that want the fencing, the playground equipment, and all of those things. We want to start that process quickly and what that looks like is tonight on paragraph two you will see that as of tonight we are transferring that property to the Board of Supervisors. They can make a gift and we can't. It is much simpler for us to declare it surplus being part of those campuses, and give it to the Board of Supervisors. They understand what needs to be done.



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Following a motion by Jamie Hackney and a second by Rick Mullins the resolution regarding surplus property at EES and SES was approved as presented.

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

Following a motion by Jason Hicks and a second by Jamie Hackney the Board approved for the trophies from the Ervinton Schools to be displayed in a locked case at the McClure Kwikway.

*Vote results*

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

### **o. Discussion of Dickenson County Fair Student Participation**

- 1. Full Day or 1/2 Day Release:** I recommend a 1/2 day student release for Kids Day. The school schedule was approved in February/March, and missing an unscheduled day for a non-emergency matter may cause a revision in the schedule. As you recall, it was a tight calendar to get 90 days in before the Christmas Holidays.
- 2. The field trip for self-contained children** is an excellent idea and can be scheduled, as long as the Fair is closed to the public during this time period.
- 3. Scheduling Celeste Kellogg** to speak to our middle school students on bullying on Sept. 14, 2023, is also a great opportunity.
- 4. Dismissing teachers early** so that they can take their children to the Fair causes a disparity issue with custodians, secretaries, central office staff, maintenance, etc. who also have children and are not given the opportunity to leave early to take their children to the fair. I recommend that teachers be dismissed at 3:00 p.m. If teachers and other employees want to take their children to the Fair, they all have the same opportunity to take a 1/2 day personal leave, and all employees are treated fairly.

Following a motion by Jamie Hackney and a second by Jason Hicks the fair recommendations were approved as presented.

*Vote results*

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

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### p. Update on Ridgeview Elementary School 2023-2024 School Opening and Transition

#### I. Sandlick Demolition:

- By June 16, 2023: Sandlick ES staff remove personal items from the school.
- By the end of June 2023: Movers relocate surplus items to EES as well as items to RES (textbooks, library books, etc.).
- By July 7, 2023: HAZMAT survey/sampling of roof complete.
- By July 14, 2023: Receive abatement specifications from HDH.
- July 14 – 16, 2023: Auction is scheduled at SES
- By July 17, 2023: Issue invitation for bids for HAZMAT abatement and demolition of SES.
- By August 17, 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.

#### II. Status of Moving Boxes and Equipment:

#### III. Status of Staff:

#### IV. Status of Bus Transportation:

### q. Approval of Proposed VSBA Policies

Mr. Mark Mullins, Director of Federal Programs/testing, Presented the VSBA Policies. The proposed revisions in the policies are either (1) word revisions; (2) changes in statute or law. Policy GAB-IIBEA and policy IIBEA-GAB which is the acceptable computer system use policy have a new code amendment that is banning the use of TickTock and any app from the company that produces TickTock to be used on any government devices. On any device that is owned by the School System, TickTock would be banned.

Following a motion by Rick Mullins and a second y Dr. Lurton Lyle the policies were approved as presented.

#### *Vote results*

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

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### **r. Approval of 2023-2024 DCPS Student and Parent Handbook, DCPS Handbook for Students, and Employee Handbook**

Mr. Dennis Deel, Director of Instruction, presented the Handbooks.

Following a motion by Jason Hicks and a second by Dr. Lurton Lyle the 2023-2024 DCPS Student and Parent Handbook, DCPS Handbook for Students, and Employee Handbooks were approved as presented.

#### *Vote results*

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

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### **S. Discussion in regards to the surplus property at the town of Clinchco**

Scott Mullins, School Board Attorney - At the last meeting a small tract of land was discussed that is located beside the Triple T in Clinchco. Mr. Hackney made a motion at the May Board meeting to declare this as surplus property. There were no meets and bounds in the description needed for the deed. Mr. Mullins presented a resolution that includes a meets-and-bounds description that makes it clear what we are claiming as surplus property to be returned to the Board of Supervisors.

Following a motion by Jamie Hackney and a second by Rick Mullins, the resolution regarding the surplus property at the town of Clincho was approved as presented.

*Vote results*

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

## **VI. BOARD COMMENT**

**Rick Mullins** - I was really amazed. It was really great to see the fishing team be so successful after just twenty-four months. That is really a large accomplishment. It is really good to see the Communities in the School and Propel. Those organizations bring in all those and explain all of those positive attributes that they have brought to our children and the community as well. I think that's to be really admired and commended, so things are very positive.

**Dr. Lurton Lyle** - I echo Mrs. Robinson's comments about the help of our employees during the Ribbon Cutting and especially the food preparation and serving. I think that I made two trips back and had someone bring a dessert, just in case. All current board members who are running for re-election which is four not counting myself are unopposed. The gentleman, David Vanover, who is running for my position is unopposed. I think that is a county-wide acclimation of what we have done in the past four years. I think that is a good move. The new elementary school will be ready to open at the start of the new term and the addition to the new elementary school will soon follow. I remember when I got on this board. At that time we were appointed and not elected. We had five elementary schools. Clinchco, Ervinton, Sandlick, Clintwood, and Longfork. We had three high schools, Haysi, Ervinton, Clintwood, and one Vocational School. A total of nine schools in eight different locations. Now soon to be we will have all schools in one location. I think that's significant progress over time.

**Jamie Hackney** - Just some thoughts from tonight. I enjoyed hearing from the ladies from the Historical Society. I am glad they were able to speak. It kind of hit me with another thought that field trips down there would be a good thing. I think a lot of times we put a lot of attention on Virginia and US History but local history is important too. I think that is important to recognize. I will follow up on the Ridgeview Bass Anglers group. That was fantastic. I am glad they were here tonight.

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Congratulations, very good performance. They had an honorable performance. Maybe sometime in the future, they could even host that. A high school bass tournament and get some home-field advantage on Flanagan. I support the tax-exempt status. Hopefully, we can get that done for them. I appreciate the Board of Supervisors working with us on the budget this year and enabling us to provide an additional raise for our teachers. It is much deserved and much needed. I am very happy to get that done. I also enjoyed the presentations from the Propel staff and Communities in Schools. It's very informative and provides a lot of information. It's important to hear those things that are going on.

**Mr. Hicks** - Ms. Musick started off this meeting by saying that this meeting is usually looking at a lot of successes and looking forward. That kind of sums this entire meeting up from the success of those artifacts and things getting to the Historical Society to have those on display. The fishing program, Communities in School, Propel, gave four or five examples, Heather did as she first started. If only one of those things had happened that would have made that entire program worth it. It is just amazing the thing they are doing and the services they are providing for our kids. All of these successes are done through partnerships. As Mr. Hackney said, I will echo him, the partnership with the Board of Supervisors to successfully raise our salary scales. I think even with the transfer of these properties that's another partnership that's going to be successful. With the transfer of those properties that's going to benefit our kids and the community as a whole. A lot of good things that you get to sit here from this standpoint and see that they are happening. It doesn't happen without a whole lot of people and a whole lot of partnerships.

**Damon Rasnick** - That certainly was impressive. Ridgeview and the other schools have all had high levels of success. The grandparents, parents, other caregivers, children and teachers and administrators, and all other employees with the school division certainly have played a role in all of those successes. I hope that continues and through the summer everybody is safe and happy and come back next year and do more of the same. Also, the folks that spoke from Propel Counseling and Mr. Setser's Communities in School group. It seems like there has been a lot of success there as well. Certainly, those children are in need of that. They are blessed to have that in their lives and the schools that partner with them. I am also thankful that we the School Board have nothing to say About surplus property. I think that is the appropriate venue and it is law. I have no problem with that whatsoever. I expect it to be distributed as if any of us were there doing it. It would be in a fair and equal manner as possible. It will benefit the citizens of our Count in the best way possible. There are a lot of questions about that because everybody doesn't understand that process and that needs to be well publicized now and in the future. When that land is not used for public education it goes back to the county. Those personal property items that the School Board has, as Mr. Mullins advised, we are not allowed to provide gifts. It needs to go back to the entity that can so the people can be served appropriately and correctly and understand the rules upfront. I am very proud of the new school and the addition to come. There have been so many good things that have happened and it's not come without a struggle here and there but as Dr. Lyle said in the end it seems as if everything is going to come together in a good way for our children and that's what we are here for. I certainly appreciate the input from all of the board members and the positive way that they have conducted business in this public setting over the last few years. I hope that continues now and in the future, whoever is running or not running. Dr. Lyle has been the senior member of this board for some number of years as he said, back to the appointment days. That appointment

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was made by the School Selection Board if I remember correctly. For each district at one time, if I remember correctly they had seven members. I think it has changed through the years. I go back to the 1980's I guess. It was a different day and we have seen a lot of changes. I hope everyone will take the time to support them and go out there and visit the Historical Society. I appreciate the good work that they do. I look forward to reading the articles every week in the paper. They have a treasure trove out there. They probably have things that date back to 1880. Before that people in Dickenson County had to go to Wise County or Buchanan County in order to get their deeds etc. It was a burden for people in this little, I guess 326 square mile section to do all of that. That is true today. If you go back to research your family far enough you will end up going to the courthouse in Russell County or the courthouse in Wise County. We tend to forget how blessed we are. It was a little harder to get around back in 1880 but still, there are some challenges. We have always been blessed with people that had great faith in schools. You can read about those in the books at the Historical Society. If not that then meet Virginia's Baby and also the follow-up books that Mr. DJ Sutherland and his family did. There is certainly a lot of history there that you can follow back to the first settlers that came to this county and to this country and state. Most of the people in this county can trace their roots back to those countries.

### 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 a Custodian, and resignations 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*

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

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

*Vote results*

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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*

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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 a second by Jason Hicks, the employment recommendations were approved as presented in the closed session.

#### *Vote results*

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

### PERSONNEL/LEGAL

#### **Resignations**

Sara Kathryn Large, Teacher - Clintwood Elementary  
Jaime Villani, Teacher - Ridgeview High School  
Courtney Scalf, Custodian - Clintwood Elementary

#### **Recommendation for Transfer for the 2023-2024 School Year**

Donald Viers Transfer to Bus #31- Road Branch, Backbone Ridge, Crooked Branch, Dolly House Lane

Beth Boyd Transfer to Bus #10 – Caney Ridge, Hamilton Town, Brushy Ridge, Little Caney

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Mike Rose Transfer to Bus #30 – Aily Road, Bear Ridge, Jasper Road, Martin Town, Walkenva  
Billy Souleyrette Transfer to Bus #15 – Rakes Ridge, Viers Ridge, Hackney Ridge, Thunder Road  
Kirt Dale Transfer to Bus #63 – Big Ridge Road, Wagon Trail Road, Eliza Flats, Tarpon

**Recommendations for Employment**

Julie Willis Clintwood Elementary School Custodian  
Joel Hill Ridgeview High School Custodian

**POST/ADVERTISE**

**LEGAL**

**VIII. Adjournment: 8:09 p.m.**

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

All-Aye

Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
07/26/2023

***Damon Rasnick***

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Damon Rasnick, Chair

***Laura Taylor***

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Laura Taylor, Deputy Clerk