

Dickenson County School Board Regular Meeting - Summary Minutes

October 26, 2022

- I. ROLL CALL AND MEETING CALLED TO ORDER - 5:08 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 Rick Mullins and a second by Dr. Lurton Lyle, the Agenda was approved as presented.

Vote results

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

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Jason Hicks read the Public Comment Guidelines.

Kathy Musick, VPE: Ms. Musick reminded everyone that the fall submission date for scholarships and grants is November 15, 2022.

Paul O'Quinn: Spoke about his goals to see what he could do to help our community improve the standard of living with both Economic Development and Public Health.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Following a motion by Rick Mullins 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	

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a. Approval of Minutes

- ❖ September 28, 2022, Regular Meeting

b. Approval of Monthly Bills - School Operation Fund

Monthly Bills: Check # 883621 - 883738- \$692,440.87

Monthly Payroll: Check # 390379 - 390411 \$2,085,305.80

c. School Activity Fund

- ❖ Informational Item

d. Approval of Field Trips

- ❖ Clintwood Elementary
 - 10/21/2022 Jenkins, KY Multiple Grades
 - 10/25/2022 Clintwood, Va. 3rd
- ❖ Ervinton Elementary
 - 10/19/2022 Clintwood, Va. 3rd,4th, 5th
 - 10/21/2022 Clintwood, Va. Pre-K, KG, 1st, 2nd
- ❖ Sandlick Elementary
 - 10/11/2022 Castlewood, Va. 4th
 - 10/27/2022 Castlewood, Va. 2nd
- ❖ Ridgeview Middle School
 - 10/26/2022 Clintwood, Va. 6th
 - 10/27/2022 Clintwood, Va. 6th
- ❖ Ridgeview High School
 - 10/18/2022 Clintwood, Va. 10th - 12th
 - 10/24/2022 Bristol, Va. 10th - 12th
 - 10/26/2022 Wise, Va. 9th - 12th
 - 10/28/2022 Richlands, Va. 12th
 - 12/28 &29/2022 Paintsville, KY 9th - 12th
 - 04/18 - 22/ 2023 Orlando, FL 12th

e. Approval of Bank Reconciliation Documents

f. New Elementary Construction Invoices

IV. INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD

VSBA Board Recognition

Mr. Damon Rasnick - Award of Recognition - 15 VSBA credits per year.

Dr. Lurton Lyle - Award of Distinction - 84 VSBA credits in 2 years.

Dr. Lyle is invited to a special luncheon at the VSBA Annual Convention.

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VSBA Conferences

VSBA - Annual Convention, November 16-18, 2022

V. SUPERINTENDENT ROBINSON

g. Good News from our Schools

Porchia Fletcher: Site Coordinator of the Wolfpack After the Bell School Program

Ms. Fletcher highlighted what the Wolfpack After the Bell School Program is about. The staff working with the students are April Hay, Josh Kilgore, Sheila Wallace, Heather Rasnick, Caitlin Neeley, Jamie Villani, and Amy Mullins.

Attendance Reports

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

As of Friday, Sept. 30, 2022, student enrollment was 2015, including: (1) Enrolled Students; (2) PK and Post Students, and Virtual Students. The increase in student enrollment for this month is for two reasons:

1. Contacting students who did not attend school the first 10 days of school
2. Decrease of Homeschooled students.

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

The student enrollment percentage for each school K – 5 is as follows;

Clintwood Elementary School:	392:	88.43%
Ervinton Elementary School:	108:	83.25%
Sandlick Elementary School:	349:	83.01%
Ridgeview Middle School:	440:	88.31%
Ridgeview High School:	593:	88.50%

Pre K Enrollment:

Clintwood Elementary School:	34
Ervinton Elementary School:	9
Sandlick Elementary School:	<u>39</u>
Total:	82

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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 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.

SKANSKA



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I. Ridgeview Elementary School Transition

Ridgeview Elementary School Facts: For 2023 – 2024: As per Corps Contract, it must open as a PK – 5th Grade:

- a. \$24,561,867: Corps Funding for 28 classrooms; Remains on Budget with, Music, Art, Playground for older and younger students, transition classrooms, Spaces for OT, PT, Speech and Self-Contained Classrooms
- b. The current Plan is for SES and EES to transition to RES
- c. Approximately \$5.1 million for 6 additional classrooms from ESSER III
- d. Total of 34 classrooms: Two of the classrooms are collaborative classrooms:
- e. Total Square Footage: 77,826 SF
- f. Based on current K – 3rd-grade class size reduction data, we project 22 – 1 in grades K – 3rd grades for 22 – 23:
- g. 28 classrooms should be completed in Dec. /Jan. Additional 6 Classrooms are to be completed in April/May.

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

Proposed Timeline

- I. Ribbon Cutting: Early May-August, 2023 (Depending on Approved Calendar)
- II. Determining Factors:
 1. Determining # of Classrooms Available and Needed: Oct/Nov. 2022
 2. Identifying Administrative Staff: Dec./January 2023
 3. Identifying Staff: PK – 5th: Feb/March 2023
 4. Finalizing Education/Instructional Programs: April- June 2023
 5. Finalizing Transportation/Bus Runs: April/May 2023
 6. Teacher/Moving Plan: May/June 2023
 7. Demolishing SES ASAP
 8. Other
 - a. Technology
 - b. Furniture: Has been delivered, and will be set up in mid-Jan. 2023
 - c. Summer School Schedule in 2023

j DCPS Proposed Staff Stipend

Laura Taylor, Director of Business and Finance Presented the proposed staff stipends. The budget for FY 2022-2023 from the Commonwealth of Virginia included ARPA Federal Pandemic Funds for a December bonus payment in the amount of \$218,077.37. These funds are designated to provide a \$1,000 bonus (plus the 7.65% Employer FICA portion) to

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each full-time SOQ position funded by the state. The State is funding 202.58 SOQ positions for FY 22-23.

Dickenson County Public Schools currently has 295.4 employees designated as Full-Time. The proposed stipend includes all 295.4 full-time employees with a stipend amount of \$1,000. The additional cost to DCPS to provide this stipend plus applicable FICA for full-time employees is \$ 99,920.73.

Dickenson County Public Schools currently has 73 hired part-time employees and designated long-term substitute teachers. The state funding does not include any part-time positions. The proposed stipend includes these 73 employees with a stipend amount of \$500. The additional cost to DCPS to provide this portion of the stipend, including FICA, is \$38,754.00. The total additional cost to Dickenson County Public Schools for the proposed stipend is \$136,674.73. This additional expenditure amount is an allowable cost under ESSER II guidelines and is included on the stipend as the second.

Following a motion by Damon Rasnick and a second by Jamie Hackney the proposed staff stipend 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	

VI. BOARD COMMENT

Rick Mullins: I would like to commend Mr. Rasnick and Dr. Lyle for all their hard work and dedication. We are very blessed to have them be a part of us. I would like to commend the Wolfpack after the Bell Program. It has been very successful and everybody's worked really hard for that. The numbers are up in the schools, that's really a good thing. We have extra money for full and part-time employees to have stipends, that's really good. That's better than the UT Football program was last Saturday night.

Dr. Lurton Lyle: I am glad to see the construction moving along and I am looking forward to when we put the New Elementry School to use as we are planning and arranging. I am glad for the After The Bell Program. It seems to be working well. Again, I am looking forward to the transition into the new elementary school.

Jason Hicks: I would like to thank Mr. Burge for taking me, Mr. Hackney, and Mr. Mullins out to look through the school this afternoon. It is very impressive. The most impressive thing I saw before we got out the door was that playground. It's really looking good and it's really exciting. As you saw from the pictures, I was really blown away, once you get into one of those finished classrooms at how nice and spacious. It's going to be really exciting for our students and teachers when they get in there. What a great facility that they are going to

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have and be able to enjoy for a long time. Hats off to Dr. Lyle and Mr. Rasnick for your work with the VSBA. I don't think they compensate you for that so that's all on your own. We appreciate that. I was excited about the After the Bell program last month. I have been involved in one once before and so I didn't realize it was going to be so fast. They've really moved along and have some great things going on there. We are blessed to be able to do these stipends. I know it's a little different than it was before, primarily because this money comes out of different pots than what it was the last few times that we've done this. It's still a blessing to be able to do it and I'm appreciative of it.

Damon Rasnick: I would like to say thanks to all the teachers and all the personnel who work with our children. I hope we can all come together in good spirit and harmony and do the very best we can to move our children along. I know everybody's seen the news regarding scores around the country and there is good reason for that but still, it's kind of a deep sadness that kind of comes along when you find that the kids are set back because of all of the school that has been missed. I hope we can catch up in a very good way. Mr. Burge gives such a good description of this building it almost makes you want to go out there and look at it every day. Everything is changing so fast and it looks so good. I certainly appreciate the good work that has been done out there as well and I hope it all comes together in a good way for our students for a long long time.

Jamie Hackney: I also thank Mr. Burge for the tour. Everything is looking great and coming along very nicely. I also commend Mr. Rasnick and Dr. Lyle for their recognition with the VSBA. I will give a shout-out to our chairman tonight Mr. Hicks. The pace is really good, it's not even six o'clock yet. Good job.

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 Biology Teacher, Custodian, Part-time Aides, Substitutes, Coaches, FMLA, Resignations, and Retirements pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1)
- 2.) Student early graduation request pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A) (2) 3.)
- 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.

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

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Following a motion by Damon Rasnick and a second by Jamie Hackney; 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	

Board Action:

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

Coaches

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Substitutes

Sharon Blevins -Substitute Teacher, Aide, Nurse
Ramona Duncan - Substitute Teacher, Aide
Callie “Arlene” Kilgore - Substitute Teacher, Aide, Cook
Landon Knepp - Substitute Teacher, Aide
Heather Lyall - Substitute Teacher, Aide
Phoenix Marshall - Substitute Teacher, Aide
Deborah Merritt - Substitute Teacher, Aide

FMLA

Phyllis Mullins - Teacher, Ridgeview High School
Malory Vance - Teacher, Ervinton Elementary

Resignation

Valerie Boggs - Cook, Ridgeview Cafeteria
Shannondoah Edwards - Teacher, Ridgeview High School

Retirement

Ronnie Branscome Jr. - Bus Driver

Recommendations for Employment

Kendra C. Yates - Biology Teacher, Ridgeview High School
Christopher Baker - Custodian, Ridgeview Middle School

Following a motion by Damon Rasnick and a second by Jamie Hackney students, 1000000099,100833,1000002533, were approved for early graduation upon meeting all the required qualifications. Student 1000003431, was approved for graduation at the end of the year.

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 Jamie Hackney and a second by Damon Rasncik the regularly scheduled November School Board Meeting was changed to Monday, November 21, 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	

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VIII. Adjournment: 7:25 p.m.

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

All-Aye

Approved: 11/21/2022

Jason Hicks

Jason Hicks, Chair

Tonya Baker

Tonya Baker, Clerk