

Dickenson County School Board Special Called Meeting - Summary Minutes

April 20, 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; Dr. Lurton Lyle; Rick Mullins; Jamie Hackney; Tonya Baker, Clerk; Haydee Robinson, Superintendent; Scott Mullins, Board Attorney

Approval of Agenda:

Following a motion by Damon Rasnick and a second by, Rick Mullins, the Agenda was approved with the revision of the addition of Item: II. Construction Notifications.

Vote results

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

- II. **Construction Notification:**

Mr. Curtis Elswick, Skanska Senior Vice President/Regional Executive, and Mr. Abram Quesenberry, President of Quesenberry Construction spoke to notify the School Board that the switchgear that is needed to provide permanent power to the building and allow the startup of new mechanical equipment and installation of finishes will not be delivered on time. It was initially anticipated that the switchgear would be delivered in early 2022, following the final design of the switchgear in September 2021. It was not until March 10, 2022, that Quesenberry's Construction was informed that the switchgear would not ship until April 22, 2022, and be delivered on April 27, 2022. On April 6, 2022, the anticipated date for delivery was changed to September 2022. After careful evaluation of the work that is to be completed following delivery of the switchgear, it is anticipated that it will take approximately 4 months to complete work on the new school and that completion may not take place until late December 2022 or early 2023. At this time, the delivery date of the switchgear remains fluid and various options are under consideration. It is recommended that DCPS assume that the new elementary school will not be ready for occupancy in Fall 2022.

- III. **Overview of Ervinton Elementary's Transition with Sandlick Elementary to the New Elementary School**

Mrs. Robinson: There was no new further information than what was presented at the March meeting. With the new information concerning the New Elementary School, the focus has changed. It appears that in August of 2022 we will open up all three elementary schools. Some of the focus will now be on staffing for the three elementary schools. It will also be on providing stability to those students and staff members. The domino effect may be reviewing

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the calendar for the next school year is that an option of beginning school a week earlier or not. There are a lot of questions but this time the School Board is not prepared or thinks it is appropriate to move forward on staffing or any of those types of things until we know more about this situation and we get closer to the actual opening of the school.

Public Comments

Mr. Hackney read the Public Comment Guidelines.

Glenn Arwood - Spoke concerning an issue at Ridgeview High School.

Brenda Plaster - Spoke concerning issues at Ridgeview High School.

- IV. **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 consideration of specific individuals for employment as a Head Football Coach, Part-Time Cook, and Attendance Clerk, 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)(8) of the code of Virginia.

Following a motion by Rick Mullins and a second, by Jamie Hackney, the Board convened in a Closed session.

Vote results

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

Following a motion by Jamie Hackney and a second by Damon Rasnick; the board returned to open session.

Vote results

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

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Board Certification

Mrs. Robinson read the following certification for Closed Session:

WHEREAS, the Dickenson County School Board has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and WHEREAS, section 2.2-3712 (D) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this School Board that such a closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dickenson County School Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only the public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered.

Certification results

Certify:	5	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 Jamie Hackney the employment recommendations were approved as presented in executive sessions.

Vote results

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

PERSONNEL/LEGAL

Recommendations for Employment

Dewayne Stanley	Ridgeview High School	Secondary Teacher/Head Football Coach
Delois Stanley	Clintwood Elementary	Part-Time Cook
Doris Mahan	Clintwood Elementary	Part-Time Attendance Clerk

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V. Adjournment: 7:19 p.m.

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

Approved 05/25/2022

Jason Hicks

Jason Hicks, Chair

Tonya Baker

Tonya Baker, Clerk