

Dickenson County School Board Regular Meeting - Summary Minutes

December 15, 2021

- I. ROLL CALL AND MEETING CALLED TO ORDER - 5:00 P.M.** The meeting was called to order by Chair, Rick Mullins followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Members in Attendance: Rick Mullins, Chair; Damon Rasnick, Vice-Chair; Dr. Lurton Lyle; Jason Hicks; 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, Dr. Lurton Lyle, the Agenda was approved as presented

Vote results

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

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Jason Hicks read the Public Comment Guidelines.

Kathy Musick: VPE - Wished everyone a wonderful holiday season and spoke about Governor Northam's proposed budget that it looks good for Teachers. Ms. Musick commended the Board for always trying to put the teachers first.

Phyllis Mullins: DEA - Ms. Mullins stated that the DEA is thankful to the Board for all that has been done, especially the extra. Ms. Mullins spoke about several things the DEA is looking forward to, the Governor's budget and Lobby Day in Richmond. She thanked everyone and wished the Board a Happy New Year.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Following a motion by Damon Rasnick and a second by Dr. Lurton Lyle; the Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

Vote results

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

a. Approval of Minutes

- ❖ November 10, 2021- Special Called Meeting
- ❖ November 17, 2021 - Regular Meeting

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b. Approval of Monthly Bills - School Operation Fund

Monthly Bills: Check # 882625-882720- \$224,495.72

Monthly Payroll: Check # 390031 - 390067 \$1,550,928.65

c. School Activity Fund

❖ Informational Item

d. Approval of Field Trips

❖ Ridgeview High School

➤ 11/19/21 - Central High School - 7th-12th

➤ 12/01//21 - Kiwanis Park, McClure, Va. - 7th - 12th

➤ 02/08-02/13/2022 Hampton VA - 12th

➤ 02/10-02/13/2022 Hampton VA - 9th -12th

e. Approval of Bank Reconciliation Documents

f. New Elementary Construction Invoices

IV. INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD

Mrs. Robinson informed the Board Members about VSBA Virtual Conferences and Seminars.

Important Dates to remember:

- ★ Dec. 20 – Dec. 31, 2021: Christmas Holidays
- ★ Jan. 3, 2022: Professional Development Day/Teacher Workday
- ★ Jan. 4, 2022: Students Return to School

Mr. Dennis Deel, Director of Instruction - Spoke on the Professional Development Day for Teachers.

Ms. Laura Taylor, Director of Business and Finance - Spoke about the initial phases of the 2022-23 budget and the minimum wage increase.

VSBA Conferences

VSBA Capital Conference, January 24 & 25, 2022

VSBA Title IX Workshop, February 8, 2022

March Hot Topic Conference, March 11, 2022

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V. SUPERINTENDENT ROBINSON

g. Good News from our Schools

Mr. Chris Robinson, DECA Sponsor - Presented the winners of the DECA Competition. DECA students competed in the DECA Competition at MECC on Thursday 11/18. Ridgeview DECA students competed against students from Central, Union, Eastside, and Lee County.

Students performed role plays for various business/marketing categories. Students were presented with a role play in which they had to resolve an issue within the particular role play. Students had 10 minutes to read the role play and make notes. Next, students met a judge and performed their role play by communicating how they would resolve the issue. Judges scored role-plays according to the student presentation and responses for solving the issue.

Ridgeview DECA has **(2)** first place and **(2)** second-place winners that can advance to the state competition in their respective competitions.

FIRST PLACE WINNERS

- *Hotel and Lodging Management: Amelia Belcher*
- *Business Service Management: Hayden Hickman*

SECOND PLACE WINNERS

- *Food Marketing: Madison Mullins*
- *Human Resource Management: Abigail Mullins*
- *Principles of Business and Administration: Morgan Slemph*
- *Retail Merchandise Service: Zoey Phipps*
- *Sports and Entertainment Marketing: Hayden Mullins*

THIRD PLACE WINNERS

- *Marketing Communications: Carol Adkins*
- *Restaurant Food and Service Management: Patricia Padron*
- *Apparel and Accessories: Diamond Delaney*
- *Principles of Hospitality and Tourism: Cadence Cantrell*
- *Hotel and Lodging Management: Caelyn Dingus*
- *Job Interview: Clayton Hickman*
- *Automotive Services: Braden Sullivan*

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Scholastic Bowl Recognition: Mr. Adrian White, Ridgeview High School's Earth Science Teacher, recognized the achievements of the 2021 Scholastic Bowl and our students.

The Scholastic team concluded the regular season this year at 8 - 4, tied for second place going into the district tournament which will be at the end of January.

Team Members:

Landon Couch
David Farmer
Brody Buchanan
Rachel Mullins
Josh Mullins
Connor Kiser
Benjamin Moore
Madison Mullins
Daniel Greear
Koen Powers

Ms. April Hay and Mrs. Porchia Fletcher, seventh-grade teachers, presented The Biscuit Caper by the 7th grade.

The seventh-grade class did a writing project and sent it to Senator Warner. Senator Warner surprised the class with Hardees Biscuits for Breakfast.

Mrs. Martin presented the Student Enrollment and Attendance Report November 2021: Student Enrollment and Attendance Report

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

As of Tuesday, November 30, 2021, the student enrollment was 1874.

Clintwood Elementary School:	385	90.05%
Ervinton Elementary School:	123	89.57%
Sandlick Elementary School:	348	88.38%
Ridgeview Middle School:	419	88.68%
Ridgeview High School:	599	87.85 %

The total enrollment percentage for November was 89.01%.

Enrollment in DCPS Pre- K program, per school:

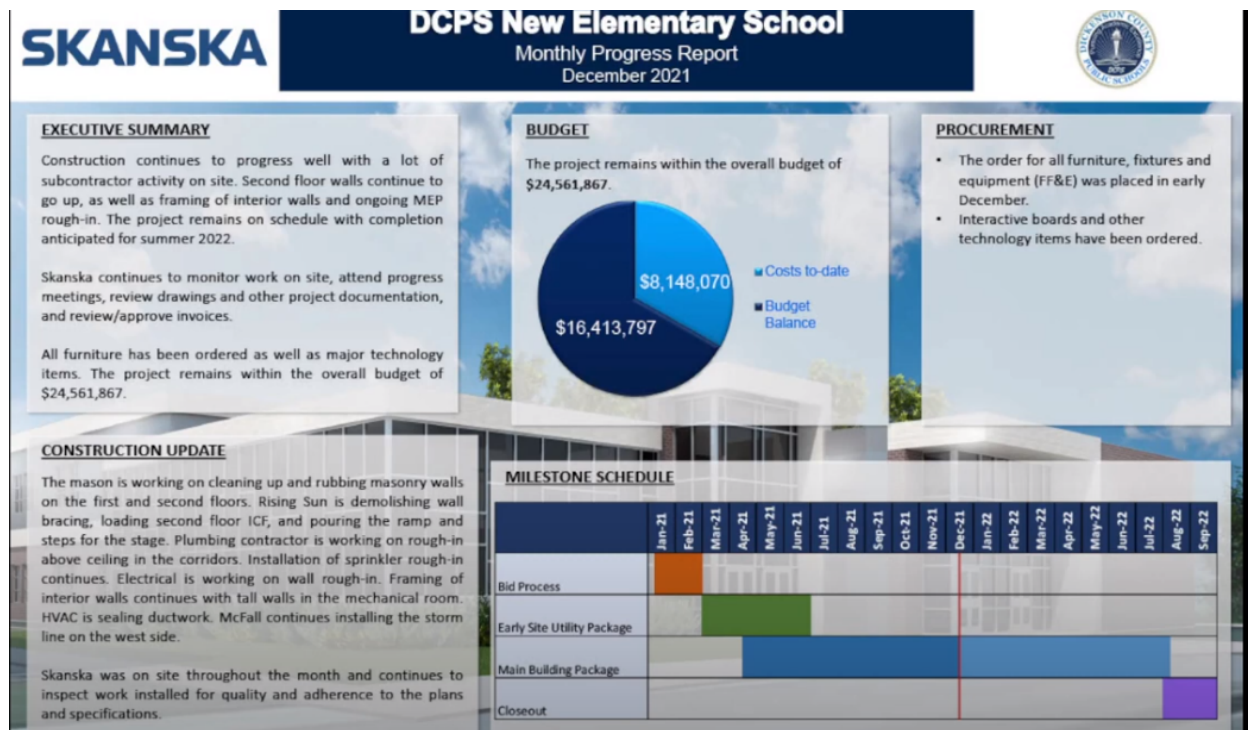
Clintwood Elementary School:	33
Ervinton Elementary School:	21
Sandlick Elementary School:	26
Total:	80

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h. Update on New Elementary School Construction Project

Tim Burge, Construction Superintendent with Skanska and Curtis Elswick, Senior Vice-President and Regional Executive with Skanska, presented a report on the construction of the new elementary and update to the School Board.



i. Proposed Process: The Dickenson County School Board Reorganizational Meeting, Jan. 2022

Mrs. Robinson, Superintendent - Presented the proposed process for reorganization. As per DCPS Policy BCA, at the first January meeting, we are required to reorganize the Board of Education each January. We want to use this opportunity for the School Board discuss the process to determine if there are any changes desired by the School Board.

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Proposed Meeting Dates and Times for the 2021 School Board Meetings:

- Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2022 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2022 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Mar. 9, 2022 5:00 p.m. Budget Workshop
- Wednesday, Mar. 16, 2022 5:00 p.m. Public Hearing Budget Workshop
- Wednesday, Mar. 23, 2022 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 27, 2022 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 25, 2022 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 22, 2022 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 27, 2022 5:00 p.m.
- *Wednesday, August 3, 2022 5:00 p.m. (Possible Special Called Meeting For Staff Employment before the start of School)*
- Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2022 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2022 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022 5:00 p.m. (Meeting Date is Subject to Change)
- Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022 5:00 p.m. (Meeting Date is Subject to Change)

*** Please note: It may be necessary to schedule Special Called Meetings throughout the year.*

j. Approval of DCPS Surplus Land

School Board Attorney, Scott Mullins has been working with the Lemman Kendrick, Former County Engineer, and Freddie Mullins, IDA Attorney, on land owned by the Dickenson County Schools, which may be utilized by the County in its mitigation process. No was action was taken at this time.

k. Communities in School of Southwest Va.

Mr. Mike Setser, Regional Program Director for Communities in Schools - Presented a Powerpoint presentation on what Communities in Schools do.

1. Nation's leading community-based organization helping kids stay in school and prepare for life.
2. CIS has championed the connection of needed community resources within schools.
3. The result: Teachers are free to teach.

CIS is the largest dropout prevention organization in the United States.

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VI. BOARD COMMENT

Rick Mullins: I just like to say it was really good to see the kids back in the system today. Here meeting with us today. I would like to commend Adrian White and Chris Robinson for their work and I have a lot of admiration for April Hay getting to the Senator. I think it was wonderful for us to be able to take the tour today and to be able to walk throughout there and see the accomplishments, what's out there, the new elementary school, and just to look out and see that you know what a blessing it is for the children of our community and for our community as well. We are truly a blessed community.

Dr. Lurton Lyle: I second that. It's good to see the students. It was good to see them and to congratulate them for their achievements. There's another item that I would like to speak about. There will be a speaker at the Spring VSBA Forum speaking about the mental health of students because of the COVID epidemic. That fits in very well with our last presentation. That will be in late April, I think the 26th, but notice will be sent out and the speaker is a mental health provider from Galax who happens to be a member of the Galax School Board I believe. It should be interesting. Thank you

Jason Hicks: It was really good to see kids back and I couldn't believe how excited they were. If we were all as excited to be here it would be something else. It was touching to see how, I believe Mr. Robinson said it best, how much they believed in him and how much he believed in them the same thing you saw with Mr. White in that group. It's good to see the positive effects that our teachers and coaches and things have on our students for sure. I love the creativity of the biscuit activity that was pretty cool. It actually reminded me of my favorite sign. You know you see in churches and banks in the to put the signs up my favorite one is always been that both sermons and biscuits are made better was shortening, so I'm gonna change it to both biscuits the school board meetings are made better was shortening. It's exciting to see what those kids are going to do and how excited as we go into a new year, the things that they're going to be able to accomplish. It almost feels like we're getting back to a little bit of being able to do some more of those things. Speaking of next year and some other things we can look forward to maybe doing, maybe Mrs. Robinson would like you to check into possibly expanding that Esports program. It's great, I have seen that they've got big donations the past couple of weeks and they are running strong but I think that is going to be something that will reach a population of kids that may be other activities that we offer in schools could possibly not. I think we could reach and explore a 21st-century program as a possibility to fund that as an afterschool program. I think we might really be able to reach kids and it may help us. If we get these biscuits and Esports we won't have to worry about attendance. You know other than that I'd like to let all of our teachers and staff know that we're through it. We have the first semester down and you can get a good break and go home and enjoy your family and have a good Christmas.

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Damon Rasnick: It was refreshing to see all the students and their parents and grandparents here. I hope we can do more that more often. We certainly have a lot to be thankful for in the sports program and in the academic program, everything that we've been involved with. I think we've had some success. Sometimes successes don't get that much attention as probably they ought to and the kids don't get recognized maybe sometimes as much as they ought to. We still have challenges and I simply hope that every family is safe and have a safe and happy Merry Christmas and New Year. Everybody just be aware that this stuff is out there is apparently coming back in a big way and we just need to protect our people as best we can and do everything we can to protect each other.

Jamie Hackney: I'd like to thank Mr. Burge for taking us on the tour of the new elementary. It was nice to go over there and see everything that's happening and it's coming along very well. I'm excited to see how all that ends up and I also was excited to see the students here tonight that their achievements be recognized. Thank you Mr. Robinson for that and I think the kids enjoyed that. I've got a personal comment on the biscuits. I've got a 200 pound 10th-grader and I think it would be an understatement to say he misses the biscuits we had last year, so thank you, Ms. Hay, for bringing attention to that. It's wonderful that your students took that initiative and Senator Warner recognized that and there may be more to come, there might be an update on that at some point. We might see something from that so I know my little boy to be very happy if that happens. Congratulations to the football program. They went further than ever have since Ridgeview opened. They had a very good season and the coaching staff, we appreciate them. The kids I know had a really good time. It didn't end up with the way we wanted to but they went very far and they achieved a lot and I think next year looks very good to go even further and even better. I think the volleyball team had a good year too. I definitely recognize them. Mr. Setser, I appreciate you coming tonight and giving us an insight into your organization and I look forward to seeing how that's going to progress and how that will benefit our students in the school system. I also would like to just wish everybody a Merry Christmas and enjoy as Mr. Hicks said, that time with your family, and will see everybody and 2022 and hopefully have a very good start to it. thank 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 Teachers, Bus Drivers, Custodians, Part-Time Aides, Substitutes, FMLA requests, Coaches, resignations, and the Division Superintendent's evaluation 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 second, by Jamie Hackney, the Board convened into a Closed session.

Vote results

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

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

Vote results

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

Board Certification

Mrs. Robinson read the following certification to 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 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, Jason Hicks, Damon Rasnick, Jamie Hackney; Dr. Lurton Lyle
No:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Not Cast:	0	

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Board Action:

Following a motion by Damon Rasnick and a second by Jamie Hackney the personnel matters and employment recommendations were approved as presented in the executive session.

Vote results

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

PERSONNEL/LEGAL

Coaches

Substitutes

- Jalisa Gilmore
- Sadie Hammond
- Nathan Hardric

FMLA

- Lenoir Jones
- Ricky A. Mullins

Resignation

- Kimberly Boggs - Teacher - Clintwood Elementary
- Kristyn Card - Part-Time Attendance Clerk - Clintwood Elementary
- Colena Elswick - Custodian - Ridgeview Middle School
- Anna Farr - Part-Time CNA instructor
- Barbara Sue Mullins - Bus Driver - Ervinton Area
- Michelle Mullins - Part-Time Custodian Ervinton Elementary
- Samantha Mullins - Teacher - Ridgeview Middle School

Recommendations for Employment

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| • Hannah Baker
Teacher | Ervinton Elementary School | Elementary Education PK-6 |
| • Krista O'Quin
Art Teacher | All Elementary Schools | Elementary Education PK-6 |
| • Destiny Savannah Addair
Elementary PK-6 | Clintwood Elementary School | Long Term Substitute |
| • Joyce Vance | Clintwood Area | Bus Driver |
| • Zachary McCoy | Ridgeview Middle School | Custodian |
| • Addison Vanover | Sandlick Elementary School | Part-Time Teacher Aide |
| • Makayla Cook | Ervinton Elementary School | Part-Time Cook |

Post/Advertise

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VIII. Adjournment: 9:02 p.m.

Following a motion by Dr. Lurton Lyle and second, by Jamie Hackney; the meeting was adjourned. All votes aye.

Approved: January 19, 2022

Jason Hicks

Jason Hicks, Chair

Tonya Baker

Tonya Baker, Clerk