

Dickenson County School Board Regular Meeting - Summary Minutes

February 23, 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; Dr. Lurton Lyle; Jamie Hackney; Rick Mullins; Tonya Baker, Clerk; Haydee Robinson, Superintendent; Scott Mullins, Board Attorney

Participated Electronically: Damon Rasnick, Vice-Chair

Approval for Mr. Damon Rasnick to participate in the meeting electronically.

Mr. Damon Rasnick requested to participate in the meeting electronically and stated the reason was I due to medical issues.

Following a motion by Jamie Hackney and second by Rick Mullins, Mr. Rasnick was approved to participate in the meeting electronically.

Vote results

Aye:	4	Jason Hicks, Rick Mullins, Jamie Hackney, Dr. Lurton Lyle
No:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Not Cast:	1	Damon Rasnick

Approval of Agenda:

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

Vote results

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

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Jamie Hackney read the Public Comment Guidelines.

Kathy Musick, VPE: Recognized the Board Members and School Board Clerk for Board Appreciation month. Mrs. Musick wanted to let the Board know some of the bills the VPE is supporting and not supporting in this legislative season. Supporting - House Bill 535, teachers are required to be compensated at or above the national average. Senate Bill 157 declares it is the goal of the commonwealth the SOQ funded teachers be paid above the national average. House Bill 440 requires every elementary school teacher to be provided

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an average of 45 minutes per day of planning time and requires each middle school or high school teacher to be provided 45 minutes per day of planning time or one class per period whichever is longer. House 128 establishes a Virginia Diverse Scholarship Educators Fund which permits each Virginia HBCU to receive state funds to provide scholarships for two students who agree to enter teaching. Opposing - House Bill 9 and Senate Bill 178, permits dismissal of a teacher based on a single evaluation, prohibits three-person panels from hearing teacher's dismissal cases and it increases their probationary period from three years to five years. House Bill 781, which prohibits the teaching of diverse concepts and gives the parents the right to a voucher if a school board employee violates any provisions of the bill.

Phyllis Mullins, DEA: Ms. Mullins said that some of the bills in Richmond right now are some that they had brought forth during the delegate assembly. Ms. Mullins asked the Board to reconsider reinstating the COVID pay for employees that have to miss work due to COVID and thanked the Board for their service.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Vote results

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

a. Approval of Minutes

- ❖ January 12, 2022, Reorganization Meeting
- ❖ January 12, 2022, Special Called Meeting
- ❖ January 19, 2022, Regular Meeting
- ❖ January 21, 2022, Reconvened Meeting

b. Approval of Monthly Bills - School Operation Fund

Monthly Bills: Check # 882794 - 882887- \$401,398.39

Monthly Payroll: Check # 390096 - 390131- \$1,810,040.45

c. School Activity Fund

- ❖ Informational Item

d. Approval of Field Trips

- ❖ Ridgeview High School
 - 02/22/2022 - Baton Rouge, LA - 12th
 - 02/25/2022 - Lee County, VA - 11th
 - 02/25/2022 - Lee County, VA - 11th - 12th

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- 03/03/2022 - Virginia Beach, VA - 10th - 12th
- 03/10/2022 - Bristol, VA - 8th - 12th
- 03/23-25/2022 - Birmingham, AL 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.

VSBA Conferences

VSBA Title IX Workshop, February 8, 2022

March Hot Topic Conference, March 11, 2022

Hot Topic Conference - April 20, 2022

V. SUPERINTENDENT ROBINSON

g. Good News from our Schools

School Board Appreciation and School Board Clerk Appreciation Month

Mrs. Robinson recognized the School Board Members, Board Clerk, and Deputy Clerk.

Mrs. Martin presented the Student Enrollment and Attendance Report

January 2021: Student Enrollment and Attendance Report

As of Friday, January 31, 2022, the student enrollment was 1858. The student enrollment percentage for each school is as follows;

Clintwood Elementary School:	378	92.74%
Ervinton Elementary School:	112	92.45%
Sandlick Elementary School:	353	92.01%
Ridgeview Middle School:	423	79.20%
Ridgeview High School:	592	87.28 %

An Attendance Summary Sheet with attendance percentage for each school;

- Attendance Summary of January 2022
- Enrollment Tally by January 31, 2022
- Attendance Percentage Comparison from 2017 – 2018 to present;
- PK enrollment per school;

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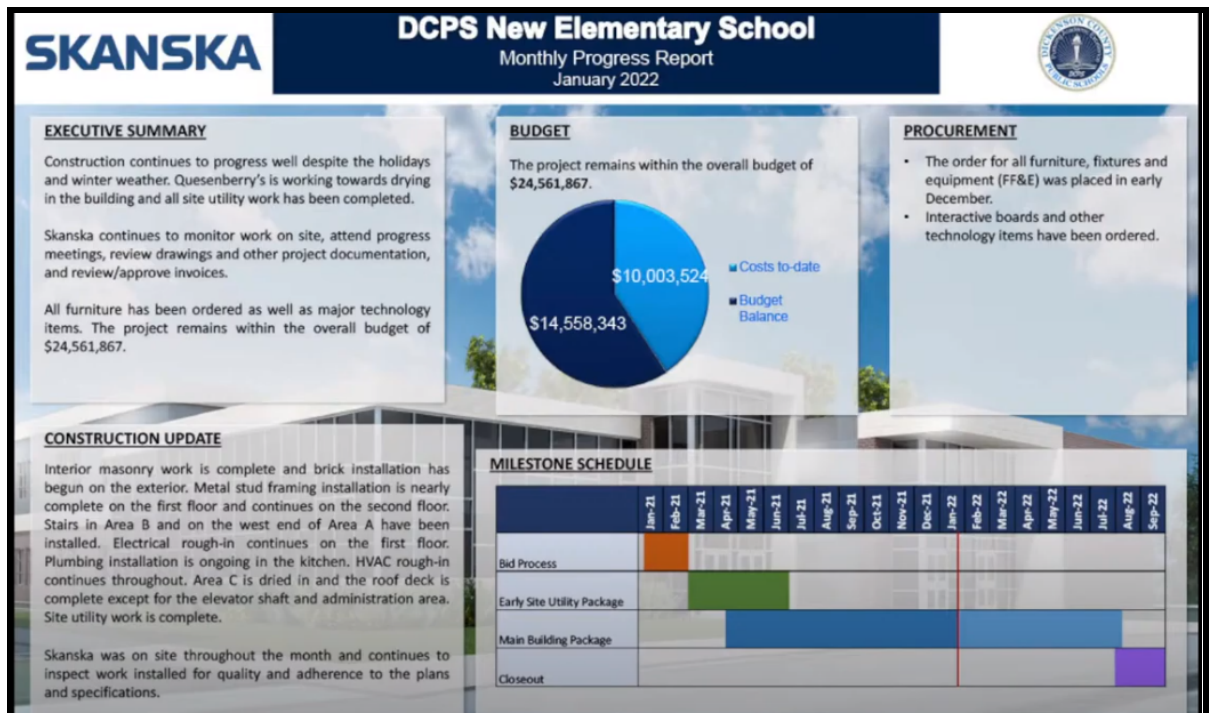
- Summary of students who withdrew in January 2022

Enrollment in DCPS Pre- K program, per school in January, 2022

Clintwood Elementary School:	35
Ervinton Elementary School:	22
Sandlick Elementary School:	26
Total:	83

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.



Curtis Elswick - Gave an update on the classroom wing addition. The design team is in the process of putting the final touches on the drawings. Quesenberry Construction is getting pricing from subcontractors and they're going to come back pretty soon with the guaranteed maximum price for that portion of the project. The goal for right now is to finalize a contract with them for the construction of the classroom wing.

i. Timeline for the opening of the New Elementary School

Mrs. Robinson presented to the Board a proposed timeline for the opening of the new elementary school.

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- **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony:** Tentatively Scheduled for the week of Aug. 15th; with the U. S. Corps of Engineers, School Board Members, current and former, BOS, IDA, invited guests, students staff, and community
- **First Day of School:** Tentative: Monday, Aug. 22, 2022
- **Nuts and Bolts:** Moving Plan to New Elementary School: May- July 2022
- **Determining Student Bus Transportation:** April – August 2022
- **Determining Educational Programs:** February- August
- **Determining Staff:** Feb.- May 2022
- **Determining Administrative Staff:** Mar/April 2022
- **Determining Name of School/ Colors/Mascot:** March
- **Determining # of Classrooms Available:** Jan/Feb. 2022
- **Discussion Potential Student Enrollment:** Feb. 2022

In discussing the number of classrooms available in the new elementary school: Randy Jones and Curtis Elswick have confirmed that 28 classrooms will be available for the opening of the new elementary school. With this number of classrooms available, it appears that Ervinton Elementary School students can transition to the new elementary school with Sandlick Elementary School for an approximate combined student enrollment.

Rick Mullins made a motion to direct the Division Superintendent to provide additional information about whether the students at Ervinton Elementary School can be successfully integrated into the new elementary school when we start in 2022. The motion was seconded by Jamie Hackney.

Vote results

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

j. Update on the FY23 Budget

Ms. Laura Taylor presented the proposed budget for FY23.

k. Update on the 2021-2022 and 2022-23 School Calendar

Mark Mullins presented an update to the 2021-2022 School Calendar and the proposed 2022-2023 School Calendar. The 2022 – 2023 DCPS School Calendar will be presented to the School Board at the March School Board Meeting for discussion and consideration.

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Following a motion by Jamie Hackney and second by Dr. Lurton Lyle the updates to the 2021-2022 Calendar were approved.

Vote results

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

I. Approval of VSBA/DCPS: GCBD: Staff Leave & Absences, GAA Staff Time Schedules

Karen Martin presented the policy updates and revisions for policies GCBD- Staff Leave and Absences and GAA - Staff Time Schedules to the Board.

Following a motion by Rick Mullins and second, by Dr. Lurton Lyle the policies GCBD Staff Leaves and Absences and GAA Staff Time Schedules were updated at presented.

Vote results

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

m. Budget Workshops and Meeting Dates in March 2022

Mrs. Robinson updated the Board on the scheduled budget workshops and meetings.

- ★ **Monday, March 7, 2022:** Budget Workshop:
5:00 p.m. at Ridgeview Middle School Auditorium
- ★ **Wednesday, Mar. 16, 2022:** Public Hearing for the Budget Workshop:
5:00 p.m. at Ridgeview Middle School Auditorium
- ★ **Wednesday, Mar. 23, 2022:** March School Board Meeting: Approval of the Budget
5:00 p.m. at Ridgeview Middle School Auditorium
- ★ **Tuesday, Mar 29, 2022:** Budget Workshop with Board of Supervisors, School Board Chair and Vice-Chair.
Time: To be determined

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VI. BOARD COMMENT

Jamie Hackney: I would just like to say thanks again for the clerks. I'm glad that they are recognized for their appreciation this time of year. I look forward to getting to work and engaging in the budget process next month, hopefully, it won't be as challenging as some that we've seen, but we'll see how that goes. I definitely wanted to recognize the comments from Ms. Phyllis Mullins tonight. I definitely want us to look into what type of opportunity we have to consider those days that our staff had to take. A lot of times being quarantined and mandated to do so it's definitely not time they intended to take. I think we have a better idea of what impact that would have on the budget now that we're getting close to March. We may be able to determine how far we could extend it or if we could extend it. I don't know the answer to that right now but I definitely want us to be able to take a look at it and see if that's a possibility. As I said, I think we have a better idea of what the budget expense would be and if we would be able to do it. We should be able to have that discussion very soon. Thank you

Damon Rasnick: I hope everyone stays safe and well.

Jason Hicks: I will echo Mr. Hackney's statements with an appreciation of our clerks. I know they work very hard behind the scenes a lot of times and appreciate what they do. I will also say that in appreciation of Virginia School Board Month, I appreciate working with you guys and I appreciate what you do and in the way you handle yourselves. It's exciting times as we look at construction and all those things going on. I am like Mr. Hackney, I'm looking forward to pinning down a new budget and being able to meet those goals that Ms. Taylor laid out for us.

Dr. Lurton Lyle: I'm looking forward eagerly to the development of the new elementary school. I was involved in the planning of the high school and middle school as was Mrs. Robinson and Scott Mullins. As a result of my involvement, I was given a four-year vacation from the school board by the voters of the Clintwood district. But it was worth it. I feel the sentiment has changed now and I think everything will be all right. I also look forward to the construction of the new addition to the new elementary school. I'm really happy that things turn out like they did.

Rick Mullins: I would like to reiterate about the board clerks, they do an awesome job for us. I'd also like to thank each one of you board members. We have a great board and everybody worked together. It's a very caring board I think. I think it's really hard to believe that Mr. Mullins said that two-thirds of the school year was over, and that's just so hard to believe we're at day 121. But it is an exciting time like Dr. Lyle said about opening the new school. So we look forward to that and we are a blessed community.

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- 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 Mechanic, Maintenance Foreman, Part-Time Aides, Part-Time Cooks, Substitutes, FMLA requests, Resignations, and Retirement pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1)
2.) Student request for early graduation 202-3711 (A) (2)
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 Jamie Hackney and second, by Dr. Lurton Lyle, the Board convened into a Closed session.

Vote results

Aye:	5	Jason Hicks, Damon Rasnick, Jamie Hackney, Dr. Lurton Lyle, Rick Mullins
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	Jason Hicks, Damon Rasnick, Jamie Hackney, Dr. Lurton Lyle, Rick Mullins
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.

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Certification results

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

Board Action:

Following a motion by Jason Hicks and a second by Rick Mullins the employment recommendations were approved as presented in the executive session.

Vote results

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

PERSONNEL/LEGAL

Substitutes

- Regina Conaway
- Brittany Davis
- V. Melena Edwards
- Destiny Justice
- Victoria McCowan
- Ashlynn Moore
- Hayli Wright
- Steven Villani
- Jaime Villani

FMLA

- Rebecca Boyd
- April Hay
- Ginny Stanley
- Laura Deel-Stanley
- Phillip Sutherland

Resignation

- Mary Lou Owens - Bus Driver - Haysi Area
- Jennifer Cumbo- Part-Time Cook - Ridgeview High School

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Retirement

- Phillip Sutherland

Recommendations for Employment

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| • Terry Smith | Divisionwide | Maintenance Foreman |
| • Morgan Scott Anderson | Clinchco Bus Garage | Mechanic |
| • Christopher Neece | Clintwood Bus Garage | Bus Driver/Mechanic |
| • Tiffany Shae Edwards | Ridgeview Middle School | Part Time Aide |
| • Nannie Edward | Ridgeview Cafeteria | Part Time Cook |

VIII. Adjournment: 7:10 p.m.

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

Approved: 03/23/2022

Jason Hicks

Jason Hicks, Chair

Tonya Baker

Tonya Baker, Clerk