

# **Dickenson County School Board Meeting**



**October 23, 2024**  
**Ridgeview Middle School Auditorium**

# Agenda:

## Agenda details:

### **I. CHAIR, Jason Hicks: Roll Call and Meeting Called to Order**

- Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
- Approval of Agenda

### **II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **III. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of Minutes
- b. Approval of Monthly Bills
- c. School Activity Fund
- d. Approval of Field Trips
- e. Approval of Bank Reconciliation Documents
- f. Approval of Construction Invoices

### **IV. INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD**

### **V. SUPERINTENDENT ROBINSON**

- g. Good News from our Schools
- h. Sandlick Demolition and Ridgeview Elementary School Construction Update
- i. Discussion of the DCPS Cell Phone- Free Education DRAFT Policy Document
- j. Discussion of DCPS Attendance Policy: Policy: JED
- k. Merle Fuller Property Sale Discussion
- l. Presentation of Safety Resources, Equipment and Protocols in DCPS Schools

### **VI. BOARD COMMENT**

### **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:

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### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

## IV. Information for the Board

### ❖ Upcoming Conferences

#### **Bringing Computer Science to Every Student with CodeVA - October 22, 2024/ Zoom**

Discover how school divisions across Virginia have successfully integrated high-quality computer science education by partnering with CodeVA. In this webinar, you'll hear firsthand how these divisions have achieved their goals and improved student outcomes through CodeVA's professional learning, curriculum resources, and strategic partnerships. Learn how your division can do the same by taking advantage of CodeVA's grant opportunities, tailored support, and innovative solutions to overcome implementation challenges.

#### **2024 Title IX: Best Practices in Training and Compliance - October 29, 2024**

For the first part of the workshop, participants will learn the basics of Title IX, as well as receive the required training under the Title IX's regulations for Title IX coordinators, investigators, decision-makers, appeal decision makers, and informal facilitators. As part of this workshop, we will provide form letters that can be adopted by each school division to use at each juncture of the investigation process.

#### **2024 VSBA Annual Convention - November 20-22, 2024 Colonial Williamsburg Resort**

Join us for the most anticipated event of the year, bringing together a large and diverse group of school board members, superintendents, and school division staff from across the Virginia.

**Chair: Jason Hicks**

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- Approval of Agenda.

**II. Public Comment:**

- Steve Shortt, VPE
- Phyllis Mullins, DEA

**III. Consent Agenda:**

(This agenda item will require Board action)

**Review of Activity Funds**

We recommend the School Board approve the attached minutes and monthly bill payables for September and October 2024. Please review this information and contact Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Lacie Edwards, or Mrs. Tonya Baker if you have any questions or concerns regarding the minutes, the expenditures, bills, financial report, or construction invoices.

- **Approval of Minutes**
  - Wednesday, Sept. 25, Regular Monthly Meeting
- Approval of Monthly Invoices: Vendor Payment Check Register
- Revenue/Expenditure Summary
- School Activity Funds
- Approval of Field Trips
- Elementary School Construction Invoices: These checks will require the signature of three DCPS employees: The School board Chair, the Board Clerk and the Division Superintendent
- FMB Statement Construction

# Good News from our Schools

## V. Superintendent Robinson

### g. Good News from our Schools

(This is an informational/discussion agenda item for the School Board)

#### I. Administrative Presentation: “October is Bullying Prevention Month”

#### II. September 2024 Attendance and Enrollment Report: Mrs. Martin

Mrs. Karen Martin, Compliance Director, will present student attendance and enrollment for September, 2024.

As of September 30, 2024, student enrollment was      which includes: (1) Enrolled Students; (2) PK and Post Students, (3) 3 Year Old Program, and (4) Virtual Students.

**The student enrollment includes K – 5 th students including virtual students and percentages for each school:**

Ridgeview Elementary School

Ridgeview Middle School:

Ridgeview High School:

**Pre K Enrollment:**

Ridgeview Elementary School

[Monthly Enrollment](#)

[Withdraw and Entries](#)

[Attendance Summary](#)

[Monthly Comparison](#)

# Sandlick Elementary Demolition and Ridgeview Elementary School Construction Update

## V. Superintendent Robinson

### h. Sandlick Elementary Demolition and Ridgeview Elementary Construction Update (This is an informational/discussion agenda item for the School Board)

Tim Burge, Construction Superintendent and Curtis Elswick, Senior Vice-President and Regional Executive with Skanska, will present an update on the following construction projects on the Ridgeview Campus:

- (1) Additional Parking Lot for Staff: Construction of the Parking Lot for RES began last week.
- (2) Addition of new dumpster at RES: Completed.
- (3) Tim Burge will provide an update on the Demolition Process at Sandlick Elementary School and possible transference of the Sandlick property to the County tentatively scheduled for the week of Nov. 4- 8, 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact Haydee Robinson or Scott Mullins.

# Discussion of the DCPS Cell Phone-Free Education DRAFT Policy

## V. Superintendent Robinson

### i. Discussion of the DCPS Cell Phone-Free Education DRAFT Policy

(This is an informational/discussion agenda item for the School Board)

**Background:** On Thursday, July 9, 2024, Governor Youngkin issued Executive Order #33: Establishing Cell Phone Free Education to Promote the Health and Safety of Virginia's K - 12 Students.

On Tuesday, September 17, 2024, the final guidance document was released from the VDOE recommending “bell-to-bell cell phone free education. **The final guidance document defines cell phone-free education in Virginia’s schools as “bell-to-bell”, meaning phones should be turned off and stored away from the first bell at the start of the school day to begin instructional time until the dismissal bell rings at the end of the academic school day. “Bell-to-bell” includes lunch and time in between class periods. DCPS has determined “bell-to-bell” from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

The guidance addresses students not having their cell phones “on their person” during the bell-to-bell school day, including not in their pockets. Cell phones and personal electronic devices will be stored in their lockers.

The DRAFT Policy is attached for your reference.

[DCPS Cell Phone-Free Education DRAFT Policy](#)

# Discussion of the DCPS Cell Phone-Free Education DRAFT Policy

## V. Superintendent Robinson

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#### Process Followed:

- On Thursday, Oct. 10, 2024, Central Office Directors and administrative staff met to discuss the DRAFT policy and provided significant feedback and input on the policy. Although the draft policy came primarily from the Guidance Document, the administrative staff provided insight and directions as to implementation and disciplinary actions.
- The DRAFT policy was then revised to include the recommendations from the administrative staff, and emailed to all staff members.
- On Oct. 17, 2024, a survey was distributed to all staff members requesting their input and feedback.
- The DRAFT policy presented to you includes suggestions and recommendations from staff input on staff surveys.

#### Next Steps:

- Presentation of the DRAFT policy to the School Board School Board requesting discussion and guidance regarding the DRAFT policy.
- Distribute the DRAFT Policy via DCPS Facebook and DCPS Website to students, parents and DCPS families for information and comments.
- School Board approval of the Cell Phone-Free Education Policy in November
- Implementation of the Cell Phone-Free Education Policy in Jan. 1, 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact Haydee Robinson



# Discussion of the DCPS Attendance Policy: Policy JED

## V. Superintendent Robinson

### j. Discussion of the DCPS Attendance Policy: JED

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DCPS Attendance Policy: JED is attached for your reference. Chair Jason Hicks requested that the the 2024 - 2025 Attendance Policy be included in the agenda for Board discussion.

If you have any questions, please contact Jason Hicks, Chair, or Haydee Robinson

[Student Absences/Excuses/Dismissals JED](#)

# Merle Fuller Property Sale Discussion

## **V. Superintendent Robinson**

### **k. Merle Fuller Property Sale Discussion**

**(This is an informational/discussion agenda item for the School Board)**

Scott Mullins, School Board Attorney, will present the process for the sale of the Merle Fuller Property to the School Board for their consideration.

If you have any questions, please contact Scott Mullins or Haydee Robinson.

# **Presentation of Safety Resources, Equipment and Protocols in DCPS Schools**

## **V. Superintendent Robinson**

### **I. Presentation of Safety Protocols and Procedures in DCPS Schools**

**(This is an informational/discussion agenda item for the School Board)**

Karen Martin, Compliance Director, will present the safety protocols, resources and equipment in all DCPS schools for the 2024-2025 school year.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Martin or Haydee Robinson.

# Board Comment

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# Closed Session

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# Adjournment:

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