



Board Bulletin

April 2021

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The Board Bulletin provides important information about the work of the Dinwiddie County School Board. Following each meeting, the Board Bulletin is a source for details on Board actions and items of interest to Dinwiddie students, staff, and residents.

Recognition

SVRTC - Southside Virginia Regional Technology Consortium

The SVRTC held its annual award recognition virtually on March 25. The following individuals were recognized and received plaques as award winners:



Kimberly Boozer - Dinwiddie High School History Teacher - Technology Teacher Award
Jeanne Minetree - Dinwiddie High School Librarian - Instructional Support Award
Gerald Williams - Technology Coordinator for DCPS - Technology Support Award

Outstanding New Teachers of the Year 2019-2020

Melissa Watkins, 2nd grade teacher at Midway Elementary, was recognized as the Outstanding New Elementary Teacher of the Year from the 2019-2020 school year. Crystal Giannini, English teacher at Dinwiddie High School, was recognized as the Outstanding New Secondary Teacher of the Year from the 2019-2020 school year.



Teachers of the Year 2019-2020

The Teachers of the Year were formally recognized and presented plaques:

Dinwiddie High - Roberta Morgan
Dinwiddie Middle - Jennifer Lambirth
Dinwiddie Elementary - Amanda Spencer
Midway Elementary - Jenney Walters
Southside Elementary - Tametria Bland
Sunnyside Elementary - Tina Moore
Sutherland Elementary - Katie Butorac



Jenney Walters was also recognized as the Division Teacher of the Year!

Consent Agenda

Expenditure Reports

The expenditure reports from March 2021 were presented and approved.

Approval of Minutes of March 2, 9, and 23, 2021

The meeting minutes from the previous board meetings were approved.

Board Matters

Southside Elementary School Rooftop Replacement Units

The School Board approved the Contract Award for the rooftop replacement units at Southside Elementary School presented by Brenda Austin, Finance Manager.

FFA State Tractor Operators Competition

Brad Atkins, Director of Student Activities at Dinwiddie High School, presented and the School Board approved the FFA State Tractor Operators Competition trip.

2021-2022 Carl Perkins Plan

Carly Woolfolk, Director of Secondary Education & CTE, presented and the School Board approved the 2021-2022 Carl Perkins Plan.

Special Education Annual Plan

Dr. Pamela Joyner, Director of Exceptional Education, presented and the School Board approved the Special Education Annual Plan.

Transportation Surplus

Edward Tucker, Director of Transportation, presented and the School Board approved the Transportation Surplus list of vehicles and equipment.

Proposed Calendars: Pre- and Post-Labor Day Start

Dr. Royal Gurley, Assistant Superintendent, presented and the School Board approved the school calendars for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years. For the 2021-2022 school year, school will have a post-Labor Day start on September 7, 2021. For the 2022-2023, school will have a pre-Labor Day start on August 22, 2022.

Return to Learn

Christie Clarke, Director of School & Community Relations, provided a Return to Learn update for Quarter 4. There are currently 58% in-person learners and 42% virtual learners. The plan for the 2021-2022 school year is to provide in-person instruction for all grades five days per week. We plan to have limited virtual options. A survey will be sent to the current virtual learners within the next few weeks. A health data update was provided. Cases continue to be tracked daily. The weekly snapshot is available on the Covid Dashboard on the DCPS website. The board approved an update to the Health Mitigation Plan to eliminate the daily temperature assessments at school. We ask that all families and staff continue to conduct the daily health questionnaire before arriving to school. Please continue to practice good hand hygiene and stay home when sick. Information was shared about the recent updates to Governor Northam's Executive Order #72 and how it pertains to schools. The main impacts include gathering limits, recreational sports, and graduation.

Superintendent Matters

Class of 2021 Update

Robbie Garnes, Dinwiddie High Principal, and Andrea Sims, Graduation Committee Chair, provided information about the Class of 2021 upcoming events. On May 15, they will hold *A Night to Remember* celebration at the school. Information will be provided to the students at their upcoming Senior Meeting. Andrea Sims provided a Graduation Update and shared the current plan based on the Governor's Executive Order that is in effect at this time. They will continue to monitor for any changes and make updates as appropriate. They continue to explore alternative venues that could accommodate an outdoor ceremony. The school will continue to update parents as they have any new information.

Dinwiddie Drive Pilot

The Transportation Department will be piloting a new parent app called **Tyler Drive**. This will allow parents to follow his/her child's bus route. Students will scan their ID cards when boarding the bus. An estimated time of arrival will be given and it updates as the bus is in route. The system also has the capability of sending late bus notifications. Dinwiddie Elementary will be piloting this program starting on April 19. The pilot will be monitored and will be expanded to include all other schools soon.

Virginia Mathematics Pathway Initiative

Carly Woolfolk, Director of Secondary Education & CTE, gave a **presentation** on the new Virginia Mathematics Pathways Initiative for students.

Public Hearing - FY2022 Proposed School Budget

The School Board held a Public Hearing on the proposed School Board Budget. Superintendent, Dr. Weston, presented the highlights and recent updates to the proposed **FY22 School Board Budget**.

Helpful Links

DCPS Website
www.dinwiddie.k12.va.us

[Student/Parent Help Site](#)

[DCPS Covid-19 Dashboard](#)