

Dickenson County School Board – Summary Minutes

January 31, 2018

I. ROLL CALL AND MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- a. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Susan Mullins followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.
- b. **Members in Attendance:** Susan Mullins, Chairman; Rick Mullins, Vice-Chairman; Rocky Barton; Dr. Lurton Lyle; Shanghai Nickles; Haydee Robinson, Superintendent; Reba McCowan, Clerk

c. Approval of Agenda

Following a motion by Shanghai Nickles and second by Dr. Lurton Lyle the agenda was approved with a revision of adding item J. Revision of the 2017-2018 School Calendar

Vote Results

Aye:	5	Rocky Barton, Dr. Lurton Lyle, Rick Mullins, Susan Mullins, Shanghai Nickles
No:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Not Cast:	0	

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Kathy Musick, VPE – Updated the Board on Virginia Professional Educator’s work in Richmond. She also requested that the Board remember teachers during the upcoming budget preparation and do everything they can to increase salaries for teachers.
2. Phyllis Mullins, DEA – Updated the Board on Lobby Day and the work of the DEA for the upcoming budget, which includes salary disparity. In meeting with the legislators, she felt the Governor really seemed to listen to the concerns expressed by the DEA.
3. Allison Mullins – Expressed her concerns to the Board on how grant monies are handled and the checks and balances of how money is spent and allocated. She felt the School Board should take a more proactive role in who was going to serve on some of these boards. She spoke on the FIOA request from the Town of Haysi and stated the Corps was contacted and provided information on the contracts at no charge. She also stated that she felt betterments were still an issue on the impact of funding for the new elementary school project.
4. Gleason Austin – Inquired about the status of the land at Sandlick/Haysi and if the inspection of the schools had already been performed. You’ve got one time to get this right. He asked the Board to think ahead 5 or 10 years and consider all children.
5. Joe Tate – Addressed the Board concerning the location of the new elementary school. I can lead you to a place that the utilities are in place, the road is in place, the materials to make the field is in place and it would allow it to be raised out of the flood zone. With this project two things should be looked at: 1. the students (kids) gets primary consideration and 2. Taxpayers need to be considered. You’ve got money to start with and please put it to good use and don’t let anyone tell you it’s a smart move to take \$200,000 out of the school fund.
6. Don Hill – Urged the Board to utilize the facts when choosing the new elementary site; student population density, infrastructure that already exist, most importantly the student safety and the impact on the taxpayers. When you look at all the data in the comparison of the two sites you will find that this school should go in Clinchco; from a cost stand point and safety stand point.

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III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Following a motion by Rocky Barton and second by Dr. Lurton Lyle the consent agenda items were approved.

Vote Results

Aye:	5	Rocky Barton, Dr. Lurton Lyle, Rick Mullins, Susan Mullins, Shanghai Nickles
No:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Not Cast:	0	

a. Approval of Minutes

- ❖ December 19, 2017 – Regular Meeting

b. Approval of Monthly Bills – School Operating Fund

Monthly Bills: Check # 878192 - Check #878282.....\$190,789.14

Paid on January 1st – January 31, 2018

Monthly Payroll: Check # 388410 – Check # 388435.....\$1,662,501.31

Paid on January 26, 2018

c. School Activity Fund

- ❖ Informational Item

d. Field Trips

- ❖ Ridgeview High School

Feb. 9, 2018 – Mountain Empire Comm. College – 12th Grade

Feb. 14 – 17, 2018 – VA Senior BETA Convention – 9th – 12th Grade

IV. INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD

- Superintendent Evaluation Workshop – February 22, 2018
- 2018 VSBA March Hot Topic Conference – March 14, 2018

V. SUPERINTENDENT ROBINSON

e. Good News from Our Schools

- Recognition of DECA

RHS DECA students competed in the DECA competition at MECC on Friday. Listed is the name of the event and the student name and their placement. Congratulations to all the students for representing RHS and the DECA program. *First place winners are eligible to advance to State Competition in March.

Bailee Cox and Max Fletcher shared their experiences about competition and/or their experiences in DECA.

Social Media: Hayley Mullins 3rd Place

Job Interview: Jayde Mooney 1st Place

Selling: Katelin Singleton 1st Place

Principles of Business Management & Administration: Dawson Hillyer -1st Place and Kalianna Brooks - 2nd Place

Principles of Hospitality and Tourism: Bailee Cox 1st Place

Principles of Marketing: T.W. Robinson 2nd Place

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Apparel and Accessories Marketing Retail Management: Dixie Duty- 1st Place and Gabby White- 2nd Place

Automotive Services Marketing: Makayla Smith 2nd Place

Entrepreneurship: Max Fletcher 1st Place

Marketing Communication: Madison C. Mullins 3rd Place

Business Finance: Austin Hubble 1st Place

Business Service Marketing: Logan White 2nd Place

Personal Financial Literacy: Kaitlyn Fleming 2nd Place

Food Marketing: Katelynn Elliott 1st Place

Hotel and Lodging Management: Chris Thomas 3rd Place

Human Resource Management: Kayla Combs 3rd Place

Restaurant and Food Service Management: Emily Fleming 3rd Place

Retail Merchandising: Cassidy Owens-2nd Place and Leanna Stanley- 3rd Place

Sports and Entertainment Marketing: Jesse Griffith 2nd Place

- Recognition of Robotics Team

The RHS robotics team "Squatch Watch" finished with a record 9-1 and ranked 2nd overall at the tournament. We teamed up with a team from West Virginia "M-Cubed" to win the tournament. Currently, we are ranked 7th in Virginia out of 276 teams. Below are a list of the awards we qualified for at Southwest.

1st Place: Control Award- This award is given to the team with the best use of sensors and programming.

2nd Place: Inspire Award- This award is given to the team that goes above and beyond just being a robotics team. Our students have designed a solar panel that charges our robot batteries and have been working with the Virginia Department of Forestry to design a drone that would help them with logging inspections and fire suppression.

3rd Place: Motivate Award- This award is given to the team that gets the community involved with their work.

3rd Place: Rockwell Collins Design Award- This award is given to the team that has a unique design for this year's challenge.

The team will be traveling to Richmond in February to compete in the Virginia State FTC Competition.

Team Members

Ashton Grant

Jenna Nowlin

Grayson Martin

Raegan Lamkin

Kaitlin Deel

Garrett Owens

Lucas Mullins

Chad Mullins

Evan Hyllard

Brian Jackson

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Dylan Boyd
Dawson Boyd
Brayden Carty
Emily McCarty
Alexa Lester

Coaches
Chris Owens
Jesse Mullins
Shawn Tiller

Students presented a short demonstration of their robot

- December 2017 Enrollment and Attendance
The student enrollment on December 30, 2017 was 1,998 students.
Our December division wide enrollment percentage was 91.59%.
Congratulations to CES! CES had the highest student attendance percentage with 93.22% for the month of December: 1257 students are currently enrolled in Pre-K classes in our elementary schools.

f. The Virginia Small and Rural School Division Coalition

In support of the Creation of a Small and Rural Schools Coalition, Superintendent Robinson recommended that the School Board approve the resolution to support small and rural schools as follows:

Resolution to Support the Creation of a Small and Rural Schools Coalition

WHEREAS, over 80 school division across the Commonwealth could be defined as Rural and/or Small; and

WHEREAS, Small and Rural Localities and Stakeholders have determined that working collaboratively will enhance their collective voice in legislative and other matters; and

WHEREAS, Local Stakeholders include School Boards, Boards of Supervisors, City Councils, Town Councils, Industrial Development Authorities, Chambers of Commerce, etc.; and

WHEREAS, Small and Rural Stakeholders believe that PK-12 public education is critical to the vitality of their region and to the Commonwealth as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Rural School Divisions have seen a decline in K-12 enrollment of almost 18,000 students since 2009 which represents a 6% decline; and

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WHEREAS, 18% of students in the Rural School Divisions live below the Federal Poverty Level; and

WHEREAS, 50% of students in the Rural School Divisions are eligible for Free or Reduced Priced Lunch; and

WHEREAS, the State share for school operations has decreased by 4.7% in Rural School Divisions since 2009 while the Local share for operations has increased by 4.3%; and

WHEREAS, these Rural Localities have the ability to raise only \$19,469,500 by increasing property taxes by one penny (.01); and

WHEREAS, local poverty and tax revenues prevent Rural Localities from funding schools at the same level as affluent Localities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dickenson County School Board does hereby support the creation of a Small and Rural School Division Coalition in order to better advocate for our students, teachers, staff, and stakeholders.

Following a motion by Shanghai Nickles and second by Rick Mullins the Resolution to Support the Creation of a Small and Rural Schools Coalition was approved.

Vote Results

Aye:	5	Rocky Barton, Dr. Lurton Lyle, Rick Mullins, Susan Mullins, Shanghai Nickles
No:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Not Cast:	0	

g. Discussion on the Proposed Elementary School Sites

Scott Mullins, Board Attorney provided an update on the scope of preliminary title work and mineral rights ownership on Backbone Ridge.

h. Update on Maintenance Study for EES and CES

At the December School Board Meeting, the Board directed a study of Clintwood Elementary School and Ervinton Elementary School to assess maintenance issues and associated costs for each of these two buildings. Robert Mullins, Building Inspector in Wise County, graciously conducted this study for these two schools at no charge to the school division. With the assistance of Doug Rose, Mr. Mullins conducted his study on Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018. The Board of Supervisors also directed a similar study of CES and EES. Chris Rakes, The County's Building Inspector and Leman Kendrick, with the assistance of Doug Rose conducted this study on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018.

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In discussions with Mr. Moore, the County's assessment of maintenance issues and associated costs will be completed in March.

i. Update on the General Assembly and FY 2019 School Budget

On December 18, 2017, the Dickenson County Public Schools received the Governor's Introduced Budget for 2018-2019 and the Caboose bill for the Projected FY 2018 payments. The mid-year adjustment includes a slight decrease in the current budget.

Projected FY 2018 Payments were \$14,471,024. The information received Dec. 18, 2017; the projected funds for FY 2018 are \$14,435,828, a decrease in this year's budget of \$35,196 due to a slight decrease in projected student enrollment.

The Proposed FY 2019 payments are \$14,709,671, which represents an increase of \$273,843. This increase in State funding is primarily due to the decrease in our Composite Index (LCI) for the new Biennium.

j. Revision of the 2017-2018 School Calendar

The Spring/Easter Holidays is scheduled into two long weekends on the 2017 - 2018 calendar. The first Spring Holidays is scheduled on Friday, Mar. 2nd - Monday, Mar. 5, 2018. Superintendent Robinson requested the Board's consideration that if 10 days are missed due to inclement weather, that we adjust the School Calendar to use Friday, Mar. 2, 2018 as the first make-up day. If we miss more than 10 days, we would also use Monday, Mar. 5, 2018 as second make-up day.

Following a motion by Rick Mullins and second by Shanghai Nickles; revision of the 2017-2018 School Calendar was approved.

Vote Results

Aye:	5	Rocky Barton, Dr. Lurton Lyle, Rick Mullins, Susan Mullins, Shanghai Nickles
No:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Not Cast:	0	

VI. BOARD COMMENT

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1. Dr. Lurton Lyle – No comment
2. Rick Mullins – No comment
3. Rocky Barton – Commended the DECA students and Robotics Team on their accomplishments. Hearing the enrollment numbers for the end of the semester is encouraging; hopefully we've stopped with the declining enrollment.
4. Susan Mullins – No comment
5. Shanghai Nickles – Expressed his concern for the students at Ervinton Elementary and their safety when crossing the road to the baseball field. Inquired about the possibility of placing flashing lights at the elementary school?

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 discussing: 1. Student disciplinary review and requests for early graduation and 2. Employment issues relating to FMLA requests, resignation, consideration of hiring coaches, substitutes, Superintendent evaluation and to consult with legal counsel pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1) (2) and (7).

Following a motion by Susan Mullins and second by Rick Mullins the Board convened in closed session.

Vote Results

Aye:	5	Rocky Barton, Dr. Lurton Lyle, Rick Mullins, Susan Mullins, Shanghai Nickles
No:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Not Cast:	0	

Following a motion by Rocky Barton and second by Dr. Lurton Lyle; the Board returned to open session.

Vote Results

Aye:	5	Rocky Barton, Dr. Lurton Lyle, Rick Mullins, Susan Mullins, Shanghai Nickles
No:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Not Cast:	0	

Pursuant to Section 2.2-3712(a) of the Code of Virginia, I certify and second by Dr. Lurton Lyle; that during the closed meeting just concluded the Dickenson County School Board discussed only matters lawfully exempt from the open meeting requirements under Section 2.2-3711 of the Code and identified in the motion convening the closed meeting.

Certification of Closed Session

Aye:	5	Rocky Barton, Dr. Lurton Lyle, Rick Mullins, Susan Mullins, Shanghai Nickles
No:	0	

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VIII. BOARD ACTION

Following a motion by Susan Mullins and second by Rocky Barton; Student #0583 was allowed to return to Ridgeview High School as discussed in closed session.

Vote Results

Aye:	5	Rocky Barton, Dr. Lurton Lyle, Rick Mullins, Susan Mullins, Shanghai Nickles
No:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Not Cast:	0	

Following a motion by Susan Mullins and second by Rocky Barton; early graduation request were approved for Student #0433 and Student #0735 be reviewed at the end of the 1st semester; December 2018.

Vote Results

Aye:	5	Rocky Barton, Dr. Lurton Lyle, Rick Mullins, Susan Mullins, Shanghai Nickles
No:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Not Cast:	0	

Following a motion by Susan Mullins and second by Shanghai Nickles; FMLA requests were approved: Dean Compton, EES; Teresa Deel, RMS and Chesney Mullins, RHS.

Vote Results

Aye:	5	Rocky Barton, Dr. Lurton Lyle, Rick Mullins, Susan Mullins, Shanghai Nickles
No:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Not Cast:	0	

Following a motion by Susan Mullins and second by Dr. Lurton Lyle; request for additional sick leave was approved for Deanna Fields, RMS.

Vote Results

Aye:	5	Rocky Barton, Dr. Lurton Lyle, Rick Mullins, Susan Mullins, Shanghai Nickles
No:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Not Cast:	0	

Following a motion by Susan Mullins and second by Rocky Barton; resignation of Kevin Counts, Head Night Custodian at Ridgeview was approved.

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Aye: 5 Rocky Barton, Dr. Lurton Lyle, Rick Mullins, Susan Mullins, Shanghai Nickles
No: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Cast: 0

Following a motion by Susan Mullins and second by Dr. Lurton Lyle; request to post/advertise for Custodians was approved.

Vote Results

Aye: 5 Rocky Barton, Dr. Lurton Lyle, Rick Mullins, Susan Mullins, Shanghai Nickles
No: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Cast: 0

Following a motion by Susan Mullins and second by Dr. Lurton Lyle; substitutes were approved contingent upon background check results and completion of all required paperwork: Tina Clay, James Barry, Preston Fleming and Saydee Yates

Vote Results

Aye: 5 Rocky Barton, Dr. Lurton Lyle, Rick Mullins, Susan Mullins, Shanghai Nickles
No: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Cast: 0

Following a motion by Susan Mullins and second by Shanghai Nickles; coaching recommendations were approved pending meeting all requirements: Wade Turner, Boys Soccer and Rob Knepp, Girls Soccer.

Vote Results

Aye: 5 Rocky Barton, Dr. Lurton Lyle, Rick Mullins, Susan Mullins, Shanghai Nickles
No: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Cast: 0

IX. ADJOURNMENT: 9:00 p.m.

Following a motion by Susan Mullins and a second by Dr. Lurton Lyle the meeting was adjourned. All votes aye.

Susan Mullins

Chairman, Susan Mullins

Approved: February 28, 2018

Reba McCowan

Reba McCowan, Clerk