

DICKENSON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
Regular School Board Meeting
June 28, 2017
5 p.m. – Central Office

PRESENT: Susan Mullins, Chairman; Rocky Barton, Vice-Chairman; Shanghai Nickles; L. B. Lyle; Rick Mullins; Reba McCowan, Clerk; and Haydee Robinson, Superintendent.

ROLL CALL AND MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN, SUSAN MULLINS:

Chairman, Susan Mullins: Good evening everybody. I would like to call this meeting to order and note that all members are present including our Superintendent, Mrs. Haydee Robinson and our Clerk, Mrs. Reba McCowan. You have the Agenda before you. Are there any changes to the Agenda?

Superintendent Robinson: No, Ma'am.

Chairman, Susan Mullins: Do I hear a motion to approve the Agenda?

Mr. Rocky Barton: made the motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Lurton Lyle seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Chairman, Susan Mullins: Okay, we will go ahead and start the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chairman, Susan Mullins: We are ready for Public Comment. Has everyone had a chance to sign up to speak? Mr. Nickles, would you please ready the Guidelines. (So Read) Thank you, Mr. Nickles. The first name on my list is Ms. Kathy Musick.

Ms. Kathy Musick: Good evening Chairman Mullins, Members of the Board and audience members. My name is Kathy Musick, and I am with Virginia Professional Educators. I want to wish everyone a wonderful and relaxing vacation. I hope that as the school year ends and you get ready for next year, everyone will have some time to relax and regroup. I read this book, and I would recommend it to any educator. It is called Hope Menders. It is so inspiring. As I read through the book, each chapter talked about a student. I hope that each of us realize that we all need hope. Most of the kids in the book couldn't learn until they had that hope. Somebody had to believe in them and give them that hope. I hope that each of us, myself included, become Hope Menders not just for each of our students but for all of the teachers. Thank you and I apologize for being late.

Chairman, Susan Mullins: Next is Ms. Phyllis Mullins with the DEA:

Ms. Phyllis Mullins: Good afternoon. Yes, I have been relaxing this summer, but it will soon be coming to an end as I will be going to Richmond in the latter part of July to attend

the Officers' Training and the Reggie Smith Organizing Institute. I will also be meeting with our Uni-Serve Director about some reorganizing techniques and some things that we hope that we can do for our members. I will be doing my usual thing—out bumming for donations. (ha, ha!) I have been quite successful, I might add. Other than that, I think we are in pretty good shape.

Mr. Shanghai Nickles: Excuse me, you said the Reggie what?

Ms. Phyllis Mullins: It is the Reggie Smith Organizing Institute. The DEA is paying for me to attend. Thank you.

Chairman, Susan Mullins: Thank you. The next speaker is Ms. Kathy Harrison:

Ms. Kathy Harrison: Thank you Chair and Mrs. Robinson. I would just like to speak for just a moment on the location of the elementary school. I am in favor of keeping all three elementary schools open. I found the little dots given at the presentation very interesting. We have a lot of outlying dots. As they said in the presentation, we don't know how many kids each dot represents. It could be anywhere from one to five or more. I think if we take away either community elementary school, you are going to lose students. We do not measure how close something is in miles. We measure how long it takes us to get there. We have the bikers that come through on the 76 Trail, and they will say it is only nine miles to the Breaks. Yeah, it is only nine miles to the Breaks, but it is straight uphill and curved. It takes you 45 minutes on a bicycle. When you think about this, don't be fooled about how many miles a child lives from the school. Think about how long it takes for that child to get to that school not just in a car with a parent driving them, but how long it takes that child on a school bus with each stop letting kids on or off before they get to that school. They are going to pick whichever option is best for that household. Please keep that in mind and know that we need these elementary schools in our communities. We were promised these elementary schools in our communities. So keep that in the back of your head too. When all of this started, we were promised that we could keep our elementary schools. Thank you.

Chairman, Susan Mullins: Next will be Ms. Allison Mullins:

Ms. Allison Mullins: Hello. It is good to see you all. I am going to amen a lot of the things that Kathy said. I had several people in the Haysi community who asked me to come tonight. I just want to review some of the history of the Corps of Engineers' agreement with the School Board. I want to start out by saying that my dad, Norman Mullins, was the model community servant. He always told me growing up that if people entrust you in a position of leadership in the community, keep your word and do what you tell them you are going to do. By keeping your promises, you will have a strong community. People will be able to count on you. I just want to remind the School Board of some of the things they promised to the Haysi and Clinchco communities. I have copies of the original contract with the Corps of Engineers that the School Board entered that agreed that the Haysi would keep their elementary school and even had a site attached to it. It is actually on Backbone Ridge. What was promised in the contract, the Corps of engineers would give the Dickenson County School Board money in exchange for getting these kids out of the flood zone, the Sandlick and

Clinchco area kids. Sadly, the Sandlick Elementary School kids are still in the flood zone they were in when the agreement was entered into. It may be true that the Corps doesn't care where the school is located. I have heard people say that as a reason for moving it out of the Haysi area. But what I would remind the School Board is that you entered into an agreement. When you did that you were representing the people of Dickenson County. You promised that this is what we are going to do. You entered into a contractual agreement. You need to honor your word and your commitment, and we are counting on you all to do that. You also need to honor your commitment to the property owners. Mr. Barton, my dad, myself and one dear lady that we love in the Haysi community. We visited her on more than one occasion, and she was very reluctant to sell the property on Backbone Ridge. The property goes all the way back to some of the founders of Haysi. We had to go time after time to her home. My dad had to go. She knew that if my dad said it, it was going to be true. We told her that she would be helping the kids in the Haysi community. That is the only way she agreed to sell her property. Had she not had that assurance, our word and the School Board's word, she would not have sold that property. We need to keep our word to her. We also made promises to the parents in Dickenson County just like Ms. Harrison said. We told the Ervinton community that they were going to keep their elementary school. We told the Clintwood and Haysi communities they would keep their schools. We can't bus these kids that far. Educators believe that. I also want to remind you that a couple of years ago the School Board voted unanimously to approve the Backbone Ridge site for the new elementary school. Ervinton deserves an elementary school. Clintwood deserves an elementary school. Haysi and Clinchco deserve an elementary school. Citizens need to be able to trust their leaders to keep their word. Thank you very much.

Chairman, Susan Mullins: That brings us to the end of Public Comment.

Superintendent Robinson: Madam Chair, I think all of you have received a letter from Mr. Counts:

Dickenson County School Board Members:

I apologize that I am unable to attend the meeting tonight so I hope that this letter will be sufficient. As a business owner and avid contributor to the many Dickenson County school programs, I am extraordinarily disturbed about the attempt to move Sandlick Elementary School out of the Haysi area. Not only are schools a place for learning, they are also hubs for community activities. When this important hub is removed, it leaves a large void for businesses.

Many businesses in our town and surrounding area have already felt the significance and negative impact of losing Haysi High School. Now some members want to move the elementary school out of the Haysi area, too. We live in a region that has already been devastated by the loss of our coal mining jobs, and small businesses are just trying to hang on. If you remove one of the last economic centers in Haysi, then you are also going to lose many of the tax paying businesses. Many of us contribute cheerfully to the school's sports and academic programs. We consider it a privilege to be a part of a wonderful community and are glad to help. However, in order to be a viable future, we must work together to maintain our small businesses.

I would encourage the Board Members to use the repurposed Haysi High School site. It is owned by the county already and has all of the utilities on the site. This would remove the elementary from the flood zone and not alter the bus routes. You would also retain students from Prater, Davenport and the Bee area who may choose a different school district that is closer to their home.

This issue is not a political one. It must be about the parents, students and businesses in this small community. Please keep our elementary school in the Haysi area as it was originally required. Our economy depends on it.

Thank you,

Erwin Counts
Counts and Jones Pharmacy

CONSENT AGENDA:

Chairman, Susan Mullins: Okay, the next thing we have is the Consent Agenda which includes the approval of the Minutes, Monthly Bills, School Activity Fund, which is informational, and Field Trips. Has everyone had an opportunity to review these? I will entertain a motion to approve all of those in one motion.

Mr. Rocky Barton: Is there a change in the Bills?

Superintendent Robinson: Yes, Sir, all of those with an arrow is the new bills. We waited until the very last minute, an hour ago, to pay bills so we could end the year.

Chairman, Susan Mullins: I would also like to make note that the Consent Agenda includes the minutes from the special called meetings on May 17th, May 22nd, May 24th and May 31st. Are there any questions?

Mr. Rick Mullins: made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Dr. Lurton Lyle seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Approved:

❖ **Minutes:**

May 17 & 22, 2017 – Special Called Meeting
May 24, 2107 – Regular Meeting
May 31, 2017 – Special Called Meeting

❖ **Monthly Bills:**

School Operating Fund – June 28, 2017 – Bills
Check Nos. 877427 through 877616 ----- \$ 468,300.42

School Operating Fund – June 30, 2017 – Payroll

Check Nos. 388131 through 388160 ----- \$1,682,548.65

June 30, 2017 – Post Year Payroll

Check Nos. 388221 through 388240 ----- \$1,212,713.32

❖ **Field Trips:**

Ridgeview High School

June 22nd – Barter Theater – Abingdon, VA – K – 3rd Grade

Ridgeview Middle School

July 10th – 14th – University of Tennessee – Knoxville, TN – 8th – 12th

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FOR THE BOARD:

Chairman, Susan Mullins: Item IV. is Informational Items for the Board. The information is in your packet. Has everyone had a chance to review it or do you want to ask Mrs. Robinson any questions?

GOOD NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOLS:

Chairman, Susan Mullins: That brings us to New Business. I will turn it over to Mrs. Robinson:

Superintendent Robinson: Thank you Madam Chair and Board Members.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL, 2017:

Superintendent Robinson: Mr. Setser has the information for Student Enrollment. Mr. Setser:

Mr. Mike Setser: Thank you, Mrs. Robinson. There was a minor change, but I didn't want to give the Board the wrong numbers. We finished the year with 2054 students which is a reduction of 49 from the beginning of the year. With every month, I have given you the list of transfers and where the students went. If there are any questions on that, I would be happy to answer them. As far as the attendance banner for the month of May, the school won't be able to display it because we were out of school. The banner went to Ervinton Elementary School. For the year, however, the award will go to Clintwood Elementary School. In a very, very tight race Clintwood Elementary School finished the year with 93.09% and Ervinton Elementary School finished the year with 93.02%.

Superintendent Robinson: Oh, my goodness!

Mr. Mike Setser: So it was less than a percentage point. If there are no questions for me, that is all I have.

Chairman, Susan Mullins: I just have one comment, congratulations to everyone especially our kids.

Superintendent Robinson: Yes, Ma'am. Madam Chair, we have our preliminary SOL test results. I am going to ask Mr. Mullins to proceed. We have a short PowerPoint presentation, and I will be glad to send it to you.

Mr. Mark Mullins: I am going to ask Mr. Robinson to get us started here. It is a short PowerPoint, and I know you have a lot of things on the Agenda tonight, but we are very proud of our students and of our schools for the job they have done this past year. I am trying to give it time to get warmed up. These are preliminary as Mrs. Robinson mentioned. The actual scores will not come out until later this summer, but we feel very confident about the numbers we are going to share with you.

We give approximately 4200 SOL tests over the year. The data that we are going to share with you takes into account about 4200 or a little more SOL tests that were given. We started giving them in the summer of last year with the majority of them given this past May. There are 29 SOL tests that we give in the school division. All school divisions throughout the state give 29 SOL tests. We start in the 3rd Grade and we go through certain courses at the high school. Of those 29 tests Dickenson County students performed better or had a higher pass rate in 20 of those tests. We had four tests that had the same pass rate as last year. In five tests we had a lower pass rate. If you will remember this time last year they did a wonderful job, and they did even better this year.

There are five core areas that have an SOL test: science, history, reading, math and writing. We showed an improvement, as you can see, in all five areas. Most years we could not say that.

- In Science we went up by 1%. Last year we were at 89% and this year 90%. These are tests that are given across the whole division.
- In History we improved by 2% up to 89%
- In Reading we increased by 5% up to 84%
- In Math we increased by 6% up to 84%
- In Writing we had the largest increase of 15% up to 89%

Those are some pretty amazing numbers. We have not been able to say that every year. We are right at 90% in three of the five areas.

These are the tests with the largest improvement:

- U.S. History, which is a high school test that is administered, saw an 8% gain to 88%
- Biology a 9% gain up to 92%
- 7th Grade Math a 9% gain up to 74%
- 6th Grade Reading a 9% gain up to 82%
- 8th Grade Math an 11% gain up to 90%
- Algebra I a 12% gain up to 86%. Some years we have difficulty with Algebra I
- End Of Course Reading a 12% gain up to 95%. This is generally our 11th Graders at the high school
- 3rd Grade Reading a 12% gain up to 85%

- End of Course Writing a 14% gain up to 90%. These are the same students who take the 11th Grade Reading test
- 8th Grade Writing a 16% gain up to 88%
- 6th Grade Math a 25% gain up to 85%. That is pretty remarkable.

These are the SOL tests that had at least an 85% pass rate. Remember I told you that there were 29 tests that we administer. We had 20 tests that at least had an 85% pass rate. So we will start with 85%:

- 3rd Grade Reading and 6th Grade Math had an 85%
- Algebra I an 86%
- 5th Grade Science an 86%
- 8th Grade Writing an 88% (some of these you will see repeated)
- 4th Grade History an 88%
- US History an 88%
- 8th Grade Reading an 89%
- 8th Grade Science an 89%
- End of Course Writing a 90%
- 8th Grade Math a 90%
- Earth Science a 90%
- Biology a 92%
- 5th Grade Math a 93%
- Algebra II a 93%
- World History I a 94%
- End of Course Reading a 95%
- Chemistry a 95%
- World Geography a 95%
- World History II a 99% (Pretty amazing!)

That is 20 of the 29 tests given with at least an 85% pass rate.

Now Preliminary State Accreditation: Just to remind the Board that State Accreditation will not come out until probably September. State Accreditation is currently based on student performance on their SOLs. Right now, the Virginia Board of Education is going through a change. When we get something down pretty good, we go through a change. (Ha, ha) SOLs will still be a part of accreditation, but they will not be the sole criteria for accreditation. For this coming year, they still are.

Schools must have:

- 75% pass rate in English which combines both the Reading and Writing SOLs
- 70% pass rate in Math, Science and History
- High Schools must also have a Graduation Rate of 85%

Test Results for each individual school. We will start with **Ervinton Elementary School** which we project will be fully accredited:

- Reading 93%
- Math 95%
- Science 95%
- History 88%

This is two years in a row that they have done a wonderful job. We want to congratulate Mr. Baker, faculty, staff and students for this wonderful job.

Clintwood Elementary School:

- Reading 80%
- Math 85%
- Science 81%
- History 90%

We want to congratulate Mrs. Newton who is here, Mrs. Muncy, faculty, staff and students for another outstanding job.

Sandlick Elementary School:

- Reading 79%
- Math 77%
- Science 88%
- History 85%

We want to congratulate Mr. Deel, Mr. Neece, faculty, staff and students for another wonderful job.

Ridgeview Middle School:

- English 84%
- Math 84%
- Science 89%
- History 83%

We want to congratulate Mr. Whitner, Mrs. Stanley, faculty, staff and students for another wonderful job.

Ridgeview High School:

- English 92%
- Math 85%

- Science 92%
- History 92%

We want to congratulate Mr. Compton, Mr. Edwards, Mrs. Martin, faculty, staff and students for a wonderful job.

We just completed the graduation rate yesterday, and we will be at least 89% or maybe a little bit higher. We project that all five schools will be fully accredited. If you remember last year, there were only 50 divisions in the state that had all schools fully accredited out of 132 school divisions. We don't know what those figures will be for this year, but we think we will be one of them.

The next few slides are some things that we want to share with the Board. It is Longitudinal Growth which is typically how our school division has performed on our SOLs over a four-year period. The green, of course, shows growth from one year to the next. I am not going to go over all of that, but basically, we want to show you the trend is in an upward direction. You can see a whole lot of green on this sheet which is mainly at our elementary schools. You can see a little more green in our middle school. The last one is our high school, and you can see a whole lot of green the last two years. So we are definitely moving in the right direction.

The last thing I have for you is the Advanced Scores. An Advanced Score is when a student scores 500 or better on an SOL test. This year we had 667 Advanced Scores out of 4200 tests given. Sixty-six of those scored 600 which is considered to be a perfect score. Those numbers were even up from the previous year. This is up from 648 Advanced Scores and 49 Perfect Scores last year. We want to thank our students, teachers, administrators and parents. It takes everybody working together. The kids did great. The teachers did a wonderful job. The principals are tickled to death. We have talked with them, and all of them are just overjoyed with how well their kids did. We can't say enough. We are very proud of all of the hard work they put in. We can stand up here and talk about it, but it is a whole lot of hard work that nobody sees.

Mr. Robinson has some slides about how we compared to schools in the region.

Mr. Tony Robinson: This slide is our Participation and our Comprehensive Instructional Program. When I first put this together, there were 26 divisions, but now there are 28 divisions. Our Percentile Rank could change. Other divisions found out that this works well so they wanted to do this too. This is comparing our scores with the other 26 schools at the time.

- Algebra I we had a 10.61 points upward change so our Percentile Rank almost changed by 54 points. We were 10th out of the 26 school divisions. This is one of the areas that we really concentrated on.
- Biology we had an almost 8% upward change for a 39 Percentile Rank Change. At that time our division was 1 out of 26

- Chemistry we changed just a little bit. Our Percentile Rank went up 8 points, and we were 8th out of the 26 divisions who were participating in the CIP at that time.
- Geometry we were almost up 4 points. Our Percentile Rank changed 15 points, and we were 9 out of the 26 divisions.
- 3rd Grade Reading was one of the areas that a lot of the people struggled with. Our teachers have really worked hard to make some changes there. There was almost an 11 % change. Our Percentile Rank changed 50 points, and we were 4th out of the 26 divisions.
- 5th Grade Math. Last year our 5th Grade Math was 1st out of the 19 divisions. We had about a 92% Pass Rate and were 2nd out of the 26 divisions.
- 8th Grade Math changed 11 points and were up 19 Percentile Rank and 4th out of 26 divisions
- 8th Grade Reading up almost 4 points. Percentile Rank was up almost 7 points and 1st out of the 26 divisions.
- 8th Grade Science changed only .9 of a point. There was no Percentile Rank Change, but they were 1st out of the 26 divisions.
- 8th Grade Writing had the most growth in the CIP this year with almost 15 points upward change. The Percentile Rank change almost 21 points. Our 8th Grade Writing teachers did a video to send out to the other schools for the CIP Consortium describing what they did to get that amount of change. They were 1st out of the 26 divisions. We were really proud of what they were able to do.
- World Geography upward change of 2 points with a Percentile Rank of 18 points. They were 3rd out of the 20 divisions. Not all divisions test World Geography.
- World History II increased Pass Rate by 6 points. The Percentile Rank was a 30 point change with 1st out of the 20 divisions who participated in CIP

The total Pass Percentage change for Dickenson County Public Schools was almost 181 points. We had 113 points last year. Our Percentile Rank changed because of the amount of schools involved in this, but we had an upward trend in that. This really shows what our teachers are able to do.

The last slide is Divisional Growth which reflects the Pass Percentage Change from 2016 to 2017. Again, when I put this together, there were 26 divisions and now there are 28 divisions. Our positions didn't change, but we had the 2nd highest growth of overall Pass Percentage from 2016 to 2017. As you can see, Dickenson County was 2nd. We were 80.17 overall Pass Percentage. We increased by 3.63% from the previous year up to 83.8%. Out of those first 4 or 5 schools we are the only one who has been consistently there for the past two years. The other group of schools have moved in and out, but we have consistently been there showing growth. This is attributed to what our teachers and students are doing. People are starting to recognize the accomplishment of the work our teachers are doing with these kids. Because some kids are in poverty or whatever, their demographic is how well we work with these kids and make them believe.

That is all I have. Do you have any questions?

Mr. Shanghai Nickles: Who is the one we are chasing?

Mr. Tony Robinson: I don't know if I can tell you that or not. I have been sworn to secrecy! I will tell you after the meeting. We try to keep anonymity about this with the other divisions. We don't want to call anybody out or make anybody uncomfortable.

Chairman, Susan Mullins: Are most of these people in our region?

Mr. Tony Robinson: The ones in the blue designate those regions that are full implementation CIP divisions. That means they do everything that has been asked. Those that are in white are not full implementation divisions. They only do the benchmarks. They may not participate in teacher training for example. There are three components that are part of the CIP. Of those 28 divisions, the ones in blue are fully implemented and the others are partially implemented. We are including Danville, Shenandoah and Hopewell. There are other people who see this as work and only partially participate. Every division in Region 7 is participating. Pulaski County was the last holdout, and they came on board this year. So it is starting to be not more a regional thing but a statewide thing.

Superintendent Robinson: Everyone in Region 7 participates.

Mr. Tony Robinson: I don't know that everybody is fully implemented in Region 7, but everybody is doing some component of the CIP.

Superintendent Robinson: That is always good news. Are there any other questions? Thank you, Mr. Mullins and Mr. Robinson, for all of that good news. Again, we want to thank all of our teachers for a fantastic job.

APPROVAL OF FY 2017 BUDGET/END OF THE YEAR SUMMARY:

Superintendent Robinson: If we are ready to continue, Mrs. Mullins? Our next item is the Approval of the 2017 Budget/End of Year Summary. I am going to ask Mr. Barton to come forward and explain this item. This is the year that we are ending on June 30th.

Mr. Larry Barton: Good evening Madam Chair and Members of the Board. You should have this information in your packet. We are not looking for an amendment to this budget. We are just looking to make sure that our Revenues are fully appropriated. We had to look over our Expenditures to make sure there were no changes before we close the year out. As you recall, last year was the first year that we didn't do a close-out meeting. We are going to try to cover everything tonight as well.

The first page is our Revenues. Even though we have seen some cuts in the state funding, we are not proposing any changes to that. The second portion is Other Funding or Federal Funding. We are adjusting that to \$1,546,000. It was decreased \$68,500 to \$1,477,500. We reduced our Cafeteria/Food Service from \$1,200,000 to \$1,110,000. This is a \$90,000 reduction. Our Other Funds overall was \$486,000 up to \$644,500 which is an increase of \$158,500. The main component in there is when we prepared our budget last year; we did not think we would get the Security Grant again. Mr. Setser applied and we did receive that which was \$98,500. As you can see, our Medicaid increased about \$57,000 than we expected. So the Other Funding is a net \$0 change in the category. Our other fund we had to

carry over our GED testing. So the Proposed Amending 2017 Budget for Revenues was \$24,544,551. Are there any questions?

The next page is looking at our Payroll and Expenditures. The first section at the top is our Salary and Wages. As you can see, the second line down is Instructional Salaries. It is a \$25,900 decrease. Two lines down for Principals increased by \$9,500. Assistant Principals increased by \$6,500. There was no change to salary scales or anything like that. School Nurses was an increase of \$9,900. As you recall, we had a resignation in the teaching department there and used a part-time nurse to fill in instructionally. Farther down you will see Mechanics we increased by \$1,500. There is a \$45,000 increase for Janitors and \$1,500 increase for Cooks. There was really no change when the budget was prepared. We included teachers, cooks, janitors, and teachers' Aides in one line as Substitute Wages which was a decrease of \$48,000. As you get the monthly report, the financials this year is easier to look at I think if you keep them in this category with teachers and substitute teachers, janitors with substitute janitors and so on.

The next section is the Payroll Related Expenditures. When we prepared the budget the line Group Life we received from the State 1.18% for Professional and 1.31% for Non-Professional. As it turns out, there was a miscommunication in the letter they sent us for 1.31% across the Board so that was \$12,500 additional to offset the VRS. Again, there was no change in that category. Are there any questions on that page?

The last page is the Non-Payroll Related Expenditures. I will go through each line and answer any questions you may have at the end.

- Private Carriers increase of \$5,500
- Tuition Assistance for Students in Dual Enrollment a decrease of \$12,000
- Utilities a decrease of \$100,000. A lot of the decrease was probably because of the mild temperatures and things like that.
- Utilities—Trane Payment a decrease of \$113,000
- Communications which is basically telephone a decrease of \$3,000
- Internet Connections an increase of \$3,000
- Insurance an increase of \$3,500
- Materials and Supplies was an \$80,000 increase. I will come back to that in the end.
- Food Products was a \$116,000 decrease
- Instructional Supplies an increase of \$30,000
- Technology Software was a \$9,000 increase
- Governor's School Tuition was an increase of \$14,000. We did not receive last year's bill until this year so it was two years altogether. That is why it was higher.
- Capital Outlay Replacement was an increase of \$35,000
- Capital Outlay Additions was an increase of \$173,000
- Technology Hardware was an increase of \$33,000
- Technology Infrastructure was a decrease of \$42,000

I said I would go back to some of these areas. Some of the larger increases was because of the Security Grant, and we had a lot of purchases there with the money we received. Ms. Edwards also received a \$37,500 Grant this year that wasn't anticipated. It all went to supplies for that program. We had a \$10,000 Nursing Grant that we weren't anticipating. We had some additional technology money which was about \$26,000. We had a \$5,000 Wellness Grant. We had all of these additional funds coming in that kind of offset some of these amounts. Overall Total Expenditures do not change--\$24,556,734. Are there any questions on that page?

Superintendent Robinson: Madam Chair if there are no questions, we need a motion, please.

Chairman, Susan Mullins: Do I have a motion to approve?

Dr. Lurton Lyle made the motion to approve the FY 2017 Budget as presented. Mr. Rick Mullins seconded the motion. All votes aye.

APPROVAL OF FY 2017 CLOSE OUT LETTER:

Mr. Larry Barton: Continuing with this you should have a copy of the Close out Letter. Again, this is preliminary. Reba and I have worked a lot today with the Treasurer's Office to go over all of our stuff and get everything finalized for Year End. I will go through this, and there may be some changes on the Revenue Side. There are a couple of things that are supposed to be coming in. If there are any changes, we will send a copy of the letter to you. We will approve it again in July.

Mr. Shanghai Nickles: We don't have to have a special Called Meeting for that?

Superintendent Robinson: No.

Mr. Larry Barton: Looking at this the Revenue and Appropriated Balance is \$23,922,239.63 and we had to carry over GED Funds of \$12,183.97 for a Total Revenue Balance of \$23,934,423.60. Our Expenditures of July 2016 to June 2017 was \$22,395,749.23. Our Post Payroll for July which has to be dated in June is \$1,212,713.32 for a Total Expenditures of \$23,608,462.55. The School Board has carried over the following Unexpended State Funding. We still have the Virginia Testing that Mr. Setser does where the money comes in and goes out, but that balance remained the same \$12,183.97 carried forward for the GED testing. In years past our bus lease final payment was \$55,000, and we carried that over. We have some Capital Outlay of \$58,219.08. With our Textbook Fund received from the State for our Local Match less what we spent on textbooks this year \$200,558 for a Total Unexpended Balance of \$32,961.05. That brings our total Expenditures and Unexpended Balance to \$23,934,423.60 with a \$0 Balance transferred into our County General Fund for the Year End. Are there any questions?

Chairman, Susan Mullins: We need a motion to approve that letter.

Mr. Rocky Barton made the motion to approve the Close-out Letter as presented. Mr. Rick Mullins seconded the motion. All votes aye.

APPROVAL OF FY 2018 BUDGET:

Mr. Larry Barton: I'm still here. (Ha, ha)

Superintendent Robinson: As Mr. Barton is getting ready, I sent the Board an email, and you will see where we have made the cuts of \$330,526. I do want to share with the Board that the Retiree Health Insurance for families will remain in the FY 2018 Budget. We were able to do some of our cuts because we absorbed four positions, but after these four positions any retirements or resignations that come we will have to advertise for those positions. We can no longer absorb positions. Mr. Barton:

Mr. Larry Barton: We will move along to the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget. I want to kind of bridge the gap from where we were to where we are now. When we looked at the Budget back in March, we had an \$812,000 deficit when we started this process. We had several meetings and talked about a lot of things. At the last meeting we had we still had a \$337,044 to close. We looked at a lot of different options of things to consider. Here is kind of how we closed the gap. After that we will look at the overall Budget. The \$337,044 as Mrs. Robinson shared we had the four positions that were absorbed. Since then as well, we originally had a 5% increase for our health insurance and at the \$337 we were down 3.5%. As I mentioned at the last meeting Mr. Medina said that we could do a flat renewal. We met with him a couple of times and actually he said we could do a flat renewal with no extra cost to our premiums. So that was a major savings to our Budget. We also received some good news from some of our Federal Programs. We received almost \$210,000 extra for the coming year. Our Special Ed. Funds are about \$25,000 higher. We anticipate a greater Medicaid from about \$25,000 from what was in there originally. Pre-school Handicapped, \$2,500. Perkins, \$8,500. It wasn't one particular thing. I have gone through and looked at everything, recalculated all of the numbers, and we do have a balanced budget that has a 2% raise for all employees beginning in July. No increase in our insurance for the employees or school division. No change in the Retiree Health Insurance. This budget we are looking at has the funding.

Looking at the Budget on Page 1:

- State Funding is \$14,471,025
- Federal Funding is \$2,770,000
- Other Funds is \$428,000
- Local County Funds is \$6,490,000
- Additional Revenues is \$67,183

Total Estimated Revenues is \$24,226,208. Are there any questions on Revenues?

The Expenditures you will notice is going to a Categorical Type Budget this year so we are looking at major categories. We are looking at:

- Total Instruction is \$15,406,276
- Administration, Attendance and Health is \$1,943,455
- Pupil Transportation is \$2,113,282. In this category, we do have funding for two new school buses
- Operation and Maintenance is \$2,868,633
- School Food Services is \$1,373,877
- Technology is \$520,684

Total Expenditures is \$24,226,208. Are there any questions on Expenditures?

The next page is our Capital Outlay. Revenues:

- Local County Appropriations is \$150,000.

Expenditures:

- Right now, our Budget is zero repairs and replacements
- Future Capital Projects--Clintwood Elementary School is \$75,000
- Future Capital Projects--Ervinton Elementary School is \$75,000

Expenditures Total is \$150,000

The next page is a Description of some of the Capital Outlay that we have on our list. That is just a quick overview of the Budget, and I will be glad to answer any questions that you might have.

Chairman, Susan Mullins: We are replacing sections of the roof at Clintwood and Ervinton Elementary in stages. Do we pay that by the year or all at once?

Superintendent Robinson: We can do it by stages.

Mr. Larry Barton: Right now the center portion at Clintwood Elementary School is about \$55,000. The guys bought some materials this summer to do some more patching. It is worse right now, and the \$55,000 is the last estimate we received on that.

Superintendent Robinson: I think, Mrs. Mullins, that the estimates we received before was for the entire roof. In talking about the 2% raise, and we will talk about this when we get to our salary scale, I just want to make sure that you see this list. We are looking at a 2% raise across the board—non-degree teachers, degree teachers, substitute teachers, homebound, tutoring, cooks, janitors, secretaries, nurses, bus drivers, long-term bus drivers, field trip drivers, PTA, coaching supplements, etc. We just looked across the board to give everyone a 2% raise. We are looking at some of these categories that have not received a raise since I have been here in 2009 because we just did not have the funding. Mrs. Mullins, we will need a motion to approve the FY 2018 Budget.

Chairman, Susan Mullins: Do I hear a motion to approve the 2018 Budget?

Dr. Lurton Lyle made the motion to approve the FY 2018 Budget as presented. Mr. Rick Mullins seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Superintendent Robinson: I want to recognize Mr. Barton, Reba McCowan and the Financial Department because they have worked all month trying to get everything ready. I want to thank them for a great job.

IDENTIFYING POTENTIAL SITES FOR NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

Chairman, Susan Mullins: We will move on to Item H. Identifying Potential Sites for the New Elementary School.

Superintendent Robinson: Mrs. Mullins and Board Members we sent you a summary of the Elementary School Committee that met on Friday, June 2nd. At that June 2nd meeting the Elementary School Committee recommended that the School Board identify a site or sites for the new elementary school at its Board meeting tonight. Each potential site would be analyzed by an engineering firm to assess:

- Projected Cost of Land Acquisition
- Projected Costs for Purchase of Minerals
- Projected Costs of Environmental Studies
- Projected Costs for Land Development
- Projected Costs for possible road construction, if needed
- Projected Costs for Utilities

At this time I am going to open up the floor for discussion from the Board to look at or discuss a site or sites for the new elementary school. We have done this as a process. The Board wanted to look at demographics, and just have a process to reach a decision as to the location of the elementary school. That is why on May 31st we had the demographic presentation. When we look at a site, we will bring that information back to this Board for your information to see what site or sites are viable for the construction of a new elementary school.

Chairman, Susan Mullins: So what do you need from us today?

Superintendent Robinson: I think the committee has requested just the identification of a potential site or sites so we can begin this analysis in your packet.

Chairman, Susan Mullins: Do we have any discussion?

Mr. Rocky Barton: I think we have to include the Backbone Ridge site since it was originally voted on twice. I think we also need to include the Haysi High School site. A lot of people are pointing to that site now because we already own the land, and there are so many things with it such as water, sewage and broadband. We would need no environmental studies. It looks a little better than the other one right now.

Mr. Shanghai Nickles: Where is the sewage going now?

Mr. Larry Yates: It is connected right now to the Haysi Sewage Treatment Plant. I spoke to Ron Phillips, and he said the plant down below Haysi is well equipped to handle an elementary school.

Mr. Rocky Barton: The elementary school would have more students than Haysi High School had. It was about 300 and the elementary would be about 440.

Dr. Lurton Lyle: I would also like to have the Ridgeview site looked at just to make sure.

Chairman, Susan Mullins: Since we own the land at Clinchco we would be foolish not to explore the possibility.

Superintendent Robinson: So I have four potential sites so far, Backbone Ridge site, Haysi High School site, the Ridgeview site and the Clinchco Elementary School site.

Mr. Shanghai Nickles: I would like to ask the mayor which one of the two he likes best.

Mr. Larry Yates: Each one has potential and both sites have issues. I kind of lean toward the Haysi High School site because eventually we are going to have to do something with that building. This is one of those situations where you kill two birds with one stone. It is a big plus, I think, for us since we are working with a tight budget and already own the property. All of the essential infrastructure is right there. The bandwidth that Sandlick Elementary School is running off right now is powered by the tower on Backbone which is right across the river from the high school. We all know that the need for bandwidth is going to expand exponentially over the next few years. That is a big plus for me having that front line next to your school. The sewer is equipped to handle the new building. I like both sites. The Backbone Ridge site would make a beautiful spot for a school.

Mr. Rocky Barton: It would make for a more beautiful campus.

Mr. Larry Yates: When you think about it like that, it would.

Dr. Lurton Lyle: And a lot more work to get it ready.

Mr. Larry Yates: Of course it would cost more to get it ready, but I think both sites are great sites.

Chairman, Susan Mullins: Are there any other sites that any of you would like to mention?

Mr. Rocky Barton: I guess one question in my mind would be the mention of the Clinchco Elementary School site and the Ridgeview site would mean consolidating the three elementary schools.

Chairman, Susan Mullins: I think that would be a community factor.

Mr. Rocky Barton: I think that one thing that would hurt the consolidation of the elementary schools is the fact that we don't have the money.

Mr. Larry Yates: There are issues with the Ridgeview campus and the Clinchco site as well. The Clinchco site is in the flood zone and there is a toxic waste dump right behind it. It is the original county landfill within a few hundred feet of that site.

Chairman, Susan Mullins: Do we need a motion?

Superintendent Robinson: Yes, please.

Chairman, Susan Mullins: I need to entertain a motion to include the Backbone Ridge site, Haysi High School site, Clinchco Elementary School site and the Ridgeview site as potential locations for the new elementary school,

Dr. Lurton Lyle made the motion to include Backbone Ridge, Haysi High School, Clinchco Elementary School and Ridgeview as potential site locations for the new elementary school. Mr. Shanghai Nickles seconded the motion. All votes aye.

APPROVAL OF 2017-2018 PERSONNEL SALARY SCALES WITH 2% INCREASE:

Chairman, Susan Mullins: Item I. is the Approval of the 2017-2018 Salary Scales.

Superintendent Robinson: Yes, Ma'am. We have the salary scales that have a 2% raise with the Board's approval. We have also sent the item that is going around that I just discussed:

- Professional: Teachers, Administrators, Directors
- Secretaries
- Cooks
- Custodians
- Nurses
- Maintenance
- Bus Drivers Instructional Aides
- Part-Time Aides
- Substitute Teachers
- Substitute Bus Drivers
- Coaching Supplements
- Masters, EDS and Doctorate Stipends

Chairman, Susan Mullins: Mr. Barton said that you left off the School Board Members.

Superintendent Robinson: Yes, Ma'am, we did leave off the School Board Members. I'm sorry, we just ran out of money! (Ha, ha) I think you saw by our scores that it takes all of us.

I know it takes all of these people working together. A lot of times we have said thank you, but we haven't been able to give anything. I think this year we have really tried hard to say thank you and to also increase their salary somewhat. We ask the Board's approval of the Salary Scales.

Chairman, Susan Mullins: This is the current salary scale with a 2% increase for everyone down the line.

Superintendent Robinson: Yes, Ma'am, it is. This was mandated by the State as you recall. We did not include a step increase. We have not been able to do that for a number of years. We have just not had the funding for that.

Chairman, Susan Mullins: I think we need to revisit the step increase. But today I will entertain a motion to approve the salary scales with a 2% increase for everyone except, as Mr. Barton said the School Board.

Mr. Rocky Barton made the motion to approve the salary scales with a 2% raise as presented. Mr. Shanghai Nickles seconded the motion. All votes aye.

WELLNESS POLICY:

Chairman, Susan Mullins: Okay, next we have the Wellness Policy.

Superintendent Robinson: I also have a copy of the Wellness Policy. I am going to ask Mrs. Edwards to discuss the Wellness Policy for us. I can make copies if the Board would like to look at this.

Mrs. Denechia Edwards: Thank you. The local Wellness Policy is a written document that guides the local education's agencies to establish a school environment that promotes the students' health, well-being and ability to learn. This policy requirement was established by the Wick Reauthorization in 2004 and further strengthened by the Healthy and Hungry Free Kids Act of 2010. It requires that each LEA participating in the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program to develop a Wellness Policy. There was a final rule that was established on July 29, 2016, by the USDA and Food Services finalizing regulations to create a framework and guidelines for written wellness policy established in LEAs. The final rule requires LEAs to begin developing a revised local Wellness Policy during the school year of 2016-2017. We have been working on a Wellness Policy throughout the school year. LEAs must fully comply with the requirements of the final rule by June 30th. That is why it is being presented to you tonight hopefully to get a final ruling so it will be in place on June 30th. At minimum, the Policy was required to include goals for nutrition promotion and education, physical activity and other school-based activities that promote student wellness. Standards and Nutrition Guidelines, all foods and beverages sold to students on the school campus during the school day must be consistent with the Federal Regulations for School Meal Nutrition Standards and the Smart Snack in School Nutrition Standards. Standards for all foods and beverages provided but not sold to the students during the school day such as classroom parties, classroom snacks brought by parents and other food given to students as incentives. Policies are for food and beverage marketing that allows marketing

and advertisement for only those foods and beverages that meet Smart Snacks for School Nutrition Standards and the description of public involvement, public updates, policy leadership and evaluation plan.

I gave you in your packet a list of the members who were involved in the creation. We decided not to develop a separate Wellness Committee. We used our School Advisory Board to develop this policy because they were already intact. I gave you a list of those members there in your handout. If you like I can go over them. We did have several meetings throughout the school year for additional input from multiple stakeholders including general education teachers, PE teachers, nursing staff, community members, parents, cafeteria staff and administration.

We have gone through an uphill battle with this policy to say the least. I am not the Wellness Police by any means. I was just the person who was responsible for the determination of this policy and presenting it to you. I will be the person who will be monitoring this Wellness Policy throughout the year. We will have a local Wellness Committee at each school. I do have representatives at each school that can set up their own Wellness Committee. They will look at the Policy and decide how they are going to implement it at each building. Each building is unique, and this Policy just gives them guidance.

There were several obstacles that we had to overcome along the way. One thing was snacks brought by parents. We had a huge discussion about that. For the Guidelines we used the Alliance for a Healthier Generation. It was the form that we used to develop this Policy. It was the one that was recommended. The language that was recommended in this Policy was that all parties planned by parents and snacks brought by parents had to follow these Smart Snacks Guidelines. We were all not sure if we could live through a year with that. So we decided to start slowly with the goal to provide the parents education about the Policy. We gave them information about what meets a Smart Snack Guideline. But I did print a list of Smart Snacks, and I did go through the list as a parent. There are lot things that still allow us to do our traditional parties that we are used to doing. The language doesn't say that the parents can't bring it. The language says that we will provide them a list of options. Hopefully they will choose from some of those options. Any food item that is provided by our staff has to meet these Smart Snack Guidelines. Again, when you look through it the first time, I thought okay Doritos, Cheesies and baked snacks, applesauce, Slim Jims and there are multiple things on this list that we can still use as a traditional snack. Chex Mix, Party Mix and all kinds of things. We are going to work with Debra. We will have a page that is running on our website and Facebook page where we are going to list ideas for parents. You can make fruits and vegetables look really appealing to kids. You can do a lot of neat things. The good thing about the Alliance for a Healthier Generation model is it has all kinds of links and an abundance of resources.

Chairman, Susan Mullins: I want to jump over to the Food and Beverage Marketing. I know that all schools have Pepsi. How is that going to affect the marketing?

Mrs. Denechia Edwards: That is another factor! Debra and I went to training through the Virginia Department of Health in trying to help us develop our policy. One of the questions

that I asked her in the meeting was about us purchasing new score boards at some of our buildings. Mr. Compton tells me that the scoreboards at Ridgeview Middle School and Ridgeview High School follow the Healthy Snacks Guidelines because it can be a diet drink or water. Any of that is fine. Some of the drink machines that we have, which shouldn't be sold to kids anyway, we have to make sure that it has water or diet drinks in it. We do have some of our elementary schools that still have those old Pepsi scoreboards or Coke scoreboards, so what they told me was that it doesn't mean that we have to take them down or put cardboard over the top of it. It just means to redo the contracts, and they are on board, too. Coke and Pepsi are on board because they know we are heading in this direction. So they are going to accommodate us.

Mr. Shanghai Nickles: What Pepsi has done at McClure Little League is spent \$4,800 out of their pocket to adhere to that policy. We do have some of the kids from our middle school that go down there and practice ball. So Pepsi has been really good about that. You may need to talk to James, but I am sure they are on board with that.

Mrs. Denechia Edwards: We did have discussions about our Food Pantries at our schools. We came to the realization that that is not provided by the school. It is provided by communities. So we are not going to police those Food Pantries because our thought is that we would rather our kids have food.

Chairman, Susan Mullins: So I need a motion to approve the Wellness Policy.

Mr. Shanghai Nickles: I have a question. I know that we have lost one of our people on that committee. I am sure that you are going to have somebody who is going to replace this person. Do you have somebody in mind for that?

Mrs. Denechia Edwards: I don't really have anybody in mind yet. I have only thought about getting past tonight. (ha, ha!)

Mr. Shanghai Nickles made the motion to approve the Wellness Policy as presented. Mr. Rick Mullins seconded the motion. All votes aye.

APPROVAL OF FEDERAL GRANT APPLICATIONS, TITLE I PART A, TITLE II PART A, TITLE III, AND TITLE V PART B RURAL SCHOOLS:

Chairman, Susan Mullins: That brings us to Item K. Approval of Federal Grant Applications. Mr. Mullins emailed those to us. Does anyone have a question? If not, I need a motion to approve.

Dr. Lurton Lyle: I so move.

Chairman, Susan Mullins: Do I hear a second?

Mr. Rocky Barton: I second it.

Chairman, Susan Mullins: All in favor say Aye. (All Ayes)

APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY (CEP) PROVISION FOR CES, EES AND SES:

Chairman, Susan Mullins: Okay, we are ready for Item I. Approval of Community Eligibility Provision for Clintwood Elementary School. Ervinton Elementary School and Sandlick Elementary School.

Superintendent Robinson: We have also sent you information about this. We are very excited about this, and I am going to ask Mr. Barton and Ms. Compton, if she would like, to help me. What we have found is that we have the possibility of implementing community eligibility provision. This will mean that all students who attend Clintwood Elementary School, Ervinton Elementary School and Sandlick Elementary School which is approximately 1,084 students will be eligible to eat free at school both breakfast and lunch.

Mr. Shanghai Nickles: That is great! Just great!

Chairman, Susan Mullins: I am going to jump the gun and make a motion that we approve this item. Do I have a second?

Mr. Shanghai Nickles: I second it.

Superintendent Robinson: We do have it in the budget that you have approved.

Mr. Larry Barton: Our portion could be about \$25,000. The goal is to increase participation, and I think it could be more than the \$25,000.

Superintendent Robinson: The deadline for this is June 30th. I was so excited about this that when I typed this I left that out. We just learned one day this week that we were able to do this. So we are really thrilled.

Chairman, Susan Mullins made the motion to approve CEP for the elementary schools as presented. Mr. Shanghai Nickles seconded the motion. All votes aye.

APPROVAL OF HEALTH/DENTAL POLICY, RATES AND EMPLOYEE PREMIUM COST FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 2017, RENEWAL:

Chairman, Susan Mullins: Item M. is the Approval of Health/Dental Policy, Rates and Employee Premium Cost for September 1, 2017, Renewal.

Superintendent Robinson: Is there any change, Mr. Barton?

Mr. Larry Barton: There is no change. It is exactly what it is right now.

Chairman, Susan Mullins: Do I hear a motion to approve this item?

Mr. Rocky Barton made the motion to approve the Health/Dental policy and rates for 2017-2018 renewal as presented. Dr. Lurton Lyle seconded the motion. All votes aye.

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL AUDITOR FOR SCHOOLS' ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS AS PER DCPS POLICY:

Chairman, Susan Mullins: That brings us to Item N. the Approval of School Auditor for Schools Activity Accounts as per DCPS Policy.

Superintendent Robinson: We are recommending Thrower, Blanton & Associates to perform these audits for the Dickenson County School Division. Their quote came in the lowest at \$4,250 to perform the audits. It was not just the lowest quote, but this particular firm has a very good reputation. We are thrilled that they have submitted and RFP. They have over 35 years of experience in performing these audits. We recommend the Board's approval for these auditors as per the DCPS Policy.

Chairman, Susan Mullins: Do I hear a motion to approve these auditors?

Mr. Rocky Barton made the motion to approve Thrower, Blanton & Associates to perform school activity audits as presented. Dr. Lurton Lyle seconded the motion. All votes aye.

APPROVAL OF VACORP INSURANCE RATES FOR FY 2018:

Chairman, Susan Mullins: That brings us to Item O. the Approval of VACORP Insurance rates for FY 2018.

Superintendent Robinson: I would like to ask Mr. Barton if he would like to comment on that. Our premiums have increased by \$3,317. This was mainly due to Workers' Compensation Experience Modifier. We are recommending that we renew our insurance coverage for Property, Liability, Automobile, Student Accident and Workers' Compensation Insurance for the term of 7/01/2017 through 6/30/2018.

Chairman, Susan Mullins: Do we have a motion to approve?

Dr. Lurton Lyle made the motion to approve VACORP insurance as the carrier and rates for 2017-2018 as recommended. Mr. Rick Mullins seconded the motion. All votes aye.

APPROVAL OF VSBA POLICIES:

Chairman, Susan Mullins: Okay, Item P. is the Approval of VSBA Policies. I think Mr. Setser emailed those to us. I will ask him to answer any questions you may have, if not I will entertain a motion to approve these policies.

Mr. Mike Setser: Madam Chair, there is just one thing. On Policy JFC-R it needs to be Option 2.

Chairman, Susan Mullins: I need a motion to approve the policies as presented with the change to JFC-R to Option 2

Dr. Lurton Lyle to approve the VSBA policies with the changed to JFC-R Option 2 as recommended. Mr. Rick Mullins seconded the motion. All votes aye.

APPROVAL OF HANDBOOK:

Chairman, Susan Mullins: Okay, next we have Item Q. The Approval of the Handbook.

Superintendent Robinson: These were also emailed to you. Mr. Setser, do you have any comments about the Handbook, Sir?

Mr. Mike Setser: There are two Handbooks. The big one has to be read by the parents, signed and sent back. The other one is a Consequence Handbook so that if the child gets into trouble the Handbook tells what is going to happen. We need to get these to the printer pretty soon in order to have them ready by August.

Chairman, Susan Mullins: I will entertain a motion to approve the Handbook.

Mr. Rick Mullins made the motion to approve the handbooks as presented. Mr. Shanghai Nickles seconded the motion. All votes aye.

BOARD COMMENT:

Chairman, Susan Mullins: That brings us to Board Comment. Shanghai, I am going to start with you today.

Mr. Shanghai Nickles: Thank you, Madam Chair. I just found out we had a young man named Trey Colley that played Soccer at Ridgeview. He just received an award. It was a National Award for being the best soccer player in America for one week. They sent him this award, and he just got back from the Virginia Tech camp. A kid from Honaker was signed as a punter and field goal kicker up there. Trey Colley went up there and beat this boy in the field goal competition. This is a kid who never played football before. So Coach Mullins is walking in and asking him when he will sign. (Ha, ha!) But that is good news for that young man. He transferred in from Eastern Virginia, and his grandmother is Mary Hylton. That's a big plus. The other big plus is I was very impressed with the questions and answers here tonight. It was very low key, and I think that is what we are going to have to do. We are going to have to sit back and take it all in. There is a lot of good and bad in everything. I appreciate the work that is being done by Larry, Reba and the others. I know that usually when you think about people who wear a tie such as Larry that he doesn't get his elbows dirty, but I know he gets right in there, and I thank all of you so much.

Mr. Rocky Barton: I will go back to the soccer comment. The soccer gods much be looking down on us because we had a transfer, and I think his mother's name is Maranda, who id think use to teach for us. She is Kitty Hill's first cousin. I think his dad is going to be the Pastor of the Faith Bible Church. He is supposed to be a really good soccer player, and they are looking for a home if anybody knows of a place in the community. The other comment I will make is about the SOL scores. It is just unreal. I am just so proud of that accomplishment, and I want to thank our teachers, Central Office Staff and administrators. It is just unreal. I appreciate that.

Mr. Rick Mullins: I am just tickled with the scores, too. I am just going to go ahead and brag about it. Being No. 2 in the region is just great.

Dr. Lurton Lyle: There are advantages and disadvantages to being first. So I second everything that I have heard especially the work of Mr. Barton and Reba.

Chairman, Susan Mullins: Okay and the disadvantage of being last is that you have said everything that I wanted to say. Okay, if everyone's minds and hearts are clear, we will go into Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION:

Chairman Susan Mullins: Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A of the Code of Virginia, I move that the board convene a closed session for the purpose of discussing: 1.) Student requests for early graduation. 2.) Employment issues relating to benefits, resignation requests, consideration of hiring coaches, part-time aides and substitutes pursuant to VA Code 2.23711 A (1) (2) and to consult with legal counsel on these issues pursuant to Virginia Code section 2.23711 A (7). Dr. Lurton Lyle seconded the motion. All votes aye.

OUT OF CLOSED SESSION:

Chairman Susan Mullins: I now entertain a motion to go out of Closed Session. Mr. Shanghai Nickles made the motion and Dr. Lurton Lyle seconded. All votes aye. Chairman Susan Mullins stated; pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A) of the Code of Virginia, I move to certify 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. Dr. Lurton Lyle, Mr. Rick Mullins, Mr. Rocky Barton, Mr. Shanghai Nickles and Chairman Susan Mullins; all certified true.

BOARD ACTIONS:

Chairman Susan Mullins: I make the motion we approve early graduation as requested for Student #0401 and Student #0591 contingent on meeting any and all educational requirements. Mr. Rocky Barton seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Chairman, Susan Mullins: I make the motion we approve the coaching recommendations for 2017-2018 pending completion of all background checks and requirements. Dr. Lurton Lyle seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Approved:

- Adrian White, Academic
- Joy Hall, Academic
- Brad Counts, Baseball
- Jason Mullins, Baseball Assistant
- Jamie Counts, Baseball Assistant
- David Robinette, Boys Basketball
- Evan McCowan, Boys Basketball Assistant
- Brandon Mullins, Boys Basketball Assistant

- Dakota Stanley, Boys Basketball Assistant
- Scott Stanley, Boys Basketball Volunteer
- Donnie Frazier, Girls Basketball
- Gary Fleming, Girls Basketball Assistant
- Mike Gulley, Girls Basketball Assistant
- Chris Fleming, Girls Basketball Assistant
- Holly Fleming, Girls Basketball Volunteer
- Michelle Mullins, Cheerleading
- Shauna Counts, Cheerleading
- Regina Ramey, Cheerleading Volunteer
- Donnie Frazier, Cross Country
- Amber Owens, Cross Country
- Rick Mullins, Football
- Kent Grant, Football Assistant
- Dewayne Stanley, Football Assistant
- Ethan Owens, Football Assistant
- Jason Mullins, Football Assistant
- Nick Lyall, Football Assistant
- Kenneth Branham, Football Assistant
- Matt Large, Football Assistant
- Dakota Stanley, Football Assistant
- Kent Grant, Softball
- Sydney Compton, Softball Assistant
- Donnie Frazier, Softball Assistant
- Jordon Stanley, Softball Assistant
- Adrian White, Boys Tennis
- Deb Barnett, Boys Tennis Volunteer
- Tonya Grant, Girls Tennis
- Tom Baker, Girls Tennis Volunteer
- Tray Mullins, Girls Tennis Volunteer
- Ethan Owens, Boys Track Assistant
- Evan McCowan, Girls Track
- Amber Owens, Girls Track Assistant
- David Vanover, Volleyball
- Vicky Blevins, Volleyball Assistant
- Tamara Edwards, Volleyball Assistant
- Holly Fleming, Volleyball Assistant
- James Colley, Golf
- Eric Vitatoe, Boys Soccer
- Fate Fleming, Boys Soccer Volunteer
- Derek McCowan, Boys Soccer Volunteer
- John Hamilton, Boys Soccer Volunteer
- Sheryl Bise, Girls Soccer
- Gary Rose, Girls Soccer Volunteer

- Kevin Rose, Girls Soccer Volunteer
- Shelly Molinary, Band

Chairman, Susan Mullins: I make the motion we approve the resignations as requested. Mr. Shanghai Nickles seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Resignations:

- Nakisha Robinson, Part-time Aide, CES
- Michael Owens, Teacher, RHS
- Alisa Rose, Teacher, RMS
- Stephanie Wampler, Part-time Attendance Clerk, RHS

Chairman, Susan Mullins: I make the motion we approve the employment recommendations as presented. Dr. Lurton Lyle seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Approved:

- Betty Newton from Interim Principal to CES Principal
- Miranda Newberry – Transfer from RHS English to RMS English Teacher
- Samantha Mullins – Transfer from RHS Math to RMS Math Teacher
- Porchia Fletcher – Transfer from RMS Math to SES 3rd Grade Teacher
- Myra Fleming – Transfer from CES 3rd Grade to SES 1st Grade Teacher
- Elizabeth Wallace – Transfer from EES 2nd/3rd to SES 1st Grade Teacher
- Eric Vitatoe – Transfer from RMS 6th to RHS Business Teacher
- Sherry Mullins, Part-time Nursing Instructor, RHS
- Jessica Estep, Part-time Aide, CES
- Erryn Mullins, Part-time Aide, CES
- Jessica Rose, Part-time Aide, CES
- Brini Davis, Part-time Aide, CES
- Ashley Williams, Part-time Aide, CES
- Laurie Church, Part-time Aide, CES
- Nancy Lee, Part-time Aide, EES
- Tammy French, Part-time Aide, EES
- Tomi Browning, Part-time Aide, EES

Chairman, Susan Mullins: I make the motion we approve the substitute applicants contingent upon any background checks or requirements. Mr. Rick Mullins seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Substitutes:

- Jerry Deel, Teacher
- Sara LaForce, Janitor/Cook
- Megan Sutherland, Teacher/Janitor/Cook

Chairman, Susan Mullins: I make the motion that we approve the SunTrust negotiations as presented. Dr. Lurton Lyle seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Chairman, Susan Mullins: I make the motion we post for two bus driver positions and a custodian. Dr. Lurton Lyle seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Chairman, Susan Mullins: I make the motion that we advertise for a bus driver, custodian and part-time attendance clerk. Mr. Shanghai Nickles seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Chairman, Susan Mullins: In order to meet any time crunch we may be under, I make the motion to authorize the Superintendent to post and advertise for any available positions after this meeting to have us fully staffed by August. Dr. Lurton Lyle seconded the motion. All votes aye.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman, Susan Mullins: I make the motion we adjourn. Mr. Shanghai Nickles seconded the meeting. All votes aye.

Adjourned: 8:05 p.m.

Susan Mullins

CHAIRMAN

Approved: July 26, 2017

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