

DICKENSON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
Regular School Board Meeting
August 30, 2017
Ridgeview High School

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

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

Chairman, Mrs. 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. Would someone like to make a motion to approve the Agenda?

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

Chairman, Mrs. Susan Mullins: We have already had the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, so we will move on to Public Comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chairman, Mrs. Susan Mullins: We have already had the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, so we will move on to Public Comment. Mr. Nickles, would you please read the Guidelines for Public Comment. (So Read) Thank you, Mr. Nickles. Mr. Setser will be keeping time. The first name on my list is Ms. Kathy Musick.

Ms. Kathy Musick: Good evening Chairman Mullins, Mrs. Robinson, Members of the Board and guests. My name is Kathy Musick, and I am with Virginia Educators. I want to congratulate all of the teachers, students and partners in Dickenson County for the great SOL scores for the 2016-2017 school year. Out of 124 school divisions in the State to rank 25th is very impressive. It did not come without lots of grit, planning and hard work from all of the students, parents, teachers and especially those in the classroom. As a former teacher and a former principal, I know how hard that is, and I am so proud. Ten categories in the top 20 of the State and 13 categories in the top 25. That is really something to be proud of. I just want to congratulate everybody. Virginia Professional Educators gives away scholarships and also stipends twice a year. We are a non-profit. Any monies that we have left over we put into grants for teachers. Any teachers out there, if you have something that you want to do in your classroom, the grants are up to \$500. We give them twice a year. The fall submission is in October. Just let me know, and I will get you the information. It is very easy to do. There is an application now that is online. If there is any way that I can help you get that together, I would love for someone in Dickenson County to have that opportunity. There are also scholarships if you want to go to a workshop or an in-service. I know that money is tight. I am old, and when I first started teaching, it was so much a year to get those points that is no longer the case anywhere. You can get money that way as well. I just wanted to

let you know. Thank you very much and congratulations on all of the excitement with the new school and the great test scores. Even though I don't live in Dickenson County, I come here every month, and it makes me happy to see you all do that well.

Superintendent Robinson: Thank you.

Chairman, Mrs. Susan Mullins: The next person will be Ms. Phyllis Mullins:

Ms. Phyllis Mullins: Good evening. We are off and running. (Ha, Ha!) The DEA and VEA are getting our plans together. We also do a lot of mini-grants that we are anxious for our people to apply for. I would love if you will look in your magazine or on the VEA website. There are lots of mini-grants that can be gotten for our classrooms. Yes, these SOL scores did take a lot of grit, planning and a lot of prayers. (Ha, Ha!) I for one said my share. The DEA had our monthly meeting, and we are planning some exciting things this year for our members. We are getting our budget together so that we can send some of our members to Lobby Day. We are planning on getting the VEA Legislative Agenda together, and in January we will send some people to Lobby Day. I went last year, and it was very exciting to get to be a part of it and talking to the representatives and have our voice heard by the governor on the raise and everything. In September, we are planning on doing a Child Abuse Workshop that we will open up to all employees of the Dickenson County Schools. Mrs. Robinson has approved that for us, and we appreciate that. Thank you very much. We are just planning other things. We are happy that the year has started off so well, and we plan trotting right along with it. Thank you.

Superintendent Robinson: Thank you, Ms. Mullins.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Chairman, Mrs. Susan Mullins: Okay, that brings us to Item III. 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? Are there any questions or concerns? If not, I will entertain a motion to approve the entire Consent Agenda.

Mr. Rick Mullins: made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Rocky Barton seconded. All votes aye.

Approved:

❖ **Minutes:**

July 26, 2017 – Regular Meeting

❖ **Monthly Bills:**

School Operating Fund – August 30, 2017 – Bills

Check Nos. 877682 through 877765 ----- \$ 162,421.44

School Operating Fund – August 31, 2017 – Payroll

Check Nos. 388265 through 388290 ----- \$1,608,490.43

❖ **Field Trips:**Ridgeview High SchoolAugust 25th – Chamber of Commerce/Ralph Stanley Museum – 11th – 12th GradeSeptember 17th – Heartwood – Abingdon, VA – 11th – 12th GradeOctober 24th-October 28th – National FFA Convention – Indianapolis, IN – 10th -12th Grade**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FOR THE BOARD:**

Chairman, Mrs. Susan Mullins: Item IV. is Informational Items for the Board. Mrs. Robinson is there anything you wish to say:

Superintendent Robinson: No ma'am.

GOOD NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOLS:

Chairman, Mrs. Susan Mullins: That brings us to New Business with Good News from Our Schools. I will turn it over to Mrs. Robinson:

Superintendent Robinson: Thank you, Madam Chair and Board Members. I shared with you earlier the fantastic news from Ervinton Elementary School. I have to share with you that I invited on your behalf the Ervinton Elementary School staff and the entire team to be with us here tonight. We are going to recognize them. As you know, Ervinton Elementary School was selected to receive the 2016-2017 Virginia Index of Performance (VIP) Board of Education Distinguished Achievement Award based upon the school years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016. We have invited the Ervinton Elementary faculty and staff and bus drivers to attend this meeting for their recognition. They received a letter from Dr. Steve Staples, and they also received a beautiful certificate which I understand Mr. Baker has given to each one of you. I am going to call everyone's name, and if they couldn't come tonight that is fine. When I call your name, could you please stand and remain standing:

- Cindy Carty
- Coleen Deel
- Jane Hale
- Amanda Long
- Susan McFall
- Windy McMillan
- Rebecca Meade
- Brandy Moore
- JoAnn Neece
- Sandra Rasnick
- Sherry Smith
- B.J. Souleyrette
- Shawn Sullivan
- Mallory Vance
- Tammy Yates

Our cafeteria staff:

- Angela Long
- Loretta McKenny
- Bessie Powers

Our Part-Time Aides:

- Tommy Browning
- Cody Deloach
- Reba Johnson
- Rebecca Moss
- Lenny Neece
- Nancy Lee
- Tammy French

Our Part-Time Janitor:

- Jama Church

Our 12-month Employees:

- Brian Baker
- Jane Church
- Dean Compton
- Tim McCowan

Our Bus Drivers:

- Lisa Barton
- Bowden Bise
- Beth Boyd
- B.J. Souleyrette
- Tim Carty
- Kathy Hale
- Larry Martin
- Travis Mullins
- Sue Mullins

Our Former Staff Members at Ervinton Elementary School:

- Betty Newton
- Elizabeth Wallace
- Jenny Stanley

Our Family Preservation:

- Sarah Dickerson

Did I miss anyone? Ladies and Gentlemen and Board Members, May I introduce you to the Ervinton Elementary School Staff. (Applause!) Thank you very much for a great job.

Chairman, Mrs. Susan Mullins: Mrs. Robinson, I would like to take us back for just a moment. I apparently missed a name on Public Comment. There are initials where a name was marked out, but I can't read it. Is there anyone who didn't get to speak who signed up? It might be Ginger Senter. Did she leave? Mr. Hill, you may certainly speak if you wish to. Mr. Setser will time you for five minutes.

Mr. Don Hill: My name is Don Hill, and I live in Clinchco. I am here today to speak about the proposed elementary school site. This affects two groups, the students and the taxpayers. The School Site Selection Committee was charged by the superintendent to select one of the four sites utilizing five criteria focusing only on cost. Costs are very important factors, and it is a fact that dollars spent on site preparation will not be available to spend on buildings, equipment or other amenities that will greatly enhance the educational process. However, two other extremely important criteria should be considered in addition to those specified:

1. Student Safety and Welfare
2. The impact of a tax increase on the taxpayers

As we all know, more than 50% of our citizens are at or below the poverty level. In my opinion, without a doubt, the most important conclusion to be taken away from the study is false. I will get a bit technical here. There is a positive correlation in student transportation whether on a bus or a personal automobile and the greater likelihood of occurrence of accidents including potential fatalities. Accidents and fatalities can be reduced or controlled to a degree by decreasing student transportation time. It is reasonable to conclude then that student transportation time will be marketably decreased by choosing a school site in a closer proximity to the grade or under students who will be attending the school. Members of this committee should be independent, objective and bias-free evaluators of the data gathered for all sites. If this is not possible, then that member should decline to serve on the committee. One member has already stated the toxic waste material existing in an inactive landfill near the Clinchco site. Having checked with the DEQ, their position is that they are not aware of any toxic material in that landfill. One has to consider what the motivation was in making such an unfounded statement, and does it reflect bias or some other reason. There should be no tolerance for bias on this committee nor on this School Board. The stakes are too great for the students and the taxpayers of this county. This school should not be constructed on a site for political reasons, commercial reasons, loss of business or loss of students from adjacent counties. Contrary to what has been presented over, over and over for years now no hard data has been presented to this Board to support any loss of businesses, only opinions, anecdotal and empirical observations. Dickenson County students are the primary issue and beneficiaries that are affected and as such, the site should maximize their safety and welfare as well as their educational opportunities by spending more on the building and less on the site preparation wherever possible. Past arguments for locating this school on a particular

site for any of the above reasons are specious, superficially plausible but actually wrong. Moreover, they are crass, insensitive and misleading and should not under any circumstance be considered as criteria for the site. I will reiterate quite simply, the committee is charged with selecting the site that best fits the criteria. Hopefully, two more will be added. At this time, I will respectfully request that the original criteria be amended to include the impact on student safety and welfare as well as the potential impact on the county taxpayers. At this time, I will give each School Board Member a copy of this study, and until proven to be in error, I believe that the conclusions reached by this study are valid and should be used as another tool to assist the committee with its decision to select an optimal site for the school. The study has been constructed in a manner that it makes it quite easy to replicate, and I encourage you to do so. Thank you so much for the time, and if you have any questions, I will be happy to answer them.

Mr. Rocky Barton: Madam Chair, since we opened Public Comment we may have someone else who would like to speak.

Chairman, Mrs. Susan Mullins: Is there anyone else who would like to speak?

Mr. Larry Yates: My name is Larry Yates from the Haysi community. I came here this afternoon understanding that there was a request by a Board Member during the July meeting that there would be discussion tonight about our county being ready to consolidate our elementary schools. I didn't have a chance to see the Agenda before you all approved it. I see now that it is not on tonight's Agenda. I will not ask you to explain that. I just wanted you all to know that I made this observation. Thank you all.

Chairman, Mrs. Susan Mullins: Does anyone else wish to speak?

Superintendent Robinson: Mr. Barton, would you like for me to respond to Mr. Yates' comment?

Mr. Rocky Barton: I was the one who asked for that to be on the Agenda, then after I found out about the Joint Meeting; I thought the Agenda might be a bit long. So I asked them not to put it on for this month but to wait.

Mr. Jarvis Deel: Madam Chairman and Board Members, I am Jarvis Deel, Mayor of Clinchco. This is also about the placement of the school. All I really want is for you all to consider the safety of the children. You can afford to lose businesses, but a life you can't afford to lose. If there is a decision to be made, it is a long way down the road. You need to consider the whole county. Thank you all.

Chairman, Mrs. Susan Mullins: Alright, is there anyone else in the room who would like to speak for Public Comment?

Ms. Kathy Harrison: Thank you. My name is Kathy Harrison. As you all know, I think the school should be built close to the school that is going to be torn down, the school that was flooded. Yeah, we will lose business if it is built somewhere else, and I was very disap-

pointed to hear the Corps of Engineers amend their contract. I felt that it was a little bit in our favor because you would still consider the areas around Haysi. Maybe our committee that we have, although they have four sites to look at, will consider that there is nothing set in stone and that another site can't be looked at. We do need to hurry up though. You just heard them say the faster the better. They could take it, but we don't need to be hasty about it. We do need, I think, to keep it close to the school that was affected and brought the money here, unfortunately. No one wants to see their school flooded, even though we received money as a result of that. I am old enough to remember the flood. I was there. My apartment was in Haysi, and we got out. My husband was at work, but I got out. I guess those of us who were affected personally feel this personally. It is a little bit hard to separate the personal from the rational. I let my emotions get there. I think that is what Haysi feels. We feel it emotionally because we were the ones under six feet of water. That is hard for us to get over. We were let in by the National Guard to get what we could carry out of Haysi. That is just right here, and I don't want to lose it. I don't even have a child that goes to Sandlick. I have some relatives, nieces and nephews. My children go to Clintwood and up here. But I don't want to lose my little school there. I don't want to lose my sense of community. Like I said, it is an emotional response, and I realize that. But I do want you to take that into consideration. I'm not the only one who has an emotional response. You have a whole town that has an emotional response. Please take that into consideration, also. Thank you very much.

Chairman, Mrs. Susan Mullins: Now if all hearts and minds are clear, we can move on.

Superintendent Robinson: Madam Chair, if I may, I notice that one of our teachers from Ervinton Elementary School came in, Wendy McMillan. Ms. McMillan, I didn't mean to embarrass you, but I couldn't sit here and see you arrive without acknowledging that you and the staff have been a big part in the success at Ervinton Elementary School. Thank you, and thank you Madam Chair.

2017-2018 STUDENT ENROLLMENT UPDATE:

Chairman, Mrs. Susan Mullins: I believe that brings us to Item F. 2017-2018 Student Enrollment Update. Mr. Setser:

Mr. Mike Setser: Thank you Madam Chair and Members of the Board. I want to bring to you what we call the 10-Day Report which are the numbers after the 10th day of school. We are almost to the end of August so if we had waited a couple of more days, we could do the month of August. But the 10-day numbers will do. August 18th would have been the 10th day of school. The division reported to the Central Office that we have 2,011 students in our schools K-12. Individually:

Clintwood Elementary School—The no-shows are the students we expected to show up but didn't after the first 10 days. Some of those students could have transferred to other districts which don't start until after Labor Day. We will find out where a few of them are in a couple of days. Clintwood Elementary School reported 450 total students. If you look under the 450, you will see 476 which is the number they ended with in June 2017. That big gap is be-

cause of the size of the Kindergarten class. About half of what the division lost is because of the size of that Kindergarten class. Last year there were 80 and this year is 58.

Sandlick Elementary School—384 total students, Pre-K-5. After the 10th day they reported 3 no shows. At the end of school last year, they had 399 so they are down about 15 students.

Ridgeview High School—585 students which is down from 599 last year with 4 no shows.

Ervinton Elementary School—104 students with 1 no show.

Ridgeview Middle School—488 students which is up from 463 last year.

This is for a total of 2011 students to begin the school year. Pre-K wise Clintwood Elementary School has right around 50 now. I think Sandlick Elementary School has around 55, and Ervinton Elementary School has 14. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Superintendent Robinson: Mr. Barton, you asked this question. There are three waiting spots at Sandlick Elementary School for Pre-K. There are none at Clintwood Elementary School or at Ervinton Elementary School. (Talking among themselves and couldn't hear)

Mr. Rocky Barton: If you count Pre-K then our enrollment is about the same as it was at the end of the year.

Mr. Mike Setser: No, because the enrollment at the end of the year doesn't have Pre-K in it either. As the Board knows, we budgeted for 2,000 students for this coming year. We are at the 10-day showing 11 above that. I did run the numbers today, and it is showing 2015. Those are not set in stone because the schools are still adjusting with kids coming in and going out. At the next Board Meeting, we will have the August numbers for you.

Superintendent Robinson: One bit of good news here is that when Susan Kooch and Carl Chaffin came in May and gave us the projection. They projected based on the birth rates five years earlier that we would have 122 Kindergarten students. If you will look, we are above that with 137. That is 15 or so students above what the projection was in May. That is a good news item there.

Mr. Mike Setser: Thank you all.

CIP AND SOL TEST RESULTS UPDATE FOR DICKENSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

Chairman, Mrs. Susan Mullins: Item G. CIP and SOL Test Results Update for Dickenson County Public Schools.

Superintendent Robinson: Madam Chair, Mr. Robinson will update the Board on the 2016-2017 Comprehensive Instructional Program results and also the SOLs.

Mr. Tony Robinson: Madam Chair and Members of the Board, Ms. Tate and Ms. Musick kind of stole my thunder today. (Presentation)

Attachment A: DCPS – Academic Achievement for 2016-2017 School Year

Superintendent Robinson: Thank you, Mr. Robinson.

APPROVAL OF DCPS CRISIS PLANS:

Chairman, Mrs. Susan Mullins: Next is Item H. the Approval of the DCPS Crisis Plans.

Mr. Mike Setser: We just need for the Board to certify that they have reviewed these plans and approve them.

Chairman, Mrs. Susan Mullins: Do we need to do this individually?

Mr. Mike Setser: Yes.

Chairman, Mrs. Susan Mullins: Mr. Nickles did you review these plans?

Mr. Shanghai Nickles: I did.

Chairman, Mrs. Susan Mullins: Dr. Lyle did you review these plans?

Dr. Lurton Lyle: Yes.

Chairman, Mrs. Susan Mullins: Mr. Mullins did you review these plans?

Mr. Rick Mullins: Yes.

Chairman, Mrs. Susan Mullins: Mr. Barton did you review these plans?

Mr. Rocky Barton: Yes.

Chairman, Mrs. Susan Mullins: I did also. Do we need a vote?

Mr. Mike Setser: No. You just need to go online and certify that you reviewed the plan.

DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF PREMIUM CONVERSION PLAN—SECTION 125 FOR HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE:

Chairman, Mrs. Susan Mullins: Item I. Discussion/Approval of Premium Conversion Plan—Section 125 for Health and Dental Insurance. Mrs. Robinson:

Superintendent Robinson: The Dickenson County Schools have always participated in the Conversion Plan for Health which allows for the premiums that the employees pay to be deducted before taxes. Now we have the opportunity to include dental premiums in this plan, and we are recommending the Board's approval to participate in the Premium Conversion

Plan for Health and Dental for our employees. We just request the Board’s approval of this. Madam Chair after discussion we will need a motion.

Chairman, Mrs. Susan Mullins: Is there any discussion? If not, I will entertain a motion to approve this plan.

Mr. Rick Mullins: *made the motion to approve the Premium Conversion Plan as presented. Dr. Lurton Lyle seconded. All votes aye.*

BOARD COMMENT:

Chairman, Mrs. Susan Mullins: That brings us to Board Comment. Tonight, I am going to do something different by starting out. I am going to refer to the article in the newspaper, and I want to thank Mr. Mullins for making that issue go away. I appreciate that, and I think it turned out even better than any of us hoped. However, for my own peace of mind, I do want to go on record saying that I was not aware that we did not make a payment. In my mind I knew we were negotiating, but I thought it was for next year’s payment. I will give this to Mrs. McCowan to put it in the record for me and my own peace of mind. (*See Attachment B*) I don’t want to open any can of worms; I just want that to be said. I will now move on to Mr. Barton.

Attachment B: Dickenson County Public Schools Proposed Revised Estimated Budget FY-2017

Mr. Rocky Barton: I would like to take Board Comment to agree and disagree with some of the stuff that Mr. Hill said about the elementary school. One thing that I do agree with is the safety of students on a long bus ride. I just had a conversation last week with a lady who lives on Indian Creek. She puts her child, who is in Kindergarten, on the bus at 6:45, and it takes him around 45 minutes to get to Sandlick. She asked me if I expected her to leave her child on the bus for another 35 minutes to Ridgeview or another 25 minutes to go to Clinchco. I told her I wasn’t going to ask her to do that. I am going to ask for the three-school model. I think that is what our county, as a whole, has endorsed. Our Board of Supervisors did a resolution supporting that. They started a fund for the upkeep of Clintwood Elementary School and Ervinton Elementary School. I think that at this point if we go away from our three-school model, we are asking to close our county. I think we are showing our communities that we are closing. We have a great little school at Ervinton, and it shows with their scores and everything that they do so why close it if the county is going to fund us?

Where I disagree with Mr. Hill is that it does matter when you have the second biggest tax base in the county. Haysi has the second biggest population. It was our school from the beginning, and that is what the Corps of Engineers sold it to us on. That is what we were all told—that it was our elementary school. It makes a big deal. Some of us on this Board, and I know myself, have spent almost ten years on the Board waiting on it. I know how the Corps sold it to us. The biggest thing they talked about then was they were not about closing down community hubs. If there is a community hub anywhere, it is Sandlick Elementary School. There is something going on there every day. I have attended at least 15 funeral receptions there in the last few years. I know there is a benefit show down there this weekend.

There is something there all the time. If there is a community hub, Sandlick is it. If we tear it down, it is going to be on us. We are a borderline community. We have historically pulled kids from Buchanan County which may not matter to Mr. Hill, but it does to me. It is the same way in the Clintwood area. There are about 30 students coming in from Wise County because it is closer to Clintwood Elementary School than it is to J.W. Adams. If this school moves to Ridgeview, what are they going to do? They will be closer to Pound and will go back. That is what is going to happen in Dickenson County. If we encourage enrollment loss, it is going to be on us to have an empty school up here. Sandlick has always been a population hub. We added a new Pre-K class and have a waiting list. No other school in the county has that. It does mean a lot to the people at Haysi, and I am one of them. Even though I supported consolidation, I knew that we didn't have anything else that we could do for our schools. Our county could never afford to build three new schools. But I think we owe that to our community to try to keep the community hubs. We need to try to keep the schools. We owe that to them. With that being said, I will refer to you.

Mr. Rick Mullins: I am so happy to hear this information that Mr. Robinson has presented to us. This means that when our kids come to school, they will get a quality education. If a child is in Manassas, Virginia, a child in poverty is still getting the same education, and our children are getting the same education as that child in Northern Virginia. I am so happy and so proud of the teachers and administration who have made this happen. I want to thank each one of you for that.

Dr. Lurton Lyle: I would like to say that I enjoyed the Army Corps of Engineers being here, and I look forward to working with them in the future. I also appreciate the effort that caused the SOL results and anticipate continuing good results.

Mr. Shanghai Nickles: I want to echo what Mrs. Mullins said about the Trane Payment. Basically, I was in the same position in that I didn't know. I thought it was for next year. I want to thank Mr. Mullins and the people who worked on that to get it straightened out.

Also, I was asked to mention this. For the folks who like the high school football games, it has been changed in Kentucky from Fridays to Thursdays. Ridgeview isn't used to playing on Thursdays so a lot of people didn't know that. It is still up in the air whether it is 7 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. The head coach said 7 p.m., and the athletic director said 7:30 p.m.

I want to thank the Board of Supervisors: Mr. Yates, Mr. Compton, Mrs. Willis, Mr. Perry and I think Mr. Peters. There is a program out that when the kids are playing football, they can actually bring them to the sidelines and show them the last three plays that they were involved in. What it is being used as, my son-in-law who is a doctor, is a kid gets hurt he can actually show a medical professional how the kid got hurt. Did they hurt their neck or get a concussion? With the help of the Board of Supervisors, we will have that for our children. It will be something for middle school, J.V. and varsity players in the football world. It is going to be used as a teaching tool, but it will also be a medical thing. It will really help the kids because there are so many times, and I have learned this by watching Dr. Melena and Dr. Alderman, when their back is to the field when a kid gets hurt. They will run out there, but they don't know what happened. With this piece of equipment that we have, you can

show them what happened to the child. It might be the difference whether a child makes it or not. I remember a couple of years ago when a kid got hurt and they med flight him out. If they had had that little piece of equipment that we have now purchased, it wouldn't have been such a scary moment for that child. He just had a pinched nerve in his neck. It is just a safety thing that the folks on the Board of Supervisors backed. I really do appreciate that because you never know when it is your kid next.

The work that was done and the future of the county high school, and Mr. Edwards was on that, they really looked into the future. I think we ought to give credit where credit is due. This would have not been up here had it not been talked about in the early '90s. Thank you.

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, homeschool applications and request to delay enrollment. 2.) Employment issues relating to benefits, resignations, 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). Mr. Shanghai Nickles 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. Rocky Barton made the motion and Mr. Rick Mullins 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 the following students contingent on meeting any and all educational requirements. Mr. Rocky Barton seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Approved:

- Student #2963
- Student #1843
- Student #0629
- Student #0137
- Student #0075
- Student #0142
- Student #0564
- Student #0547

Chairman Mrs. Susan Mullins: I make the motion we approve the request to delay enrollment. Dr. Lurton Lyle seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Chairman Mrs. Susan Mullins: I make the motion we adopt the Division’s Safety Audit recommendations. Mr. Rocky Barton seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Chairman Mrs. 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:

- Dylan Dahley, Baseball Assistant., Football Assistant
- Jalen Sykes, Football Assistant
- Jenni Dingus, Volleyball Volunteer
- Hayley Woods, Volleyball Volunteer
- Lindsey Wood, Volleyball Volunteer
- Maranda Knepp, Forensics, One Act Play

Mrs. Susan Mullins: I make the motion we approve FMLA for the following as requested. Mr. Shanghai Nickles seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Approved:

- Heather Rasnick, Teacher – Ridgeview Middle School
- Phillip Sutherland, Teacher – Ridgeview High School
- Dennis Edwards, Bus Driver – Haysi Area

Chairman Mrs. Susan Mullins: I make the motion we accept the resignations as requested. Dr. Lurton Lyle seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Resignations:

- Matt Large, Teacher – Ridgeview Middle School
- Aleasha Wampler, Teacher – Ervinton Elementary School

Mrs. Susan Mullins: I make the motion we approve the homeschool applicants as presented. Dr. Lurton Lyle seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Mrs. 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:

- Baker, Hannah, Teacher/Cook/Janitor
- Clasby, James, Teacher
- Colley, Tessa, Teacher/Cook
- Cox, Emily, Teacher

- Cress, Alice, Teacher
- Cumbo, Raina, Teacher
- Deel, Kaillen, Teacher
- Dingus, Jenni, Teacher
- Dotson, Haylee, Teacher
- Edwards, Jennifer, Teacher/Secretary
- Edwards, Tiffany, Teacher/Cook
- Edwards, Connie, Teacher
- Fleming, Kenzie, Teacher
- Grizzle, Samantha, Teacher
- Marney, Ivy, Teacher
- Mullins, Heather, Cook
- Mooney, Veronica, Teacher/Nurse
- O’Quinn, Cora, Teacher/Cook
- O’Quin, Krista, Teacher
- Owens, Melissa, Teacher
- Rasnick, Joshua, Bus Driver
- Rose, Heather, Teacher
- Rasnake, Billie, Teacher/Janitor
- Ratliff, Kristen, Teacher
- Sartin, Jeromy, Teacher
- Shortt, Madison, Teacher
- Stanley, Billy, Teacher
- Turner, Amanda, Teacher
- Wood, Geneva, Teacher/Janitor/Cook
- Wallace, Reba, Teacher/Cook
- Wells, Tiffani, Teacher

Mrs. Susan Mullins: I make the motion that we approve all employment recommendations as presented and recommended by the Division Superintendent. Dr. Lurton Lyle seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Employment:

- Donna Lucas, Part-time Aide – Ridgeview High School
- Rebecca Turner, Part-time Aide – Ridgeview Middle School

Mrs. Susan Mullins: I make the motion we approve the advertisement of a part-time Special Education Teacher. Dr. Lurton Lyle seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Mr. Shanghai Nickles: I make the motion that we authorize the Division Superintendent to negotiate with EnerVest regarding the sale of a small tract of property located in Middle of the World section of Dickenson County and to work with the County Administrator and to sign such document as approved by the School Attorney and the County Attorney. Mr. Rick Mullins seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Mr. Rick Mullins: I make the motion to authorize the Superintendent to issue and RFP for construction of an indoor batting facility based upon small purchasing procedures to secure a batting facility at a reasonable cost. Dr. Lurton Lyle seconded the motion. All votes aye.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Lurton Lyle: I make the motion we adjourn. Mr. Shanghai Nickles seconded the meeting. All votes aye.

Adjourned: 9:27 p.m.

Susan Mullins

CHAIRMAN

Approved: September 27, 2017

Reba McCowan

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