



# Board Bulletin

October 2020

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

## Recognition

### VSBA School Board Academy Awards

School Board members earn Academy credits through participation in VSBA meetings and other Academy sessions and through VSBA governance and service activities. Members were recognized with various honors:

- Board Chair, Barbara Pittman: Award of Distinction - 84 credits in 2 years - received a Distinctive Starfish pin
- Board Vice-Chair, Mary Benjamin: Award of Honor - 66 credits in 2 years - received a Gold VSBA pin
- Board Member, Sherilyn Merritt: Award of Excellence - 48 credits in 2 years - received a Silver VSBA pin
- Superintendent, Dr. Kari Weston: Award of Honor - 66 credits in 2 years - received a Gold VSBA pin
- Board Clerk, Bonnie Gholson: Certificate of Recognition - 15 credits per year

## Consent Agenda

### Expenditure Reports

The expenditure reports from September 2020 were presented and approved.

### Approval of Minutes of September 8, 15, and 22, 2020

The meeting minutes from the previous board meetings were approved.

## Board Matters

### CARES Act Presentation: Supplemental Appropriation - CARES Act Funding

Christie Clarke & Christie Fleming gave a presentation to the Board outlining all CARES Act funding that we have been allocated and awarded to date. The timelines and funding plans were outlined. The Board approved the request for the supplemental appropriation to include these funds in the FY21 Budget.

### Policy DAB - Equity - New Policy

The board approved the new Equity Policy - DAB presented by Dr. Royal Gurley. This was the second reading of the policy.

## **Policies DJ, DJA, and DJF - Purchasing Regulations**

The board approved the updated **Purchasing Regulations** that were presented by Brenda Austin, Finance Manager. These regulations are updated to reflect new legislation and state updates.

## **Policy GCBF - R / Sick Leave Bank Regulations**

The board approved the updated **Sick Leave Bank Regulations** that were presented by Chris Wells, Benefits Coordinator. These changes bring the regulations up-to-date and help to make it easier to understand.

## **Policy LBD - Home Instruction Update**

The board approved the updated **Home Instruction Policy** presented by Christie Clarke. This revision removes the proof of residency requirement as this is not required by the Code of Virginia when parents request home instruction for his/her child.

# **Superintendent's Matters**

## **Return to Learn Update**

Dr. Weston provided a **Return to Learn** Update to the Board.

## **Enrollment / Budget Update**

Christie Fleming provided the Board with an Enrollment Update. The FY21 Budget is based on 4,250 students. Currently, our enrollment is 4,145, a reduction of 105 students. Enrollment continues to be monitored daily. We are awaiting the General Assembly to reconvene later this year to know if we will be held harmless in regards to state revenues based on a decline in enrollment.

## **Home School Report**

Christie Clarke provided the Board with the **annual report** of Home School and Religious Exempt numbers for the 2020-2021 school year.

## **Graduation Rate**

Dr. Gurley gave a **presentation** to the Board on the recently released Graduation Rate for the Class of 2020.

# **Helpful Links**

**Dinwiddie County Public Schools website**

**[www.dinwiddie.k12.va.us](http://www.dinwiddie.k12.va.us)**

**[Student/Parent Help Site](#)**