



# Board Bulletin

January 2021

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

## Re-organization of the Board

The annual re-organization of the School Board took place. Mary Benjamin, District 4, was voted as the Chair for 2021. Betty Haney, District 2, was voted as the Vice-Chair. Dr. Weston recommended and the Board approved Bonnie Gholson to serve as the School Board Clerk. Board members were nominated and approved for the following governing boards: Rowanty Technical Center - Jerry Schnepf & Barbara Pittman; CodeRVA - Betty Haney; and Appomattox Regional Governors School (ARGS) - Mary Benjamin with all other board members to serve as alternates. The Code of Ethics was read and the announcement of the School Board Policy Manual location was made.



District 1  
Jerry "Jay" Schnepf



District 2  
Betty Haney



District 3  
Barbara Pittman



District 4  
Mary Benjamin



District 5  
Sherilyn Merritt

## Recognition

### Student Representatives to the School Board

Dr. Weston introduced the School Board Student Representative and Alternate for 2021. Sophomore Jamaica Weaver will serve as the Student Representative and Junior Claire Culbreath will serve as the Alternate.



Jamaica Weaver



Claire Culbreath

# Consent Agenda

## Expenditure Reports

The expenditure reports from December 2020 were presented and approved.

## Approval of Minutes of December 8, 2021

The meeting minutes from the previous board meeting were approved.

## Board Matters

### Re-appropriation of FY20 Ending Fund Balances to FY21 Budget

The School Board approved the re-appropriation of the FY20 fund balances that were not included in the adopted FY21 budget. This also included the award of the CARES Act funding.

### Emergency Leave Guidance

Emily Branch, Director of Human Resources, presented and the School Board approved the Emergency Leave Regulations that will be in effect for January 4 - February 28, 2021.

### Return to Learn Update

Dr. Weston presented provided a Return to Learn Update to the Board. Dr. Weston recommended that DCPS make a temporary shift to virtual learning for the period of January 14-29, 2021, due to significant staffing shortages. The Board voted and approved this recommendation.

## Superintendent Matters

### Budget Update

Christie Fleming, Director of Finance, provided a budget update to board members for the current school year (FY2021) and (FY2022). The Governor introduced his budget in December which contained the "Caboose" bill for the current year and any changes for the upcoming year as this is the second year in the biennium.

#### FY2021

Enrollment has been a major concern across the state this year. The Caboose bill included no loss funding for schools. For Dinwiddie this is \$1,089,840 to help offset enrollment loss. This year's budget was built on 4,250 students. Our current ADM is 4,154. For this year, school divisions will receive funding based on the actual ADM and keep ALL of the enrollment loss funding. At this time, we are taking a deeper dive into all of our funding and spending to date. With the enrollment loss funding we do not anticipate any revenue shortfall challenges. The General Assembly will have to adopt the Governor's proposal. However, we do not think this will be an issue.

#### FY2022

We are in the initial stages of the FY 2022 budget development. At this time, the Department of Education is projecting enrollment will start to pick back up next school year, but not to the extent of pre-COVID. Based on this assumption, the Governor's budget includes no loss funding for FY 2022 as well in the amount of \$845,486. This is based on DOE's enrollment of 4085. However, this funding may be adjusted down based on actual March 31 ADM numbers.

We will also be monitoring any changes and or adjustments the General Assembly may be making.

### **Looking Ahead**

- Dr. Weston will present her budget at the February 9 School Board meeting.
  - We have a budget work session scheduled for February 23
- The County budget calendar includes a joint meeting with the school board on March 9- time to be determined.

## **Proposed Calendars for Pre & Post-Labor Day Start**

Proposed **calendars** for a pre and post-Labor Day for the 2021-2022 were presented. A survey for all stakeholders will be shared on the website and facebook to solicit input. The **survey** will be available through February 5, 2021.

## **Helpful Links**

DCPS Website

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

**Student/Parent Help Site**

**DCPS Covid-19 Dashboard**

**2021-2022 School Calendar Survey**