



# Board Bulletin

February 2022

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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

### School Board Appreciation Month

February is School Board Appreciation Month. This year's theme - "Building the Future of Public Education," reflects the partnership of the Virginia School Boards Association with local school board members as they serve their local divisions and advocate for public education with local, state, and federal leaders on behalf of all students. Each member was presented with a certificate of appreciation.



District 1  
Jerry "Jay" Schnepf



District 2  
Betty Haney



District 3  
Barbara Pittman



District 4  
Mary Benjamin



District 5  
Sherilyn Merritt

### School Board Clerk Appreciation Week

The Virginia School Boards Association has designated February 14-18, 2022, as School Board Clerk Appreciation Week. The goal is to build awareness of the role board clerks play in assisting school board members, superintendents, and our schools. The board recognized Bonnie Gholson with a certificate of appreciation.



## Consent Agenda

### Expenditure Reports

The expenditure [reports](#) from January 2022 were presented and approved.

### Approval of Minutes of January 11, 2022

The meeting [minutes](#) from the previous board meeting were approved.

# Board Matters

## Field Trips

The School Board approved the following secondary field trips:

- DHS - **King's Dominion Field Trip** for Chorus and Band
- DHS - **Senior Class Trip**
- DHS - **DECA State Leadership Field Trip**
- **Virginia Living Museum Field Trip** for DMS Gifted 6th & 7th grade students
- **Busch Gardens, Williamsburg Physics Field Trip** for DMS Gifted 8th grade students

## Remove and Replace Chiller at HSHS Education Center

The School Board approved the **purchase** to remove and replace the chiller at Historic Southside High School Education Center.

## School Board Meeting Dates

The School Board approved the **2022 School Board Meeting Dates calendar**.

## Health Plan Update

Michelle Powell, Coordinator of Student Services, provided a **Health Plan Update**. The Board voted and approved the following recommendations: Effective Monday, February 14, mask wearing will be optional for students in school buildings. Masks are still required on all school buses/transportation. At this time, all school staff and visitors will still be required to wear masks in school buildings. Contact tracing for individual cases will end with efforts focusing on outbreaks. Individuals that are sick or exhibiting symptoms should stay home. Parents should still report positive cases and known exposures. Quarantine and isolation protocols remain in effect using the current CDC/VDH recommendations. A letter outlining all of the information will be distributed to families this week.

# Superintendent Matters

## CARES Act Funding Update

Christie Clarke provided an **update** for the recently approved grant awards. DCPS has been awarded the following grant funds:

- ARP HVAC Ventilation Improvement Projects Grant - \$834,720
- ARP ESSER III State Set-Aside Grant
  - Summer Learning - \$180,417.57
  - Before & After School - \$111,467.13
- ARP Homeless II Grant - \$15,369.51
- GEER II/ESSERII School Bus Incentive Grant - \$13,682.33

## FY23 Budget Update

Christie Fleming, Director of Finance, provided a **budget update** presentation to board members on the proposed School Operating Fund.

## Proposed Payroll and Benefits Changes

Christie Fleming presented the proposed payroll and benefits **changes**. All staff will be receiving a communication from the Finance Department soon with full details.



# February Recognition

Black History Month  
Career & Technical Education Month  
School Board Appreciation Month

National School Counseling Week  
February 7-11

School Board Clerk Appreciation Week  
February 14-18

Digital Learning Day  
February 22