Dickenson County School Board Meeting

October 28, 2026
Ridgeview Middle School Auditorium

Agenda

Agenda details:

I. CHAIR, Jamie Hackney: Roll Call and Meeting Called to Order

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
Approval of Agenda

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

III. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Minutes
b. Approval of Monthly Bills
c. School Activity Fund
d. Approval of Field Trips
e. Approval of Bank Reconciliation Documents

IV. INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD

V. SUPERINTENDENT ROBINSON

f. Good News from our Schools
g. All DCPS School Are Recognized As Accredited and Distinguished by the Virginia Department of Education
h. October is Bullying Prevention Month Presentation
i. Presentation of the Proposed Clinical Nursing and Advanced Engineering Expansion Project
j. Approval of the Proposed DCPS Policy: Use of Artificial Intelligence, Policy II/GF
k.. DCPS Receives USDA Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant
l. Approval of Proposed VSBA Policies

VI. BOARD COMMENT

VII. CLOSED SESSION, PURSUANT TO Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A of the Code of Virginia,there will be a closed meeting for the purpose of:

1.) Employment issues relating to discussion or consideration of specific individuals for employment as a Special Education Teacher, Custodian, Part-Time Instructional Aides, Coaches, Substitutes, FMLA, and Resignations pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1)
2.) Student Early Graduation Requests pursuant to Virginia Code 2.23711 (A) (2)
3.)To consult with legal counsel regarding the investment of public funds associated with school construction and consultation regarding actual or probable litigation, along with consultation regarding specific matters requiring legal advice pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3711 (A) (6) (7) and (8) of the Code of Virginia.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

October 28, 2026

Chair: Jamie Hackney

I. Roll Call and Meeting Called to Order

- Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
- Approval of Agenda.

II. Public Comment

III. Consent Agenda

(This agenda item will require Board action)

Review of Activity Funds

We recommend the School Board approve the attached minutes and monthly bill payables for September and October 2026. Please review this information and contact Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Lacie Edwards, or Mrs.Tonya Baker if you have any questions or concerns regarding the minutes, the expenditures, bills, financial report, or construction invoices.

- **Approval of Minutes**
  - **Wednesday, September 23, 2026- DCPS Regular Monthly Meeting**
- **Approval of Monthly Invoices:Vendor Payment Check Register**
- **Revenue/Expenditure Summary**
- **School Activity Fund**
- **Field Trip Requests**
- **FMB Statement Construction**

IV. Information for the Board

(This an informational/discussion agenda item for the School Board)

- VSBA 2026 Annual Conference: November 18 - 20, 2026: Williamsburg, Virginia
- Wednesday, November 16, 2026: Next School Board Meeting
- DCPS will celebrate American Education Week on November 16 - 20, 2026

November

November 3, 2026:	Election Day (No School: Monday, Nov 2 or 3rd
November 9 – 13th:	VDOE Nutrition Review Week
November 11, 2026:	Veterans Day Presentation at RMS with Mike Strouth
November 16 -20, 2026:	American Education Week
November 16, 2026:	November School Board Meeting
November 19, 2026:	Thanksgiving Meal
November 23 – 27, 2026:	Thanksgiving Week Holidays (No School)
November 26, 2026:	Thanksgiving Day
December:	SOL Testing at RHS and RMS
December 16, 2026:	December School Board Meeting
December 18, 2026:	Student Dismissal at 12:30 p.m.
December 21 – Jan.1:	Christmas Holidays (No School)

Good News From Our Schools

V. Superintendent Robinson

f. Good News from our Schools

(This an informational/discussion agenda item for the School Board)

❖ **September, 2026 Attendance and Enrollment Report:**

Mrs. Karen Martin, Compliance Director, will present student attendance and enrollment for September, 2026.

As of September 30, 2026 student enrollment was 1577 Enrolled Students in K- 12th; (2) 14 in 3-Year Old Program, 58 students in PK-4; 25 students in post graduate programs. Included in the packet is also the monthly enrollment, Entries and Withdrawals, Comparison Attendance Comparison and Reports from the Absence Intervention Team

Monthly Enrollment

Attendance Summary

Entries and Withdrawals

Attendance Comparison

Absence Intervention Team

Chronic Comparison

The student enrollment includes virtual students and percentage for each school:

			Year to Date
Ridgeview Elementary School: (which includes PK and 3 year olds)	596	92.48%	93.17%
Ridgeview Middle School:	510	92.37%	93.44%
Ridgeview High School:	543	92.23%	92.91%
District;		**92.36%**	**93.17%**

Pre K Enrollment:	**59**
3-Year	**14**
Total:	**73**

All DCPS Schools are Recognized as Accredited and Distinguished by the Virginia Department of Education

V. Superintendent Robinson

g. All DCPS School Are Recognized As Accredited and Distinguished by the Virginia Department of Education One Division. One Wolfpack. Excellence Together.

(This an informational/discussion agenda item for the School Board)

In September, we shared preliminary data with the School Board indicating that all our schools were accredited and identified as distinguished which is the highest performance category a school can achieved. On October 7, 2026, we received official word that our schools had achieved the highest performance category and were all accredited. Dickenson County Schools was one of three school divisions out of 19 school divisions in Region 7 that achieved this honor.

Behind this achievement are countless hours of hard work, thoughtful planning, teamwork and a daily commitment to our students.

To every member of the our DCPS staff, to our students and families:

Thank you for the dedication, care, and perseverance you bring to your work . Every role maters. Every contribution makes a difference. We recognize the effort behind this milestone and we are proud and grateful to work alongside you.

YOU helped make this possible!

Performance Update

October is Bully Prevention Month Presentations

V. Superintendent Robinson

h. October is Bullying Prevention Month Presentation

(This an informational/discussion agenda item for the School Board)

Our administrators from each of our three schools will present on their school's activities for October is Bully Prevention Month.

The activities for each school are attached for the Board's information.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Robinson

Ridgeview Elementary **Ridgeview Middle** **Ridgeview High School**

Presentation of Proposed Clinical Nursing and Advanced Engineering Expansion Project

V. Superintendent Robinson

i. Presentation of the Proposed Clinical Nursing and Advanced Engineering Expansion Project

(This an informational/discussion agenda item for the School Board)

Chris Owens, principal at RHS, Dr. Jesse Neece, Director of Special Education and CTE, Scott Mullins and Haydee Robinson will present an update on the proposed Clinical Nursing and Advanced Engineering Expansion Project.

The presentation is attached for your review.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Robinson.

DCPS - RHS Clinical Nursing & Advanced Engineering Expansion Project

Proposed DCPS Policy: AI: Use of Artificial Intelligence

V. Superintendent Robinson

j. Approval of the Proposed DCPS Policy: Use of Artificial Intelligence, Policy II/GF

(This agenda item will require Board approval)

Ryan Wallace, the Director of Technology, will present the proposed the DCPS Policy AI: Use of Artificial Intelligence. It is attached for your review.

We recommend the approval of the proposed policy as presented.

If you have any questions, please contact Ryan Wallace or Haydee Robinson.

Policy II/GF

DCPS Receives USDA Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant

V. Superintendent Robinson

k. DCPS Receives USDA Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant

Dickenson County Public Schools is pleased to announce the USDA Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) grant has been approved for $740,197, to be shared between Dickenson County Public Schools and Scott County Schools. As approved by the School Board in May, DCPS served as the lead applicant and fiscal agent for the grant. Funding will support classroom technology upgrades at Ridgeview Elementary, VR headset stations at Ridgeview Elementary and Ridgeview High School, a mobile LU playground unit at Ridgeview Middle School, and a 136-inch display with teleconferencing capabilities for the Ridgeview High School gymnasium. This is a tremendous accomplishment for our school division, and we extend our appreciation to Mrs. Robinson for guiding the effort and Lacie Edwards for completing the financial and grant submission requirements.

Also, what I can say during the board meeting:

I am pleased to share some great news with the School Board regarding our USDA Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) grant application.

As you may recall, during the May School Board meeting, the Board approved a motion for Dickenson County Public Schools to apply for the grant in partnership with Scott County Schools, with DCPS serving as the formal lead applicant and fiscal agent for the grant.

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I am happy to report that the USDA has now posted the grant's approval on its official grant map, awarding **$740,197 to be shared between Dickenson County Public Schools and Scott County Schools.**

This grant represents a significant accomplishment for our school division and will provide funding for several technology and instructional improvements, including:

- **Ridgeview Elementary School:** Classroom technology upgrades to enhance teaching and learning.
- **Ridgeview Elementary and Ridgeview High School:** Virtual reality (VR) headset stations to support immersive, hands-on learning experiences.
- **Ridgeview Middle School:** A mobile PlayLU playground unit to support physical activity and student engagement.
- **Ridgeview High School Gymnasium:** A 136-inch large-format display with teleconferencing capabilities to support presentations, remote participation, and school and community events.

This award is a tremendous accomplishment for Dickenson County Public Schools. It demonstrates the value of collaboration with our neighboring school divisions and our continued efforts to expand educational opportunities and improve instructional resources.

Approval of Proposed VSBA Policies

V. Superintendent Robinson

I. Approval of Proposed VSBA Policies

(This agenda item will require Board approval)

Karen Martin, Director of Compliance, will present the proposed VSBA policies recently received. The proposed policies were emailed to the School Board last Thursday for your review and consideration.

We recommend the Board's approval for the proposed policies as presented.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Martin or Haydee Robinson.

AC	EC	JBB	JHCH	KPA
AC-RL	EC- RL	JBB-already sent	JOC	KPA-RL
AFA	IIA	JEG	KJ	EFB Division Wide CEP SFA's
AFA-RL	IIA-RL	JEG-RL	KJ-RL	EXP. of REVISIONS

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Closed Session

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Adjournment

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