

The Dale County Board of Education met in Regular Session Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., in the Board Room of the Dale County Government Building. Jerald Cook Board Vice President presided over the meeting with members Phillip Parker, Dale Sutton, Attorney William Nichols and Superintendent Ben Baker present.

1 Invocation

Superintendent Baker opened the meeting with prayer.

2 Pledge of Allegiance

Superintendent Baker led the pledge of allegiance.

3 Dale County Schools Mission Statement

**DESTINATION: EXCELLENCE**

*The mission of Dale County Schools is to develop life-long learners who have personal, economic, technological and social skills needed to be member of a global society.*

4 The meeting was called to order by Vice President Jerald Cook.

5 Approval of Agenda

Motion – Phillip Parker, Second – Dale Sutton, carried.

6 Approval of Minutes

a. February Board Meeting – February 11, 2025

Motion – Dale Sutton, Second – Phillip Parker, carried.

7 Visitors – No visitors were present.

No action required.

8 Approval of Bills and Accounts

The Superintendent recommended that all bills and accounts be paid.

Motion – Phillip Parker, Second – Dale Sutton, carried.

9 Financial Statement/Bank Reconciliations

The Superintendent presented the most recent financial statements to the Board with all bank accounts reconciled through January 2025.

No action required.

10 Special Education Updates – Mr. Patrick Reed

Mr. Reed presented the Board with Special Education updates.

No action required.

11 Diploma Option Discussion – Mrs. Lisa Welch & Dr. Perry Dillard

Mrs. Welch and Dr. Dillard updated the Board on mandated Option B Diploma.

No action required.

12 Science Textbook Adoption

a. Elementary Science Textbook Adoption

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the adoption of the McGraw Hill Science textbooks for grades K-6 only as submitted by textbook committee.

Motion – Dale Sutton, Second – Phillip Parker, carried.

b. Secondary Science Textbook Adoption

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the adoption of the following textbooks as submitted by textbook committee:

7<sup>th</sup> grade Science – Savass

8<sup>th</sup> grade Science – Savass

Biology – Savass

Anatomy & Physiology– Savaas

Physical Science –McGraw Hill

Chemistry –McGraw Hill

Earth & Space –National Geographics

Physics –McGraw Hill

Motion – Phillip Parker, Second – Dale Sutton, carried.

13 Financial

a. Lawn Care Bid and Contract Renewals

The following Lawn Care Bids were received on or before March 6, 2025:

Dale County High School Grass Cutting Bid

Long Lawn Care– \$985.00

Michael Kemp– \$800.00

Quality Land & Lawn – \$1,450.00

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve Lawn Care Contract with Michael Kemp for Dale County High School Grass Cutting.

The following schools wish to renew Lawn Care Contracts beginning April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026.

Ariton School

Herring Lawn Care Service

Dale County High School

Quality Land & Lawn

Long High School

Long Lawn Care

Midland City Elementary School

Quality Land & Lawn

Newton Elementary School

Barefield Lawn Care

South Dale Middle School

Quality Land & Lawn

Bridge Academy

Barefield Lawn Care

All Lawn Care Contract Renewals were recommended by the Superintendent.

Motion – Phillip Parker, Second – Dale Sutton, carried.

b. Canon Copier Lease Agreement (Ariton)

Superintendent Baker recommended the Board approve Canon Copier Lease Agreement for Ariton School as presented.

Motion – Jerald Cook, Second – Phillip Parker, carried.

c. Muller Communications Copier Lease Agreement (DCHS)

Superintendent Baker recommended the Board approve Miller Communications Copier Lease Agreement for DCHS as presented.

14 Accountability Notifications

Bridge Academy Donation of \$2,087.00 from Southeast Gas  
Ariton Donation of \$7,500.00 from Pea River for Campus Improvements

No action required.

15 Field Trip Requests

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the following field trips:

- a. DCHS – 7 on 7 Football Camp, Tallahassee, FL, June 18, 2025
- b. NES 6<sup>th</sup> grade – Overnight Field Trip, Cheaha State Park, May 1-3, 2025

Motion – Dale Sutton, Second – Phillip Parker, carried.

16 School Calendar

The Superintendent presented the 2025-2026 School Calendar for Board approval.

Motion – Phillip Parker, Second – Dale Sutton, carried.

17 Personnel 2024-2025

The Superintendent recommended the following personnel pending certification and background requirements by the State Department of Education.

**Personnel 2024-2025**

**Non-Certified**

Extended Medical Leave

1 – Jeff Watson, Bus Driver

expected dates for leave March 3, 2025 through May 22, 2025

Resign

2 – Ericka Johnson, Bus Driver

**Personnel 2024-2025**

**Certified**

Principal Contract Renewals (All three-year renewals)

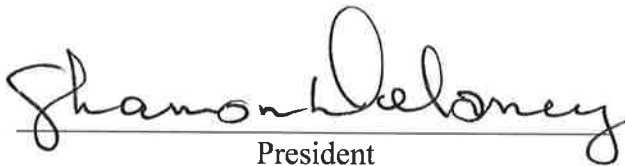
3 – Jason Steed, (ALC)

4 – Celeste Johnston, (LES)

Motion – Phillip Parker, Second – Dale Sutton, carried.

18 Adjourn –

With no other business, Vice President Jerald Cook adjourned the meeting.

  
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President

  
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Secretary