

The Dale County Board of Education met in Regular Session Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., in the Board Room of the Dale County Government Building. Dale Sutton, Board President, presided over the meeting with members Jerald Cook, Shannon Deloney, Priscilla McKnight, Phillip Parker, Attorney William W. 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 The meeting was called to order by President Dale Sutton.

4 Approval of Agenda

Motion – Priscilla McKnight, Second – Jerald Cook, carried.

5 Approval of Minutes

a. February Board Meeting – February 14, 2023

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

6 Visitors

No visitors were present.

No action required.

7 Approval of Bills and Accounts

Superintendent Baker recommended that all bills and accounts be paid.

Motion – Shannon Deloney, Second – Jerald Cook, carried

8 Financial Statement/Bank Reconciliations

Superintendent Baker presented the most recent financial statements to the Board with all bank accounts reconciled through January 2023.

No action required

9 Financial

a. Lawn Care Bid and Contract Renewals

The following Lawn Care Bids were received on or before March 7, 2023:

Transportation and Maintenance Grass Cutting Bid
Herring Lawn Service – \$200.00/\$15 hr. for additional services
Quality Land & Lawn – \$375.00/N/A additional services

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve Lawn Care Contract with Herring Lawn Service for Transportation and Maintenance Grass Cutting.

The following schools wish to renew Lawn Care Contracts beginning April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024.

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 – Jerald Cook, Second – Priscilla McKnight, carried.

b. Sign Lease Agreement – Bridge Academy

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve Bridge Academy sign agreement with LOVE’S TRAVEL STOPS & COUNTRY STORES, INC. as presented.

Motion – Priscilla McKnight, Second – Phillip Parker, carried

c. Accountability Notification

NES Donation of \$500.00 from Friend Bank – Nicholas Wingard to be used toward the Lunchroom Stage Renovation Project.

NES Donation of \$10,000.00 from Town of Newton to be used toward the Lunchroom building repairs.

DCHS Girls Soccer Donation of \$1000.00 from Donnie Chandler.

DCHS Track and Softball Donation of \$1500.00 from USPFO

No action required.

10 Field Trip Requests

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the following field trips:

- a. Ariton– Baseball Team, Spring Break Tournament, Gulf Shores, AL, March 27-31, 2023
- b. LHS– Baseball Team, Spring Break Tournament, Gulf Shores, AL, March 27-31, 2023
- c. LHS– Softball Team, Spring Break Tournament, Gulf Shores, AL, May 8-10, 2023

Motion – Priscilla McKnight, Second – Phillip Parker, carried.

11 School Calendar

The Superintendent presented the 2023-2024 School Calendar for Board approval.

Motion – Jerald Cook, Second – Priscilla McKnight, carried.

12 Personnel 2022-2023

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

Non-Certified

Retire

- 1 – Denisa Clark, CNP Director, (District)
- 2 – Becky English, Secretary, (DCHS)

Resign

- 3 – Amy Strickland, Secretary/Bookkeeper, (LES)
- 4 – Debbie Trawick, 4 hr. CNP Worker, (SDMS)
- 5 – Keith J. Toft, Bus Driver
- 6 – Beverly Prestwood, Bus Driver
- 7 – Hope Smith, Nurse, (MCES)

Sub

- 8 – Darlene Casey Carroll, Substitute Teacher
- 9 – Kenneth Cheshire, Substitute Bus Driver

Non Staff Coaches (Volunteer)

- 10 – Caroline Hughes, Volunteer Softball Coach, (Ariton)

Certified

Employ

- 11 – Charles Ray McCall, PE Teacher, (DCHS)

Principal Contract Renewals (All three-year renewals)

- 12 – Eric Andrews, (NES)
- 13 – Matt Humphrey, (DCHS)

Contract Title I Teacher

- 14 – Shan Kilpatrick, Intervention Teacher, (LES)

Retire

- 15 – Mary Sims, Teacher, (Ariton)
- 16 – Paige Everett, Teacher, (LHS)

Motion – Priscilla McKnight, Second – Jerald Cook, carried.

13 Executive Session

The Superintendent recommended the Board enter into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter. Board Attorney Nichols certified this was a viable reason for an executive session.

Motion – Jerald Cook, Second – Shannon Deloney, carried.

Board President Sutton entertained a motion to return to regular session with no action being taken in executive session.

Motion – Shannon Deloney, Second – Jerald Cook, carried.

14 Approval of Settlement Offer – JUUL Labs, Inc.

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve JUUL Labs, Inc. Settlement as presented.

Motion – Phillip Parker, Second – Priscilla McKnight, carried.

15 Adjourn

With no other business, President Sutton adjourned the meeting.



President



Secretary