

The Dale County Board of Education met in Regular Session Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., in the Board Room of the Dale County Government Building. Shannon Deloney, Board President, presided over the meeting with members Jerald Cook, Dale Sutton, Phillip Parker, Priscilla McKnight, 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 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 President Shannon Deloney.

5 Approval of Agenda

Motion – Jerald Cook, Second – Dale Sutton, carried.

6 Approval of Minutes

- a. Regular Board Meeting – August 12, 2025
- b. Special Called Board Meeting – August 26, 2025

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

7 Visitors

No visitors present.

8 Approval of Bills and Accounts

Superintendent Baker recommended that all bills and accounts be paid.

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

9 Financial Statement/Bank Reconciliations

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

No action required.

10 Financial

a. AHS, DCHS, & LHS FFA National Convention Donations

Superintendent Baker recommended that the Board approve a \$1,000.00 donation to each FFA Chapter to assist in the funding of the National FFA Convention.

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

b. Accountability Notifications

Ariton Donation of \$8,000.00 from Rep. Marcus Paramore
NES Donation of \$8,000.00 from Rep. Steve Clouse
DCHS Donation of \$8,000.00 from Rep. Steve Clouse
DCHS Donation of \$15,000.00 from Rep. Donnie Chesteen
LES Donation of \$5,000.00 from Rep. Steve Clouse
MCES Donation of \$8,000.00 from Rep. Steve Clouse
SDMS Donation of \$8,000.00 from Rep. Steve Clouse

No action required.

11 Personnel 2025-2026

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

Personnel 2025-2026

Certified

Maternity Leave

1 – Sue Brown, replacement for Chelsey McDonald, Teacher (LHS)
expected dates for leave November 20, 2025 – February 6, 2026

Employ

2 – Lacey Granger, Teacher, (Ariton)
3 – Benjamin McNeal, Assistant Principal, (DCHS)

Non-Certified

Maternity Leave

4 – Ashli Guck, replacement for Kenzi Nelson, Paraprofessional Aide, (LES)
expected dates for leave August 15, 2025 – November 7, 2025

Personnel 2025-2026 (cont.)

Non-Certified

Employ

5 – Destinee Buchanan, Paraprofessional Aide, (LHS)

6 – Melissa Benton, 8 hr. CNP Worker, (MCES)

Resign

7 – Wendy Shiver, Bus Driver

Non Staff Coach (Volunteer)

8 – Greg Hamilton, Volunteer Volleyball Coach, (Ariton)

9 – Kennedy Banks, Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach, (Ariton)

Subs

10 – Kennedy James Banks, Substitute Teacher

11 – Tushanndra Demmings Brown, Substitute Teacher

12 – Alicia Lashon Crittendon, Substitute Teacher

13 – Reba Turner Currie, Substitute Teacher

14 – Bobbi Jo Hagler, Substitute Teacher

15 – Brittany German Martin, Substitute Teacher

16 – Diana Blake Spivey, Substitute Teacher

17 – Jeffrey Cole Weed, Substitute Teacher

Motion – Dale Sutton, Second – Jerald Cook, carried.

12 FY 2026 Budget Approval

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the FY 2026 Budget as presented.

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

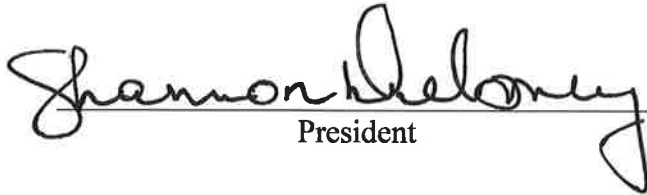
13 Capital Improvement Plan – Mr. Chuck Walker

Associate Superintendent Walker updated the Board on all capital improvement projects.

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

14 Other

With no other business, President Deloney adjourned the meeting.



President



Secretary