REGULAR BOARD MEETING OZARK, ALABAMA June 9, 2026

The Dale County Board of Education met in Regular Session Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., in the Board Room of the Dale County Government Building. Phillip Parker, Board President, presided over the meeting with members Jerald Cook, Dale Sutton, Shannon Deloney, 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 Phillip Parker.

5 Approval of Agenda
Motion – Priscilla McKnight, Second – Shannon Deloney, carried.

6 Approval of Minutes
a. Regular Board Meeting – May 15, 2026

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

7 Department of Examiners Public Exit – Examiners of Public Accounts

October 2023 – September 2024 Audit
No action required.

8 Visitors – Ariton, LHS & DCHS Valedictorians, Salutatorians, and Principals
ACT Honor Students

9 Approval of Bills and Accounts
Superintendent Baker recommended that all bills and accounts be paid.

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

10 Financial Statement/Bank Reconciliations
Superintendent Baker presented the most recent financial statements to the Board with all bank accounts reconciled through April 2026.
No action required.

11 Financial

a. Canon Lease Agreements – LES & LHS

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve LES & LHS Copier Lease Agreement with Canon as presented.

Motion – Dale Sutton, Second – Priscilla McKnight, carried.

b. Waste Disposal Services

Superintendent Baker recommended that the Board approve the annual renewal for Waste Disposal Services with Mark Dunning Industries in the amount of $55,764.00 for July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

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

c. G W Long/Modular Unit Purchase

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the Modular Classroom Unit Purchase in the amount of $68,974.00 from the Division of Construction Management to accommodate the new band/music position on the campus of G W Long.

Motion – Priscilla McKnight, Second – Dale Sutton, carried.

d. Budget Amendment

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

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

e. Early Implementation of Pay Raise

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the early implementation of State pay raises effective July 2026.

Motion – Shannon Deloney, Second – Priscilla McKnight, carried.

Financial (cont.)

f. Accountability Notifications

Ariton Donation of $1,550.00 from William Snell for Volleyball Umpire Stand
Ariton Donation of $5,000.00 from Mr. Josh Palmer/AHS Class of 1998 for charter bus for Baseball State Championship games
Ariton Donation of $1,700.00 from Weston Jones for Volleyball Umpire Stand
DCHS Football Donation of $2,500.00 from Town of Newton
DCHS Football Donation of $2,500.00 from Town of Grimes
DCHS Football Donation of $2,500.00 from Town of Midland City
SDMS Beta Convention Cash Donation of $1,450.00 from Megan Campbell

No action required.

12 Personnel 2026-2027

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

Personnel 2025-2026

Personnel 2026-2027

Certified

Rescind
1 – Rebecca Kidd, Teacher, (LHS)

Transfer
2 – Nina Sullivan, Teacher, (MCES) to Reading Coach, (LES)

Resign
3 – Daniel Barrentine, Principal, (LHS)
4 – James West, Teacher, (MCES)

Employ
5 – Chelsey McCollough, Teacher, (Ariton)
6 – Shalyn Turner, Teacher, (MCES)
7 – Callie Hughes, Teacher, (MCES)
8 – Morgan Anderson, Teacher, (SDMS)

Personnel 2026-2027 (Cont.)

Maternity Leave

9 – Debbie Mosley, Retired Teacher, replacement for Ellana Newsome, Teacher, (NES)
expected dates for leave to begin August 19, 2026, through October 19, 2026

10 – Morgan Prestegard, Teacher, (LHS)
expected dates for leave to begin September 4, 2026

11 – Sue Brown, replacement for Morgan Prestegard
expected dates for leave to begin September 4, 2026

Maternity Leave

12 – Hannah Morris, Teacher, (MCES)
expected dates for leave November 5, 2026 – December 18, 2026

13 – Phyllis Ledbetter, replacement for Hannah Morris
expected dates for leave November 5, 2026 – December 18, 2026

Non-Certified

Resign
14 – Christa Miller, CNP Worker, (Long)

Employ
15 – Amy Kilpatrick, Bus Driver, (Utility)
16 – Brittany Martin, Paraprofessional Aide, (MCES)

Motion – Shannon Deloney, Second – Dale Sutton, carried.

13 Special Recommendation – Board President

Mr. Phillip Parker, Board President, recommended that the Board approve candidate #1 Kaylee Peters to be the School Nurse at Midland City Elementary School.

Motion – Priscilla McKnight, Second – Dale Sutton, carried.

14 Executive Session

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

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

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

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

15 Other

With no other business, President Parker adjourned the meeting.

Secretary

President