

The Dale County Board of Education met in Regular Session Tuesday, December 9, 2025, 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 Priscilla McKnight, Jerald Cook, Dale Sutton, Shannon Deloney, 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 – Shannon Deloney, Second – Jerald Cook, carried.

6 Approval of Minutes – As Amended

a. Annual Board Meeting – November 18, 2025

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

7 Visitors

No visitors present.

8 Approval of Bills and Accounts

Superintendent Baker recommended that all bills and accounts be paid.

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

9 Financial Statement/Bank Reconciliations

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

No action required.

10 Financial

a. Accountability Notifications

LES Donation of \$4,000.00 from Marcus Paramore

NES Music Program Donation of \$2,500.00 from Alabama Power

NES Donation of \$5,000.00 from Rep. Donnie Chesteen

SDMS Donation of \$5,000.00 from Rep. Donnie Chesteen

No action required.

b. Purchase Maintenance Vehicle

Superintendent Baker recommended the Board approve the purchase of a new maintenance vehicle in the amount of \$57,000.00, which will be purchased from the state bid list.

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

c. Funded Stipend/Special Education Teachers/Speech Pathologists

The State Legislature has provided a \$1,200.00 stipend for Special Education Teachers and a \$1,000.00 stipend for Speech Pathologists. Mr. Baker recommended that the Board approve the Board pay \$1,200.00 to all Speech Pathologists, Special Education Teachers, and our Psychometrist.

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

d. Purchase Chromebooks

Superintendent Baker recommended the Board approve the purchase of 500 Chromebooks from DCW-G in the amount of \$128,500.00.

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

11 Personnel 2025-2026

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

Personnel 2025-2026

Non-Certified

Employ

1 – Jennifer Snellgrove, Bus Driver, (Ariton)

Subs

2 – Savannah Dinnall, Substitute Bus Driver & Substitute Teacher

3 – Dale Giles, Substitute Bus Driver

Certified

Employ

4 – Holly Gagliano, Teacher, (LES)

5 – Kaylee Johnson, Teacher, (NES)

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

12 Other

With no other business, President Parker adjourned the meeting.



Secretary



Phillip L. Parker

President