

The Dale County Board of Education met in Regular Session Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 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, Priscilla McKnight, Phillip Parker, 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 The meeting was called to order by President Shannon Deloney.
- 4 Approval of Agenda
Motion – Jerald Cook, Second – Dale Sutton, carried.
- 5 Approval of Minutes
 - a. December Board Meeting – December 12, 2023 – with Amendment #12/President Sutton
Motion – Phillip Parker, Second – Jerald Cook, carried.
- 6 Visitors
Josh Herring, Ariton Principal, and Perry Dillard, SDMS Principal, were present.

No action required.
- 7 Approval of Bills and Accounts

The Superintendent recommended that all bills and accounts be paid.

Motion – Dale Sutton, Second – Jerald Cook, carried.
- 8 Financial Statement/Bank Reconciliations

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

No action required.

9 Financial

a. Accountability Notifications

SDMS FFA Legacy Grant of \$2,238.38 from Legacy Inc.
DCHS General Purpose Donation of \$7,500.00 from State Senator Donnie Chesteen
NES General Purpose Donation of \$7,500.00 from State Senator Donnie Chesteen
MCES General Purpose Donation of \$7,500.00 from State Senator Donnie Chesteen
SDMS General Purpose Donation of \$7,500.00 from State Senator Donnie Chesteen
LHS Baseball Field Donation of \$10,000.00 from Pea River Electric Cooperative
Ariton Donation for office updates of \$10,000.00 from Pea River Electric Cooperative
Ariton General Purpose Donation of \$5,000.00 from Ariton Alumni Josh Palmer, (1998)

No action required.

10 Personnel 2023-2024

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

Personnel 2023-2024

Non-Certified

Resign

1 – Sandra Woodham, Bus Driver, (South End)

Extended Leave

2 – Diane Grice, Custodian, (Ariton)
expected dates for leave January 2, 2024 through March 29, 2024

Uncertified Wage/Hour Tutor

3 – Casey Daughtry, Adult Tutor, (SDMS)

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

11 Out of State Field Trips

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the following field trips:

- a. Ariton 3rd Grade – Wonderworks– Panama City, FL, May 7, 2024
- b. DCHS 1st Grade – Pirate Cruise – Panama City, FL March 22, 2024

Motion – Jerald Cook, Second – Dale Sutton, carried

12 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.

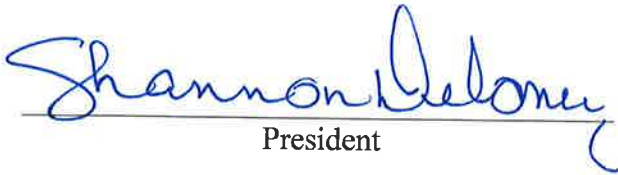
Motion – Jerald Cook, Second – Phillip Parker, carried.

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

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

13 Other

With no other business, President Deloney adjourned the meeting



President



Secretary