

The Dale County Board of Education met in Regular Session Tuesday, February 11, 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, 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 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 – Priscilla McKnight, Second – Jerald Cook, carried.

6 Approval of Minutes

- a. Special Called Board Meeting – January 6, 2025
- b. January Board Meeting – January 14, 2025

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

7 Visitors – FFA Representatives/FBLA Representatives/Bridge Academy Representatives were present.

No action required.

8 National FFA Week Proclamation

Superintendent Baker designated the week of Feb. 15-22, 2025 as National FFA Week.

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

9 National FBLA Week Proclamation

Superintendent Baker designated the week of Feb. 10-14, 2025 as National FFA Week.

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

10 Career and Technical Education Month Proclamation

Superintendent Baker designated the month of February as Career and Technical Education Month.

Motion – Priscilla McKnight, Second – Phillip Parker carried.

11 Approval of Bills and Accounts

The Superintendent recommended that all bills and accounts be paid.

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

12 Financial Statement/Bank Reconciliations

The Superintendent presented the most recent financial statements to the Board with all bank accounts reconciled through December 2024.

No action required.

13 Financial

a. Accountability Notifications

Ariton Erosion Project Donation of \$7,500.00 from Senator Josh Carnley  
SDMS FFA Donation of \$2,500.00 from FFA Legacy Grant

No action required.

14 Field Trip Requests

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the following field trips:

a. NES – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class, Wonderworks, Panama City, FL, May 2, 2025

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

15 Personnel 2024-2025

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

**Personnel 2024-2025**

**Non-Certified**

Subs

- 1 – Emma-Grace Caraway, Substitute Teacher
- 2 – Georgia Galloway, Substitute Teacher
- 3 – Alden Rocha, Substitute Teacher
- 4 – Johnnie Ruth Sistrunk, Substitute Teacher
- 5 – Jaylei Strickland, Substitute Teacher
- 6 – James Melby, Substitute Bus Driver

Extended Medical Leave

7 – Erika Johnson, Bus Driver  
expected dates for leave January 21, 2025 through February 24, 2025

8 – Barbara Woodall, CNP Worker, (MCES)  
expected dates for leave January 27, 2025 through April 28, 2025

Employ

- 9 – Christa Miller, 8-hour CNP Worker, (Long)
- 10 – Shannon Williams, Secretary, (NES)

**Certified**

Contract Part-Time Instructional Tutor

11 – DeAndra Gatlin, Teacher, (SDMS)  
effective dates February 12, 2025 through April 4, 2025

Extended Medical Leave

12 – Ned Bucky Sconyers, Assistant Principal, (DCHS)  
expected dates for leave January 27, 2025 through March 10, 2025

Maternity Leave

13 – Victoria Dees, Teacher, (Ariton)  
expected dates for leave April 7, 2025 through May 23, 2025

14 – Melanie Ferry, replacement for  
Victoria Dees expected dates for leave April 7, 2025 – May 23, 2025

**Personnel 2025-2026**

**Certified**

Employ

15 – Clay Massey, Teacher, Head Football Coach & Athletic Director (LHS)

Motion – Phillip Parker, Second – Dale Sutton, carried

16 AASB School System Snapshot Handouts

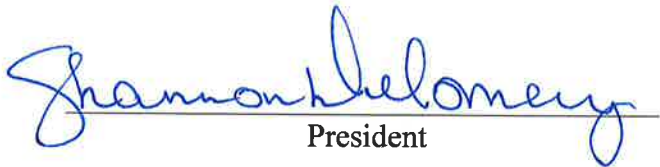
No action required.

17 Other

With no other business, President Deloney adjourned the meeting



Secretary



President