The Dale County Board of Education met in Regular Session Tuesday, January 14, 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 – Phillip Parker, Second – Priscilla McKnight, carried.
- 6 Approval of Minutes
  - a. December Board Meeting December 10, 2024

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

- 7 Visitors
  No visitors were present.
- 8 Approval of Bills and Accounts

The Superintendent recommended that all bills and accounts be paid.

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

9 Financial Statement/Bank Reconciliations

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

No action required.

#### 10 Financial

a. Rejection of School Bus Purchase Bids on November 20, 2024

Mr. Baker recommended that the Board approve the rejection of the School Bus Purchase Bids that were received on November 20, 2024.

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

#### b. School Bus Purchase

Mr. Baker recommended that the Board approve the purchase of four regular buses with air conditioning from SouthLand International Group. The unit cost for a regular bus with air conditioning will be \$145,687.88. The total cost for all buses will be \$582,751.32.

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

## 11 Field Trip Requests

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the following field trips:

a. DCHS - Baseball and Softball Tournament- Gulf Shores, AL March 23-27, 2025

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

#### 12 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 Randy Dudley, Substitute Teacher
- 2 Elizabeth Macaloney, Substitute Teacher

#### Retire

- 3 Mary Nell Grubbs, CNP Worker, (Long) effective March 1, 2025
- 4 Barbara Logan, Secretary, (NES) effective March 1, 2025

## Personnel 2024-2025 (cont.)

# Certified

Resign

5 – David Watts, Teacher, Head Football Coach & Athletic Director (LHS) effective at the end of the current school year

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

### 13 Other

With no other business, President Deloney adjourned the meeting

Secretary

President