

The Dale County Board of Education met in Regular Session Tuesday, June 10, 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, Phillip Parker, 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 Shannon Deloney.

5 Approval of Agenda

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

6 Approval of Minutes

a. Regular Board Meeting – May 14, 2024

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

7 Approval of Bills and Accounts

Superintendent Baker recommended that all bills and accounts be paid.

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

8 Financial Statement/Bank Reconciliations

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

No action required.

9 Financial

a. CNP Preventative Maintenance Bid

The following bid was received on or before June 3, 2025:

Comfort Systems – \$14,795.00

Superintendent Baker recommended the Board approve the CNP Preventative Maintenance Bid be awarded to Comfort Systems.

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

b. Budget Amendment

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve FY 2025 Budget as presented.

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

10 Field Trips

Superintendent Baker recommended the Board approve the following field trips:

- a. DCHS Basketball – Summer Tournament , Poplar Springs, FL – June 11, 2025
- b. AHS Basketball – Bucs Holiday Slam, Panama City, FL – December 22-23, 2025

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

11 Amend Board Policy 6.25 (Annual Notification Regarding School Provided or Sponsored Mental Health Services)

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve Amendment to Board Policy 6.25 (Annual Notification Regarding School Provided or Sponsored Mental Health Services) as presented.

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

12 Alabama Law (Focus Act) – Student cell phones/electronic devices policy

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the Alabama Law (Focus Act) – Student cell phones/electronic devices policy as presented.

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

13 Dual Enrollment Guidelines and Procedures

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve Dual Enrollment Guidelines and Procedures as presented.

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

14 Personnel 2024-2025/Personnel 2025-2026

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

Personnel 2024-2025

Non-Certified

Retire

1 – Donald Jeff Watson, Bus Driver, (Long)

Personnel 2025-2026

Non-Certified

Subs

2 – Jillian Ann Cordes, Substitute Teacher

3 – Pamela Brooks Thomas, Substitute Teacher

Employ

4 – Russell Nance, Custodian, (Long)

Maternity Leave

5 – Kasen Johnston Whitehurst, Paraprofessional Aide, (Ariton)
expected dates for leave August 1, 2025 – September 26, 2025

6 – Shannon Senn, replacement for Kasen Johnston Whitehurst
expected dates for leave August 1, 2025 – September 26, 2025

Personnel 2025-2026 (cont.)

Certified

Maternity Leave

7 – Cameron Mauldin, Teacher, (MCES)

expected dates for leave August 1, 2025 – August 29, 2025

8 – Carlton Michael Brank, replacement for Cameron Mauldin

expected dates for leave August 1, 2025 – August 29, 2025

Maternity Leave

9 – Taylor Simmons, Teacher, (Ariton)

expected dates for leave August 7, 2025 – October 3, 2025

10 – Phyllis Ledbetter, replacement for Taylor Simmons

expected dates for leave August 7, 2025 – October 3, 2025

Retire

11 – Suzanna Hogan, Teacher, (MCES)

12 – Vikki Edwards, Teacher, (NES)

Resign

13 – Charley Ashtin Herring, Teacher, (Ariton)

Transfer

14 – Kimberly Garrett, Teacher, (Ariton) to ELL Teacher (District)

Employ

15 – April Slaick, Teacher, (DCHS)

16 – Mary Beth Piedra, Counselor, (MCES)

17 – Lindsey Tharpe, Teacher, (MCES)

18 – Kelly Preston, Teacher, (SDMS)

19 – Michael Hutto, Principal, (Bridge Academy & Auxiliary Schools)

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

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15 Other

With no other business, President Deloney adjourned the meeting.



President



Secretary