

The Dale County Board of Education met in Regular Session Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., at Bridge Academy. Phillip Parker, Board President, presided over the meeting with members Jerald Cook, Dale Sutton, Shannon Deloney, 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 Phillip Parker.

5 Approval of Agenda

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

6 Approval of Minutes

- a. Regular Board Meeting – August 11, 2026
- b. Special Called Board Meeting – August 20, 2026

Motion – Priscilla McKnight, Second – Shannon Deloney, carried.

7 Visitors

No visitors present.

8 Field Trips

Superintendent Baker recommended the Board approve the following field trips:

- a. DCHS FFA – AG Expo, Moultrie, GA, October 21, 2026
- b. LES 6th Grade – Providence Canyon, Lumpkin, GA, November 19, 2026

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

9 Approval of Bills and Accounts

Superintendent Baker recommended that all bills and accounts be paid.

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

10 Financial Statement/Bank Reconciliations

Superintendent Baker presented the most recent financial statements to the Board with all bank accounts reconciled through July 2026.

No action required.

11 Financial

a. Bank Card Agreement

Mrs. Vivian Miller, CSFO, presented information on a new credit card manager.

No action required.

b. Accountability Notifications

DCHS Donation of \$8,000.00 from Rep. Steve Clouse

MCES Donation of \$8,000.00 from Rep. Steve Clouse

NES Donation of \$8,000.00 from Rep. Steve Clouse

SDMS Donation of \$8,000.00 from Rep. Steve Clouse

No action required.

c. Amendment to Food Service Contract: Milk Bid

Superintendent Baker recommended the Board approve the USDA-required addendum to our food service milk contract bid with Bedsole Inc. to purchase whole milk to serve in our lunchrooms.

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

12 Personnel 2026-2027

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

Personnel 2026-2027

Certified

Retire

1 – Susan Abercrombie, Teacher, (DCHS)

Maternity Leave

2 – Hannah Morris, Teacher, (MCES)

expected dates for leave October 19, 2026 – December 18, 2026

3 – Phyllis Ledbetter, replacement for Hannah Morris

expected dates for leave October 19, 2026 – December 18, 2026

4 – Sydney Langford, Teacher, (MCES)

expected dates for leave April 1, 2027 – May 28, 2027

5 – McKenzie McDaniel, replacement for Sydney Langford

expected dates for leave April 1, 2027 – May 28, 2027

Non-Certified

Employ

6 – Ashli Guck, Paraprofessional Aide, (LHS)

7 – Anna Katherine Moore, Paraprofessional Aide, (MCES)

8 – Hope Smith, School Nurse, (SDMS)

9 – Judie Langevin, Bus Driver, (South End)

10 – Clyde Banks, Bus Driver, (Utility)

Personnel 2026-2027 (Cont.)

Non-Certified

Subs

- 11 – Melani Everett, Substitute Teacher
- 12 – Lisa Harrell, Substitute Teacher
- 13 – Cherish Martin, Substitute Teacher
- 14 – Michelle Martin, Substitute Teacher
- 15 – McKenzie McDaniel, Substitute Teacher
- 16 – Lexi Mims, Substitute Teacher
- 17 – Nathaniel Richardson, Substitute Teacher
- 18 – Andrea Williford, Substitute Teacher

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

13 FY 2027 Budget Approval

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the FY 2027 Budget as presented.

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

14 Capital Improvement Plan – Mr. Chuck Walker

Associate Superintendent Walker updated the Board on all capital improvement projects.

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

15 Social Media Litigation – Mr. William Nichols

No action required.

16 Other

With no other business, President Parker adjourned the meeting.

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Secretary

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President