

The Dale County Board of Education met in Regular Session Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., in the Board Room of the Dale County Government Building. Dale Sutton, Board President, presided over the meeting with members Jerald Cook, Shannon Deloney, Priscilla McKnight, Phillip Parker, 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 Dale Sutton.

4 Approval of Agenda

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

5 Approval of Minutes

a. January Board Meeting – January 10, 2023

b. Special Called Board Meeting – January 25, 2023

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

6 Visitors

FFA Officer Teams (All Four Chapters) were present.

No action required.

7 National FFA Week Proclamation

Superintendent Baker designated the week of Feb. 20-24, 2023 as National FFA Week.

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

8 Career and Technical Education Month Proclamation

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

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

9 Approval of Bills and Accounts

Superintendent Baker recommended that all bills and accounts be paid.

Motion – Jerald Cook, Second – Shannon Deloney, carried

10 Financial Statement/Bank Reconciliations

Superintendent Baker presented the most recent financial statements to the Board with all bank accounts reconciled through December 2022.

No action required

11 Financial

a. Envision Payment Solutions – Credit Card Acceptance

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve Envision Payment Solutions proposal for services as presented.

Motion – Shannon Deloney, Second – Jerald Cook, carried

b. School Bus Purchases – SouthLand International Group

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the purchase of four regular school buses with air conditioning in the total amount of \$495,548.28 from SouthLand International Group.

Motion – Priscilla McKnight, Second – Phillip Parker, carried

c. Synergetics Extension Contract

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the extension of Synergetics Contract as presented.

Motion – Jerald Cook, Second – Priscilla McKnight, carried

d. Certificate of Deposit – River Bank & Trust

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve moving funds in the amount of \$5,800,000.00 from River Bank and Trust money market account to a certificate of deposit with River Bank and Trust at the current rate of 4.5%.

Motion – Shannon Deloney, Second – Phillip Parker, carried

12 Field Trip Requests

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the following field trip:

- a. DCHS– Softball Team, Spring Break Tournament, Gulf Shores, AL, March 27-31, 2023

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

13 Personnel 2022-2023

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

**Certified**

Teach During Planning Time

1 – Angie Barefield, NES Speech Pathologist, provide services to Ariton and LES one day each week for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year

2 – Carla Slowley, MCES Speech Pathologist, provide services to Ariton and LES one day each week for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year

Employ

3 – Evan Ballard, Varsity Head Football Coach, (DCHS)

Extended Leave

4 – Jonathan Chapman, Teacher/Coach, (LHS)

**Non-Certified**

Resign

5 – Melinda Campbell, Bus Driver

Employ

6 – Steve Lawrence, Bus Driver

7 – Sonja Gilley, Bus Driver

8 – Dawn Hammond, 4-hour CNP Worker, (Long)

Subs

9 – Demetruis Mandrell Broom, Substitute Teacher

10 – James Robert Little, Substitute Bus Driver

**Personnel 2022-2023 (cont.)**

**Non-Certified**

Non Staff Coaches (Supplemented)

11 – Kimberly Downing, Assistant Soccer Coach, (LHS)

12 – Jacob Hughes, Assistant Soccer Coach, (LHS)

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

14 Executive Session

The Superintendent recommended the Board enter into Executive Session to discuss character and good name. Superintendent Baker certified this was a viable reason for an executive session.

Motion – Phillip Parker, Second – Shannon Deloney, carried.

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

Motion – Jerald Cook, Second – Shannon Deloney, carried.

15 Board Attorney Action

Mr. William W. Nichols from the law firm of Lee, Livingston, Lee, Nichols & Barron, P.C. was recommended to be new Dale County Board of Education Board Attorney.

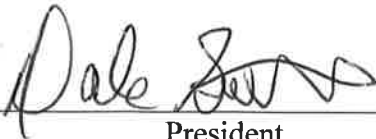
Motion – Jerald Cook, Second – Priscilla McKnight, carried.

16 Other

- a. AASB School System Snapshot Handouts – No action required.

17 Adjourn

With no other business, President Sutton adjourned the meeting.

  
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President

  
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Secretary