

The Dale County Board of Education met in Regular Session Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., in the Board Room of the Dale County Government Building. Phillip Parker, Board President, presided over the meeting with members Jerald Cook, Dale Sutton, Priscilla McKnight, Shannon Deloney, 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 – July 14, 2026
- b. Special Called Board Meeting – July 30, 2026

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

7 Visitors

No visitors present.

8 Field Trip Requests

The Superintendent recommended that the Board approve the following field trips:

- a. AHS FFA, AG Expo, Moultrie, GA, October 21, 2026
- b. DCHS FFA, AG Expo, Moultrie, GA, October 22, 2026
- c. LHS FFA, Disney World AG Leadership, Lake Buena Vista, FL, October 29-November 3, 2026
- d. LHS FFA Southeastern 3 Livestock Judging, Perry, GA, December 11, 2026

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

9 Approval of Bills and Accounts

Superintendent Baker recommended that all bills and accounts be paid.

Motion – Priscilla McKnight, 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 June 2026.

No action required.

11 Financial

- a. Salary Schedule Amendment/ Bus Aide
- b. Salary Schedule Amendment/Pre-K Aide

Superintendent Baker recommended the Board approve the Salary Schedule Amendments as presented for Bus Aide and Pre-K Aide.

Motion – Priscilla McKnight, 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

Non-Certified

Resign

- 1 – Gracie Suggs, Paraprofessional Aide, (MCES)
- 2 – Amy Nicole Johnson, Bus Driver

Employ

- 3 – Jordan Miller, Paraprofessional Aide, (MCES)
- 4 – Sarah Gilbert, Bus Aide

Certified

Resign

- 5 – Patrick Edge, Teacher, (DCHS)

Employ

- 6 – Nathan Miller, Teacher, (DCHS)

Personnel 2026-2027 (cont.)

Certified

Maternity Leave

7 – Claire Lambert, Teacher, (Ariton)

expected dates for leave October 15, 2026 – January 4, 2027

8 – Melanie Ferry, replacement for Claire Lambert

expected dates for leave October 15, 2026 – January 4, 2027

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

13 Other

With no other business, President Parker adjourned the meeting.



President



Secretary