

DALLAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #327
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 23 2026 – 6:30 P.M.
ROOM 44

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

Members answering roll were:

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| Phillip Butler | Present | Sarah Schaefer | Present |
| Bob Castillo | Present | Cathie Smith | Present |
| Scott Faul | Present | Lee Wibbell | Absent |

Also present were: Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Woolson, Cristien Balmer, and Gage Blake.

A moment of silence was observed.

An update was given on the Sports Co-Op meeting. Closed session will now be held back in the Board Room and regular meetings will be moved to the cafeteria.

The consent agenda was presented to the board for review. A motion was made by Schaefer, seconded by Faul, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as presented (Roll Call).

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| Phillip Butler | Yea | Sarah Schaefer | Yea |
| Bob Castillo | Yea | Cathie Smith | Yea |
| Scott Faul | Yea | Lee Wibbell | Absent |

Motion carried 5 Yeas, 1 Absent

The Bills were presented to the Board for payment. A motion was made by Butler, seconded by Faul, to pay the bills as presented (Roll Call).

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| Phillip Butler | Yea | Sarah Schaefer | Yea |
| Bob Castillo | Yea | Cathie Smith | Yea |
| Scott Faul | Yea | Lee Wibbell | Absent |

Motion carried 5 Yeas, 1 Absent

A motion was made by Butler, seconded by Faul, to enter the Closed Meeting at 6:40 p.m. to discuss items per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3) (Roll Call).

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| Phillip Butler | Yea | Sarah Schaefer | Yea |
| Bob Castillo | Yea | Cathie Smith | Yea |
| Scott Faul | Yea | Lee Wibbell | Absent |

Motion carried 5 Yeas, 1 Absent

A motion was made by Schaefer, seconded by Faul, to leave closed meeting and return to open meeting on April 23, 2026 at 7:33 p.m. (Voice).

A motion was made by Schaefer, seconded by Faul, to appoint Gage Blake to finish out the term of the open seat until April 2027 as presented.

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| Phillip Butler | Yea | Sarah Schaefer | Yea |
| Bob Castillo | Yea | Cathie Smith | Yea |
| Scott Faul | Yea | Lee Wibbell | Absent |

Motion carried 5 Yeas, 1 Absent

The oath of office was administered by the President to the newly appointed member Gage Blake.

The President asked for nominations for Board Secretary. Gage Blake was nominated.

A motion was made by Butler, seconded by Schaefer, to elect Gage Blake as Board Secretary (Roll Call).

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| Gage Blake | Yea | Sarah Schaefer | Yea |
| Phillip Butler | Yea | Cathie Smith | Yea |
| Bob Castillo | Yea | Lee Wibbell | Absent |
| Scott Faul | Yea | | |

Motion Carried 6 Yeas, 1 Absent

The Board Member code of conduct rule #1 was read from the IASB Code of Conduct principles.

A motion was made by Blake, seconded by Schaefer, to change the June board meeting to Wednesday, June 24, 2026.

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| Gage Blake | Yea | Sarah Schaefer | Yea |
| Phillip Butler | Yea | Cathie Smith | Yea |
| Bob Castillo | Yea | Lee Wibbell | Absent |
| Scott Faul | Yea | | |

Motion Carried 6 Yeas, 1 Absent

A motion was made by Butler, seconded by Faul, to schedule the FY 2026 Budget Amendment Hearing for 6:00 p.m. on June 24, 2026 (Roll Call).

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| Gage Blake | Yea | Sarah Schaefer | Yea |
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| Phillip Butler | Yea | Cathie Smith | Yea |
| Bob Castillo | Yea | Lee Wibbell | Absent |
| Scott Faul | Yea | | |

Motion Carried 6 Yeas, 1 Absent

Mrs. Tucker read a letter to the board from Miriam Miller regarding scheduling a district wide Family Night. This would be a designated night of the week that would consist of no practices or rehearsals after 4:30 or 5:00, no games or competitions, and a light homework night . The board discussed pros and cons and decided they may want to survey parents. This will be an ongoing conversation.

Registration and fee rates for the 2026-2027 school year are listed below:

| Registration/Fees | | Breakfast/Lunch | |
|--------------------------|------------|------------------------|--------|
| Regular Fees | \$ 65 | Milk | \$0.45 |
| Reduced Fees | \$ 45 | Student Breakfast | \$1.90 |
| Planner | \$ 6 | Student Lunch | \$2.65 |
| PE Uniform | \$ 20 | Adult Breakfast | \$3.00 |
| Loss of Chromebook | \$280 | Adult Lunch | \$5.00 |
| Chromebook Damage | \$10-\$125 | Adult Extra Entrée | \$2.25 |

A motion was made by Faul, seconded by Butler, to approve registration and fee rates for the 2026-2027 school year (Roll Call).

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| Gage Blake | Yea | Sarah Schaefer | Yea |
| Phillip Butler | Yea | Cathie Smith | Yea |
| Bob Castillo | Yea | Lee Wibbell | Absent |
| Scott Faul | Yea | | |

Motion Carried 6 Yeas, 1 Absent

A motion was made by Faul, seconded by Butler, to set the date, time, and location of regular Board meetings for the Third Thursday of each month, or as otherwise noted, at 6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria. The November meeting will be the third Wednesday and the April meeting will be on the last Thursday of the Month (Roll Call).

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| Gage Blake | Yea | Sarah Schaefer | Yea |
| Phillip Butler | Yea | Cathie Smith | Yea |
| Bob Castillo | Yea | Lee Wibbell | Absent |
| Scott Faul | Yea | | |

Motion Carried 6 Yeas, 1 Absent

A motion was made by Butler, seconded by Smith, to approve to spend funds between July 1st until the FY 27 budget adoption for liabilities and expenses (Roll Call).

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| Gage Blake | Yea | Sarah Schaefer | Yea |
| Phillip Butler | Yea | Cathie Smith | Yea |
| Bob Castillo | Yea | Lee Wibbell | Absent |
| Scott Faul | Yea | | |

Motion Carried 6 Yeas, 1 Absent

The Triple I conference dates were discussed and board members will need to be decided by May who is going to go.

The Superintendent report was given to the board. Mrs. Tucker summarized the meeting with Norrine Hammond.

A motion was made by Butler, seconded by Schaefer, to enter the Closed Meeting at 9:05 p.m. to discuss items per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)(10) (Roll Call).

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| Gage Blake | Yea | Sarah Schaefer | Yea |
| Phillip Butler | Yea | Cathie Smith | Yea |
| Bob Castillo | Yea | Lee Wibbell | Absent |
| Scott Faul | Yea | | |

Motion Carried 6 Yeas, 1 Absent

A motion was made by Schaefer, seconded by Butler, to leave closed meeting and return to open meeting on April 23, 2026 at 9:48 p.m. (Voice).

Motion Carried 6 Yeas, 1 Absent

A motion was made by Schaefer, seconded by Butler, to approve the Personnel Report as amended (Roll Call).

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| Gage Blake | Yea | Sarah Schaefer | Yea |
| Phillip Butler | Yea | Cathie Smith | Yea |
| Bob Castillo | Yea | Lee Wibbell | Absent |
| Scott Faul | Yea | | |

Motion Carried 6 Yeas, 1 Absent

Positions Hired were:

Samantha Smith-5/6 Head Girls Basketball Coach
Jalen Smith-5/6 Head Girls Volleyball Coach
Shasta Heidbreder—5/6 Assistant Girls Volleyball Coach
Ashlee Goettsche—Scholastic Bowl Coach

Annie Sholl—Girls Track Coach
Becky Moran—Summer School Teacher
Cassie Bundy—Summer School Teacher & Yearbook
Julie Little—Summer School Paraprofessional
Laura Finch—8th Grade Sponsor and Student Council Sponsor

A motion was made by Butler, seconded by Blake to adjourn at 9:57 p.m. (voice).

6 Yeas, 1 Absent

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held May 21, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Board President, Bob Castillo

Board Secretary, Gage Blake

Approved:_____