

DALLAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #327
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MAY 21, 2026– IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
CAFETERIA

The meeting was called to order at 6:29 p.m.

Members answering roll were:

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

Also present were: Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Ryner, Mrs. Woolson, Alicia Titus, and Frankie Sutton.

A moment of silence was observed.

An announcement was made that the kids had an awesome time at the Bulldog Olympics.

A motion was made by Butler, seconded by Schaefer, to enter the Closed Meeting at 6:31 p.m. to discuss items per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)(10) (Roll Call).

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

Motion carried 6 Yeas, 1 Absent

A motion was made by Butler, seconded by Schaefer, to leave closed meeting and return to open meeting on May 21, 2026 at 8:06 p.m. (Voice).

Motion Carried 6 Yeas, 1 Absent

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

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

Motion carried 6 Yeas, 1 Absent

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

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

Motion carried 6 Yeas, 1 Absent

The Board Member code of conduct rule #2 was read from the IASB Code of Conduct principles.

Mrs. Tucker presented the proposed changes to the Cell Phone Policy in the handbook. The board discussed getting cases for phones and the concern of liability was raised. It was also discussed that the consequences should be stricter going to two strikes instead of three.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Schaefer to approve Connections Bank as the new bank the district will now utilize (Roll Call).

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

Motion carried 6 Yeas, 1 Absent

The board was informed the summer office hours will be 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The office will be closed on Fridays.

The district is planning to hold an experience-based summer school for elementary students again this year. The students will attend a field trip to experience what was learned the prior day.

A motion was made by Wibbell, seconded by Butler, to seek bids for the 2026-2027 School Year for snow removal and fuel (Roll Call).

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

Motion carried 6 Yeas, 1 Absent

A motion was made by Blake, seconded by Wibbell, to approve the Final 2025-2026 School Calendar as presented (Roll Call).

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

Motion carried 6 Yeas, 1 Absent

A motion was made by Blake, seconded by Schaefer, to approve Press Plus Policy Issue #121 as presented.

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

Motion carried 6 Yeas, 1 Absent

Triple I Conference was discussed and members decided who would attend this year.

A motion was made by Wibbell, seconded by Blake, to approve the IESA Membership Renewal form as presented (Roll Call).

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

Motion carried 6 Yeas, 1 Absent

The Superintendent report was given to the board.

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

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

Motion carried 6 Yeas, 1 Absent

Positions Hired were:

Jessica Carroll- Athletic Director
 Josh Dickman- Boys Track Coach

A motion was made by Butler, seconded by Smith, to adjourn at 9:06 p.m. (voice).

Motion Carried 6 yeas

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held June 24, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Board President, Bob Castillo

Board Secretary, Gage Blake

Approved:_____