

DALLAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #327
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2026
CAFETERIA

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m.

Members answering roll were:

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

Also present were: Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Ryner, Mindy Jones, John Amshler, and Roschelle Gordon

A moment of silence was observed.

Roschelle Gordon addressed the board with concerns regarding the nut policy.

- Life threatening due to even trace amounts

- Wants us to ensure we know the difference between nut aware versus nut free.

She would like a spot in the cafeteria where children can eat peanut butter and we clean appropriately following eating

Not be able to have a peanut butter is going to cause anxiety issue for her son

It is not feasible to take him out every day for him to have peanuts at lunch

- 504 plans and IEP's to eat peanuts at school-concerned that we won't be prepared for those.

John Amschler addressed the board. He is a buffer between districts and Illini West for sports. He believes there are perception issues. He is the inter district programs director and believes Academia are first and sport should be ancillary to the academics. He wants IW students to be visible in all 3 communities (ex service projects). Students that live in Carthage have an unfair advantage. Once kids leave middle school they all become chargers. No one cares what their high school records are when students move on to college. If we want to be a part of this here is what we need to do

Develop a Committee with:

- 2 Athletes-upper classmen

- 2 Parents from each district

- Athletic Directors from each district

- Eventually add Elementary Student Representatives

Would like to include academics into this by having a joint science exposition between Illini West, LaHarpe and Dallas City. Have a combined drama club, and work on getting service projects in each district.

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

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

Scott Faul Absent

Motion carried 4 Yeas, 3 Absent

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

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

Motion carried 4 Yeas, 3 Absent

The Board Member code of conduct rule #5 was read from the IASB Code of Conduct Principles by Lee Wibbell.

A motion was made by Butler, seconded by Wibbell, to place the FY27 Preliminary Budget on display as presented.

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

Motion carried 4 Yeas, 3 Absent

Mrs. Tucker let the board know that new auditors will ask to make some changes regarding the budget summary. We will have a firmer budget next month.

The board had the opportunity to look over the preliminary bus routes. The routes will be voted on at the September meeting. The AM Route is really no problem. The PM route has issues. We have a staff member going to training so might have another driver.

A motion was made by Schaefer, seconded by Wibbell to approve the WAS Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement as presented (Roll Call).

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

Motion carried 4 Yeas, 3 Absent

A motion was made by Wibbell, seconded by Butler, to approve the Sports Co-op Agreement as presented (Roll Call).

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

Motion carried 4 Yeas, 3 Absent

A motion was made by Butler, seconded by Schaefer to approve GFL as the new trash pick up service as presented (Roll Call).

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

Motion carried 4 Yeas, 3 Absent

A motion was made by Schaefer, seconded by Butler to approve Press Plus Policy Issue #122 as presented (Roll Call).

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

Motion carried 4 Yeas, 3 Absent

The Superintendent report was given to the board. There are 146 students with Jurassic Bark theme. Our focus is on accountability for students and staff. The sensory room is ready but the staff needs to be trained.

A motion was made by Butler, seconded by Wibbell, to enter the Closed Meeting at 7:26 p.m. to discuss items per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)(10)(Roll Call).

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

Motion carried 4 Yeas, 3 Absent

A motion was made by Butler, seconded by Schaefer, to leave closed meeting and return to open meeting on August 20, 2026, at 8:26 p.m. (Voice)

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

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

Motion carried 4 Yeas, 3 Absent

Positions Hired were:

Kayla Hollingsworth-Kindergarten
Olivia Sage for 5/6 Girls Assistant Basketball Coach and 5/6 Boys Head Coach

Resignations were:
Nate McCarter-Bus Driver

A motion was made by Butler, seconded by Wibbell, to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. (Voice).

Motion carried 4 Yeas, 3 Absent

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held September 17, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Board President, Bob Castillo

Board Secretary, Gage Blake

Approved:_____