

DALLAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #327
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 2025
ROOM 44

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members answering roll were:

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

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

A moment of silence was observed.

The board discussed some future business items. Golf might need to be added as a school sponsored sport. The board was asked to donate to the penny carnival.

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

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

Motion carried 4 Yeas, 3 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).

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

Motion carried 4 Yeas, 3 Absent

The Board Member code of conduct rule #7 was read from the IASB Code of Conduct Principles.

The motion to approve the FY 2025 Annual Financial Report was tabled.

Mrs. Tucker shared that room reservations for the Triple I conference will be at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. Bob Castillo is also going to be our representative for the Delegate Assembly. Cathie Smith will be an alternate.

The Operational Funds Expenditure Report was given to the board. Mrs. Tucker explained that the report shows that the Dallas City School District's cash reserve balance to expenditures ratio is well below the two and a half times limit

A motion was made by Faul, seconded by Butler, to approve Cross Country as a school sponsored sport (Roll Call).

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

Motion carried 4 Yeas, 3 Absent

Mrs. Tucker went over her Superintendents report. She shared that she would like some changes to our dismissal procedures. The changes are listed below:

1. Parents will identify one procedure for dismissal to be used every day. For example, a parent might decide they will always pick their child up. Another parent might decide their child always rides the bus home. Or, a parent might decide the child will go by bus to dad's house every Friday and mom's house Monday-Thursday. For consistency, only one plan or procedure for dismissal will be allowed for each child.
2. Parents who need to make alternative plans for the end of the day will do so as follows for bus riders.
 - a) Parents will make arrangements for changes when their child is dropped off at the bus stop. Ex. the child needs to go to grandma's house. So, grandma picks the child up from the bus stop and escorts or transports the child to her house.
 - b) Parents may pick children up from school before the children load the buses.

The board agreed to put a discussion item about this at the November board meeting and it will be voted on in December.

Mrs. Tucker also discussed that the School Maintenance Grant is available for the 2026 school year. The School Maintenance Grant is a dollar-for-dollar state matching grant program that awards up to \$50,000 to grantees exclusively for the maintenance or upkeep of buildings or structures for educational purposes. For example, we must spend \$100,000 to receive \$50,000 reimbursement via the grant. The board agreed to apply for the grant to make the locker rooms ADA compliant.

A motion was made by Butler, seconded by Faul, to enter the Closed Meeting at 7:20 p.m. to discuss items per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)(10) (Roll Call).

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

Motion carried 4 Yeas, 3 Absent

A motion was made by Butler, seconded by Faul, to leave closed meeting and return to open meeting on October 16, 2025 at 8:22 p.m. (Voice)

A motion was made by Butler, seconded by Faul, to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. (voice).

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held November 19, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Board President, Bob Castillo

Board Secretary, Erica Stewart

Approved:_____