DALLAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #327
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JULY 16, 2026
CAFETERIA

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Members answering roll were:

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

Also present were: Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Finch, and Mrs. Ryner.

A moment of silence was observed.

Mrs. Tucker announced that the Summer School field trips are going well. It is the best turn out in a long time. Sarah Schaefer let the board know that Illini West will be selling blankets at the Open House. IW Sports Boosters is attempting to put bathrooms at the football field. Sarah Schaefer is asking if Dallas City would like to donate. They are also having a fundraiser that starts at the end of July.

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

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

Motion carried 4 Yeas, 3 Absent

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

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

Motion carried 4 Yeas, 3 Absent

The Board Member code of conduct rule #4 was read from the IASB Code of Conduct Principles.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Schaefer, to accept the West Central FS Firm Fuel bid and Stark Services for the Snow Removal bid for the 2026-2027 school year as presented (Roll Call).

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

Motion carried 4 Yeas, 3 Absent

A motion was made by Blake, seconded by Smith, to approve the District Internet Use Policy for Students and Staff as presented (Roll Call).

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

Motion carried 4 Yeas, 3 Absent

A motion was made by Schaefer, seconded by Smith, to approve the District Pest Management Policy as presented (Roll Call).

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

Motion carried 4 Yeas, 3 Absent

A motion was made by Blake, seconded by Smith, to authorize Superintendent, Alissa Tucker, and Bookkeeper, Rebecca Thompson to develop a tentative budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 (Roll Call).

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

Motion carried 4 Yeas, 3 Absent

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Schaefer, to conduct the FY 2027 Budget Hearing on September 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Dallas City Elementary School Cafeteria (Roll Call).

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

Motion carried 4 Yeas, 3 Absent

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Blake, to set the teacher classroom budget amount at $300.00 for the 2026-2027 school year (Roll Call).

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

Motion carried 4 Yeas, 3 Absent

A motion was made by Blake, seconded by Smith, to approve 8th grade promotion date for Thursday, May 20th at 6:30 p.m. and change the board meeting in May to Wednesday, May 19th at 6 p.m. as presented (Roll Call).

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

Motion carried 4 Yeas, 3 Absent

A motion was made by Blake, seconded by Smith, to approve D & D Contracting Company for the ADA Locker Room bid as presented (Roll Call).

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

Motion carried 4 Yeas, 3 Absent

A motion was made by Schaefer, seconded by Smith, to approve the FOIA Fee Schedule as presented (Roll Call).

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

Motion carried 4 Yeas, 3 Absent

There was a discussion on trash pick up options.
LRS is $442.09 a month pick up twice a week
B + K is $360 a month with 2 dumpsters once a week
GFL is $200 a month with a $150-1 time set up fee, 2 dumpsters once a week

The board would like the district to call Quick's Dumpster & Disposal and get a quote from them. The board will approve the best bid at the August board meeting.

Mrs. Tucker read her Superintendent report to the board.

A motion was made by Schaefer, seconded by Smith, to enter into the Closed Meeting at 6:51 p.m. to discuss items per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)(10)(21) (Roll Call).

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

Motion carried 4 Yeas, 3 Absent

A motion was made by Schaefer, seconded by Blake, to leave the closed meeting and return to open meeting on July 16, 2026, at 7:15 p.m. (Voice)

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

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

Motion carried 3 Yeas, 1 Abstain, 3 Absent

Postions Hired were:
Miranda Morrison-Elementary Special Education Teacher
Melisa Hite-Special Education Van Driver

Resignations were:
Morgan Jones-Kindergarten

A motion was made by Schaefer, seconded by Smith, to open the closed meeting minutes from April 23, 2026 session #1 and June 24, 2026 (Roll Call)

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

Motion carried 3 Yeas, 1 Abstain, 3 Absent

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Schaefer, to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. (Voice). Motion carried 4 Yeas, 3 Absent

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held August 20, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

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Board President, Bob Castillo Board Secretary, Gage Blake

Approved:_____