DALLAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #327
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 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	Present	Cathie Smith	Present
Bob Castillo	Present	Lee Wibbell	Present
Scott Faul	Present		

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

A moment of silence was observed.

The consent agenda was presented to the board for review. A motion was made by Schaefer, seconded by Butler, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as amended (Roll Call). The Regular Board minutes for August 20, 2026 need to be corrected and approved next month.

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

Motion carried 7 Yeas

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

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

Motion carried 7 Yeas

The Board Member code of conduct rule #6 was read from the IASB Code of Conduct Principles.

A motion was made by Schaefer, seconded by Butler, to recess the open meeting and call the FY 2027 Budget Hearing to order (Roll Call).

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

Motion carried 7 Yeas

Mrs. Tucker gave the board an overview of the school budget.

A motion was made Blake, seconded by Wibbell, to adjourn the Budget Hearing and return to the open meeting. (Roll Call).

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

Motion carried 7 Yeas

A motion was made by Butler, seconded by Faul, to approve the FY 2027 Budget as presented (Roll Call).

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

Motion carried 7 Yeas

A motion was made by Butler, seconded by Schaefer, to approve the Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report as presented (Roll Call).

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

Motion carried 7 Yeas

A motion was made by Blake, seconded by Wibbell, to approve the FY 2027 Bus Routes as presented (Roll Call).

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

Motion carried 7 Yeas

A motion was made by Schaefer, seconded by Butler, to approve a Christmas gift (Turkey & Ham) for district employees in the amount of $50 per employee (Roll Call).

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

Motion carried 7 Yeas

A motion was made by Butler, seconded by Wibbell, to approve the Dallas ESD #327 Bullying Policy as presented (Roll Call).

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

Motion carried 7 Yeas

The School Maintenance Grant is needed for plumbing, water filtration and a water softener. The initial plan was not to apply for the grant. The school is having problems with hot water pressure. A plumber came and inspected build up in pipes.

A motion was made by Schaefer, seconded by Blake, to authorize the school maintenance project grant application with reserved local funds to meet the local match requirement of $50,000 (Roll Call).

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

Motion carried 7 Yeas

A motion was made by Blake, seconded by Smith, to approve the Dallas City and LaHarpe Sport Co-Op Handbook for Athletes Coaches and Athletic Director as amended.

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

Motion carried 7 Yeas

The Superintendent's report was given to the board. Mrs. Tucker discussed the struggle keeping the yard looking good. She will reach out for outside bids for mowing. Mrs. Tucker also informed the board about the AI Law SB2902 that takes effect on January 1, 2027.

A motion was made by Blake, seconded by Butler, to enter the Closed Meeting at 6:55 p.m. to discuss items per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)(10) (Roll Call).

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

Motion carried 7 Yeas

A motion was made by Butler seconded by Schaefer, to leave the closed meeting and return to the open meeting on September 17, 2026 at 7:11 p.m. (Voice)

Motion carried 7 Yeas

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

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

Motion carried 7 Yeas

Positions Hired were:
Ella Traman-Custodian

A motion was made by Butler, seconded by Blake, to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. (voice)

Motion carried 7 Yeas

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held October 15, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

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Board President, Bob Castillo Board Secretary, Gage Blake

Approved:_____