

Dallas Co. R-1 School Board Highlights and Tax Rate Hearing
August 11th, 2026

Tax Rate Hearing

Call to Order

Comments from Audience

Review and Act on Setting Tax Rate for 2026-2027 School Year

The administration recommended that the board approve the tax rate at \$3.35/\$100 of Assessed Value in Fund 1 and \$0.45/\$100 of Assessed Value in Fund 4 for the estimated amounts set forth in the following:

https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SB_Meetings/ViewMeeting.aspx?S=131&MID=26262

Board Agenda

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the following items under Consent Agenda:

- **Approval of Minutes**
- **Approval of Payment of Bills** - Board members given copies of paid bills
- **Approval of Substitutes** - Board members were given copies of the substitute list
- **Approval of Expense and Revenue Report** - Board members were given copies of the expense and revenue reports

Information Items

Buildings Update Report

Buildings and Activities provided updates on 2026-2027 priorities and back to school activities.

Mallory Elementary

Mallory Elementary's Initiatives include the 2nd year of the Comprehensive Literacy State Development grant, the 2nd year of working with District Continuous Improvement (DCI), the 2nd year of Behavior Intervention Support Team implementation, and the piloting of literacy curriculum in the spring. In preparation for the 26/27 school year, Mallory has revamped the kindergarten screening and placement process and aligned hallways for grade levels to be in the same hallway.

Buffalo Prairie Middle School

Buffalo Prairie Middle School's new initiatives include focusing on a culture of reading, using Beanstack, which is a platform used to encourage reading, and continued work with DCI, specifically focusing on assessment. In preparation for the 26/27 school year, BPMS is

continuing through their second year of 5th grade orientation, they are doing a fun scavenger hunt at the middle school at Open House, and Class meetings will be done in time for the first day of school.

Buffalo High School

New initiatives for Buffalo High School includes aligning the High School and DCTC so they can work more collaboratively and operate as one united team. They also have continued their reading initiative this year, and are looking forward to seeing reading engagement increase. They are continuing their work with DCI and will continue to emphasize academic improvement every day. In preparation for the new school year, Mrs. O and her team planned Freshman Orientation, which takes place on August 12th. The maintenance team worked hard completing new projects such as the new bathroom construction at the football field.

Dallas County Technical Center

New initiatives for DCTC include aligning with the high school, continued relationship building with sending schools and sending school communities, and inviting board members to tour the DCTC to see opportunities that students have. In preparation for the 26/27 school year, DCTC Admin and Teachers attended MoACTE (Missouri Association for Career and Technical Education) the 3rd week in July. High school and DCTC counselors were also moved to a common area to better collaborate and serve students.

Athletics/Activities

New initiatives for athletics and activities include the “Pass the Praise” motto, where students are encouraged to never take credit, but always take ownership. The focus of the 26/27 school year is to lift up others. Taking time to recognize those who have helped is important for this season. In preparation for the 26/27 school year, the DCR1 Coaches handbook was created, and all coaches meet on Friday, August 21st.

Program Evaluations - Summer School

Summer school administrators provided an overview of the 2026 summer school program.

Attendance remained around the same at Mallory, and increased at BPMS and BHS. Some new additions to Summer School 2026 include BPMS Remediation classes, Weekly Fun Days as an incentive, Health and PE Credits, and an Attendance Based Field Trip to Urban Air. Recommendations for next year include earlier access to registration, assisting in schedule planning, and transportation communication.

Action Items

Set Adult Meal Prices

The Board of Education approved the setting of adult meal prices for the 2026-2027 school year to: Breakfast - \$2.00 and Lunch - \$4.25.

ISMO Enrollment Policy

The Board of Education approved the Insight School of Missouri enrollment policy as presented.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. O'Quinn provided an update on celebrations and back-to-school preparations.

Executive Session

The Board voted to approve the following hiring recommendations:

Personnel Report		
Hiring Recommendations 08/11/2026		
Name	Location	Position
Cecilia Beth White	Transportation	Secretary
Diana Johanning	Transportation	Bus Driver
Lawrence "Grant" Rhodes	BHS	Social Studies Teacher
Derald Henderson	Athletics	HS Assistant Football Coach

Transfers		
Marlene Churchill	Transportation	Bus Driver
John Hayward	Transportation	Bus Driver
Cindy Jasper	Transportation	Bus Driver
Brian Kramer	DCTC	Auto Tech