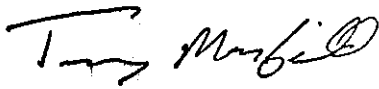


Drexel R-IV School District
Board of Education Meeting Media Summary
March 2023

1. Board approved the consent agenda, which included the minutes of the February 8th Special Meeting, February 15th Special Meeting, February 20th Regular Meeting and February 25th Special Meeting, warrant report, payment of bills, treasurer's report and petty cash report. Also heard administrative reports.
2. Under New Business
 - a. Board approved the health insurance renewal for 2023-2024 with MEUHP. The district will offer four health insurance plans for employees and contribute \$625/month toward premiums.
 - b. Board approved a recommendation for the district to receive emergency connectivity grant funds for the purchase of chromebooks. The grant covers 100% of the purchase cost of \$76,956.00.
 - c. Board approved a recommendation for the district to receive E-Rate category two grant funds to install new switches, access points, cabling, licensing, support and installation of the equipment. The grant covers 60% of the project cost of \$48,447.56 with the district covering the remaining 40% of the project costs.
 - d. Board held a first reading of MSBA 2023A Policy, Procedure and Form Updates.
3. The board held an executive session, taking the following action:
 - a. Approved Reagan Gunnels as an addition to the substitute teacher list.
 - b. Accepted the resignation of Madison Talley, special education para, effective March 24, 2023.
 - c. Renewed contracts for all certified teachers.
 - d. Approved a recommendation to hire Clint Bailey as High School Science teacher for the 2023-2024 school year.

Respectfully submitted,



Terry Mayfield
Superintendent

Superintendent Report
March 2023

- Candidate Filing – the following have filed as candidates for the Drexel R-IV Board of Education, Jennifer Thomas (incumbent), Leah Martin (incumbent) and Andy Gorsage (incumbent). The terms of Jennifer Thomas, Leah Martin and Andy Gorsage are set to expire. There are three positions open, each for a term of three years. The General Election date is April 4th, 2023. According to state statute if the number of candidates is equal to the number of positions available then no election will be required.

- School Make-Up Days – we currently have no days to make up and we still have four AMI days available to use if we do experience any more inclement weather.

- Now that we have our health insurance renewal rates for next year, I plan on taking some time to start putting together a preliminary budget for 2023-2024. My goal is to present a preliminary budget to the board in April/May and then present a final budget in June for adoption.

- Spring Activities and Athletics are underway – FBLA, FCCLA and FFA are preparing for contest season and competing at various levels and attending state leadership conferences. Scholar bowl is preparing for district competition as well – all in hopes of qualifying for state competition. Athletics spring seasons are also ready to get underway and by the end of the month games and meets will be in full swing.

- Operations Updates:
 - Facilities
 - Bleacher repairs to the north gymnasium bleachers have been completed.
 - I will be exploring a school safety grant announced by DESE to enhance security features around the district. If we can secure grant funds for safety projects, that would free up additional funds for a future bond issue.
 - Food Service
 - Served 2,146 breakfasts in February = 143 breakfasts/day.
 - Served 2,419 lunches in February = 161 lunches/day.
 - Health Services
 - 638 office visits during the month of February (43/day).
 - Of those office visits, 36 were sent home.
 - There will be an immunization clinic for the incoming 8th graders and students who are 16 years of age and older that need their second meningitis immunization. Parent information will be sent home and Nurse Darrah will be in contact with those who are in need. The date has been set for 4-13-23. The Cass County Health Department will be coming to school to administer the immunizations.
 - Nurse Darrah has also been working on a policy and procedure manual for the health office as time allows.

- Transportation
 - All bids for student transportation services have been rejected.
 - The district and First Student will be working out the details of the fourth year option outlined in the current agreement, which expires after the 2024-2025 school year.
- Technology
 - The district has been approved to receive \$86,100 for the purchase of new chromebooks – this grant covers 100% of the purchase cost of the devices.
 - The district has been approved to receive \$48,447.56 in E-Rate Category 2 funding, which will be reimbursed at 60%. We have applied and been approved to install new switches, access points, cabling, licensing, support and installation of the equipment.

➤ Budget/Finance Update:

➤ YTD Comparison – Thru 2/28/23	Revenues	Expenditures	Difference
YTD – 2021	\$2,890,462	\$2,611,943	\$278,519
YTD – 2022	\$3,067,196	\$2,454,700	\$612,496
YTD – 2023	\$3,607,085	\$2,827,296	\$779,789
YTD Operating – 2021	\$2,627,961	\$2,037,517	\$590,444
YTD Operating – 2022	\$2,780,948	\$2,209,627	\$571,321
YTD Operating – 2023	\$3,317,254	\$2,588,724	\$728,530
19-20 Operating Actuals	\$3,494,543	\$3,479,291	+\$15,252
20-21 Operating Actuals	\$3,811,064	\$3,588,762	+\$223,302
21-22 Operating Actuals	\$3,870,691	\$3,675,215	+\$195,476
22-23 Operating Budgeted	\$3,798,385	\$3,733,547	+64,838

Source	Budgeted	Received Thru 2/28/23
Local Revenue		
Current Taxes	\$1,164,370	\$1,270,898
Delinquent Taxes	\$115,000	\$54,109
Prop C	\$347,743	\$252,520
County Revenue		
RR/Utilities	\$127,500	\$134,381
Fines	\$9,000	\$9,452
State Revenue		
Transportation	\$70,000	\$37,155
Classroom Trust Fund	\$115,042	\$75,942
Small Schools Grant	\$114,976	\$74,022
Basic Formula	\$1,471,343	\$983,609

Tony Morfield