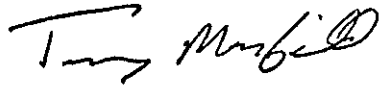


Drexel R-IV Board of Education
November 22, 2021
Board Meeting – Media Summary

1. Board approved the consent agenda which included the minutes of the October 18th regular meeting, the warrant report, payment of bills, treasurer's report and the petty cash report. The board also approved candidate filing dates. The board candidate filing period for the April 5th, 2022 General Election is from 8 AM on December 7th, 2021 to 5 PM on December 28th, 2021. The terms of members Tim Eastwood and Josh Gordon are set to expire. Board also approved the Cass County Kids First Legislative Priorities and a Memorandum of Understanding with Compass Health Networks to provide school based therapy services for the district. The board also heard administrative reports (attached).
2. Under Old Business
 - The board heard an update on ESSER III - The district's ESSER III plan and budget application has been approved by DESE. We are now working to implement elements of the plan. Benchmarking assessments have been conducted, plans for Monday Academy were developed at our November 15th professional development day, bids have been requested for air purifiers to improve indoor air quality and we have scheduled work days for staff to earn their COVID extra-duty stipends.
 - The board heard an update on the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan – the board discussed a test to stay option, but did not take any action at this time.
3. Under New Business
 - The board renewed the district's property and liability insurance with M.U.S.I.C. for 2022. The renewal rate is \$50,053, compared to last year's renewal of \$49,589.
 - The board approved a proposal from Gator Graphics to provide and install a digital sign for the district. The district will move forward with the project once at least 50% of the sign and installation cost has been raised.
 - The board approved a proposal from Medify Air to provide air purifiers with HEPA filters for classrooms. This was an approved item in the district's ESSER III plan to improve indoor air quality and ESSER III funds will be used to make this purchase.
 - The board had a first reading of MSBA 2021C Policy, Procedure and Form Updates.
 - The board received information on a potential general obligation bond refunding – this is similar to refinancing your mortgage and by taking advantage of the lower interest rates and call feature, we can reduce the debt by around \$92,000. This is not a savings to the district, but is a savings to our patrons. This is for information only, as I will have someone from LJ Hart at our December meeting to go over the details and sign documents if the board is agreeable to this refunding. This also puts the district in a position to run a no-tax increase bond issue in 2023. We could run a \$1,150,000 no-tax increase bond issue in April 2023 if that is something the board would like to consider in order to continue making capital improvements to the district's facilities.

4. The board held an executive session, taking the following action:
- Approved Francine Washington to serve as a long term substitute teacher.
 - Approved hiring Brenda Marks for a part-time food service position.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry Mayfield". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "T".

Terry Mayfield, Superintendent

Superintendent Report
November 2021

- I have included a copy of our balance letter from DESE regarding our 2020-2021 annual secretary of the board report. All financial data that has been submitted has been received, reviewed and considered complete.
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- COVID Dashboard – since the start of school through the end of October we have experienced 5 positive cases and 42 quarantines among students and staff.
- Food Service served an average of 145 breakfasts per day and 165 lunches per day during the month of October. We have started experiencing some supply chain issues with some of our food and product deliveries.
- The Veteran's Day Assembly was back to in-person this year and we had a really good turnout and the ceremony was very well organized and all who were involved did a tremendous job honoring our veterans.
- Senior Citizen's Thanksgiving Meal will be by delivery again this year. Orders can be placed through November 17th and Student Council will deliver meals on November 23rd.
- High School football team hosted the district championship game on November 19th.
- Drexel hosted a basketball jamboree on November 17th for the high school teams.
- Drexel will also be hosting the WEMO Conference Junior High Boys and Girls Basketball Tournament December 6th-10th, 2021 and will be hosting the First Annual William D. Gordon Holiday Basketball Classic December 27th – 30th, 2021. The tournament is looking for businesses to sponsor the tournament to provide tournament shirts for every player on each team.
- WEMO Conference Updates – the conference executive committee has declined a request from Lockwood to become an 8-man football only member of the conference. The conference AD's are continuing to make a recommendation to the executive committee to eliminate varsity level conference tournaments. No action has been take yet by the committee.

I would like to wish each of you and your families a happy, healthy and relaxing Thanksgiving holiday. May you and your families be blessed on Thanksgiving and throughout the rest of the year.

Respectfully,


Terry Mayfield
Superintendent