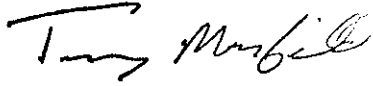


Drexel R-IV Board of Education
November 20, 2023
Board Meeting – Media Summary

1. Board approved the consent agenda which included the minutes of the October 16th regular meeting and the October 26th and November 6th special meetings, 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 2nd, 2024 General Election is from 8 AM on December 5th, 2023 to 5 PM on December 26th, 2023. The terms of members Brenda Hadley and Lynn Stark are set to expire. Board also approved the Cass County Kids First Legislative Priorities. The board also heard administrative reports (attached).
2. Under New Business:
 - The board heard a presentation to add wrestling as a school sport. No action was taken.
 - The board heard a review of the recently completed 2022-2023 audit. The district received a clean audit report.
 - The board approved a resolution creating the parameters for a refunding of the district’s 2019 general obligation bonds. The refunding will save \$172,345 in future interest payments.
 - The board selected LJ Hart and Company to serve as the district’s municipal bond underwriter.
 - The board approved a resolution and ballot language for a \$1,950,000 no tax rate increase general obligation bond issue to be placed on the April 2nd, 2024 ballot.
 - The board renewed the district’s property and liability insurance with M.U.S.I.C. for 2024. The renewal rate is \$65,723, compared to last year’s renewal of \$51,859.
 - The board reviewed a rough draft of the proposed 2024-2025 school year calendar.
 - The board set the December board meeting for Monday, December 18th at 5:30 PM.
3. The board held an executive session, taking the following action:
 - Added Lisa Lee as a food service substitute.
 - Approved the resignation of Becky Morgan as middle school science teacher effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.
 - Approved the resignation of Sydney Shipps as bookkeeper effective December 31st, 2023.
 - Approved the resignation of Katesa Miles as food service clerk effective December 20th, 2023.
 - Approved the resignation of Beth Cates as junior high track coach.
 - Approved the resignation of Patty Stark as the district’s speech language pathologist, special education director and federal programs director effective June 30th, 2024.
 - Approved the resignation of Brenda Marks as part-time cook effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

- Approved hiring Sheila Eastwood as bookkeeper.
- Approved an agreement to have Kara Smith serve as a consultant to the bookkeeper.

Submitted by,

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

Terry Mayfield
Superintendent

Superintendent Report
November 2023

- The Veteran’s Day Assembly was well attended this year and the ceremony was very well organized, and all who were involved did an outstanding job honoring our veterans.
- The Senior Citizen’s Thanksgiving Dinner was held on campus this year – thank you to everyone who made this event possible.
- Operations Updates:
 - Facilities/Maintenance
 - Sidewalk – have scheduled to have a new sidewalk installed at the north crosswalk to prevent walkers from having to walk through the parking lot.
 - Fencing – have scheduled to have new fencing installed in areas around the playground that will enhance safety and security by fully enclosing the playground area.
 - Food Service
 - Served 2,476 breakfasts in the month of October = 146/day.
 - Served 2,953 lunches in the month of October = 174/day.
 - Received \$1,480 Supply Chain Issues grant money to help offset the rising costs of food deliveries.
 - Health Services
 - 517 office visits in the month of October = 30/day. Seventeen sent home.
 - Finishing up vision and hearing screenings/re-screenings. Referrals were sent home with students as needed.
 - CPR instruction started for graduating seniors.
 - Technology
 - E-Rate funding is available for the district to use the funds to help offset the costs of:
 - New Firewall
 - Eligible to receive 40%-45% discount on what we pay to Midwest Computech to maintain our network.
 - Transportation
 - No updates to report at this time.
- Budget/Finance Update – YTD Comparisons – FY ’24:

YTD Comparison – Thru 10/31/23	Revenues	Expenditures
***YTD This Year Overall (2024)	\$1,076,554	\$1,200,029
**YTD This Year Operating (2024)	\$1,070,452	\$1,148,993
20-21 Operating Actuals	\$3,811,064	\$3,588,762
21-22 Operating Actuals	\$3,870,691	\$3,675,215
22-23 Operating Actuals	\$4,438,131	\$4,362,784

Source	Budgeted	Received Thru 10/31/23
<i>Local Revenue</i>		
Current Taxes	\$1,372,569	\$15,178
Prop C	\$372,600	\$149,166
Delinquent Taxes	\$136,000	\$14,868
<i>County Revenue</i>		
Assessed Utilities	\$140,000	\$0
<i>State Revenue</i>		
Transportation	\$59,180	\$14,562
Classroom Trust Fund	\$113,854	\$40,872
Small Schools Grant	\$111,408	\$39,090
Basic Formula	\$1,475,474	\$487,923

As we gather with our loved ones to celebrate Thanksgiving, I want to take a moment to express my deep gratitude to each and every one of you. This year, I am reminded of the incredible strength and unity of our community.

Thanksgiving is a time to cherish the moments with loved ones, to appreciate the blessings we have, and to extend a hand to those in need. May your Thanksgiving be filled with warmth, joy and a profound sense of gratitude.

Wishing you and your families a happy, healthy and peaceful Thanksgiving.

Terry