

Drexel R-IV Board of Education
October 18, 2021
Board Meeting – Media Summary

1. Board approved the consent agenda which included the minutes of the September 15th regular meeting, the warrant report, payment of bills, treasurer's report and the petty cash report. The board also approved budget amendments, awarded surplus property bid to Darrel Wilson for \$155 for the 12-burner stove and heard administrative reports.
2. Under New Business
 - a. The board heard a review from Katie Bell-Abend with DSWA Certified Public Accountants of the recently completed 2020-2021 audit. The district received a clean audit report.
 - b. Heard an overview of 2020-2021 professional development activities from the professional development committee and approved the 2021-2022 professional development plan as presented by the committee.
 - c. The board approved a proposal to create COVID-19 Extra-Duty stipends for staff for additional duties performed this year as a result of COVID-19.
 - d. The board voted to accept a request from Lockwood to join the WEMO Conference as a football only member beginning in the fall of 2022.
 - e. The board set the November meeting date for Monday, November 22nd at 6:30 PM.
3. Under Old Business
 - a. The board heard an update on the district's ESSER III Plan and Budget application with DESE.
 - b. The board heard an update on the district's Safer Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan.
4. The board held an executive session, taking the following action:
 - a. Approved extra-duty assignment for Brittani Nichols to serve as concession stand coordinator.
 - b. COVID-19 Extra-Duty Assignments were approved.
 - c. Approved a request for a student to participate in the work study program.

Submitted by,



Terry Mayfield, Superintendent

Superintendent Report October 2021

- It's hard to believe that the first quarter of school was over on October 15th and we are having parent/teacher conferences on October 25th.
- The school year is off to a good start. I could not be more proud of our students and staff and how they continue to work through the start of another school year while still facing the impacts of COVID.
- The fall athletic seasons for junior high and high school teams have concluded or are preparing for district playoffs. The district volleyball tournament will be held at Drexel this year. We are anticipating hosting several district football games over the next few weeks. In just a couple of weeks our winter seasons will be getting underway with junior high basketball games starting on November 1st and high school basketball practices beginning on that date as well.
- The district has received two separate grants for the purposes of teacher retention and recruitment. The application deadline is January 31st, 2022. There are two separate grants; Teacher Retention Grant is \$15,000 and can be used for teacher retention strategies (mentoring programs, stipends, social-emotional needs, wellness, professional learning), while the Teacher Recruitment Grant is \$10,000 and can be used for recruiting and selecting strategies (advertising, future teacher programs, scholarships).
- Food Service Updates – the food service department is still working to limit any food delivery or food supply issues that may impact the district. During the month of September food service served an average of 137 breakfasts each day, which is nearly 48% of our students – which also includes serving an average of 53 second chance breakfasts each day. During the same month food serviced served an average of 163 lunches each day, which is nearly 57% of our students.

- Municipal Bonds/Debt Service Financial Analysis – the district is eligible for a general obligation bond refunding in December of 2021, this would save district taxpayers over \$92,000. The district is also eligible for a no-tax increase general obligation bond issue in 2022 or 2023. An April 2022 bond issue would provide \$950,000 to complete projects, while an April 2023 bond issue would provide \$1,150,000 to complete projects.

- ESSER III Application and Budget Status – on 10/11/21 we received some feedback from DESE regarding our ESSER III Application Use of Funds and our ESSER III Budget. I am currently working to make the revisions to the application and the budget and should be able to resubmit for further review within the next few days.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry Mayfield". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Terry Mayfield, Superintendent