

Drexel R-IV Board of Education
April 18, 2023
Board Meeting – Media Summary

1. The board approved the consent agenda, which included the minutes of the March 20th, 2023 regular meeting, the warrant report, payment of bills, treasurer’s report and the petty cash report and heard administrative reports (attached).
2. Under Old Business:
 - a. Board rescinded board procedure IGCD-AP 1.
 - b. Board approved the MSBA 2023A Board policy, procedure and form updates.
3. Under New Business:
 - a. Newly elected board members (Jennifer Thomas, Leah Martin and Andy Gorsage) were administered the oath of office and sworn in.
 - b. The board elected the following officers; President – Jennifer Thomas, Vice-President – Tim Eastwood, Treasurer – Lynn Stark and Secretary – Sara Borden.
 - c. Jennifer Thomas was appointed as the district’s MSBA Delegate.
 - d. Board held discussion on the 2023-2024 school year calendar and conflicts that arise with activities and spring break. The athletic director will work to schedule activities with minimal conflicts during the week of spring break.
4. The board held an executive session, taking the following action:
 - a. Accepted the following resignations:
 - Randy Moore -- custodian, effective May 31st, 2023
 - Nichole Guthrie – paraprofessional, effective May 25th, 2023
 - Dylan Good – head baseball coach, effective March 7, 2023
 - b. Extra-Duty Assignments for 2023-2024 were approved
 - c. Non-certified staff assignments for 2023-2024 were approved
 - d. Hired the following for summer custodial/maintenance work:
 - AJ Gunnels

Submitted by,



Terry Mayfield
Superintendent

- Teacher Appreciation Week is May 8th -12th – I would like to recognize and thank all of our teachers for their dedication and service to our students, school and community.
- State Budget Updates:

Missouri House Passes Budget; Now Heads to Senate

Debate in the Missouri House this week was dominated by the passage of the FY 24 budget. Of note in [HB 2 \(Smith\)](#), the Elementary and Secondary Education budget bill:

- \$4.04 Billion in the Foundation Formula, which apparently includes additional funds for prekindergarten programs.
- \$347 Million in Transportation
- \$15 Million in Small Schools Grants
- \$69.3 Million for Career Ladder
- \$21.8 Million for \$38,000 Minimum Teacher Pay Grants (70/30 program)
- \$50 Million, as requested by the Governor, for school safety grants
- \$2.5 Million for “Grow Your Own Teacher” grants

The House did not include the Governor’s \$250 Million request for an education funding stabilization fund, a “rainy day” fund of sorts to address future shortfalls in state foundation formula funding.

- **Operations Updates:**
 - Facilities
 - I will be meeting with the custodial/maintenance staffs to discuss and plan our summer projects list to be completed. I have been working to create our summer projects list.
 - School safety grant for \$50,000 to replace exterior doors has been submitted – will be notified by April 28th if the grant has been awarded. If we can secure grant funds for safety projects, that would free up additional funds for a future bond issue. Since we have already selected McKinstry as our Energy Savings Performance Contractor, they can assist us on this project if it’s awarded.
 - Food Service
 - March – served 2,876 breakfasts = 144/day
 - March – served 3,118 lunches = 156/day
 - 121/287 students qualify for free or reduced lunches = 42%
 - About 60% of students who qualify for free and reduce meals eat breakfast each day.
 - About 63% of student who qualify for free and reduced meals eat lunch each day.
 - Health Services

- March office visits: 775 students. Sent home 39.
- In addition to office visits, Darrah has been applying the second application of fluoride to students with prior parent permission. Notes are being sent home with students after they receive their second application.
- Darrah is continuing to work on the policy/procedure manual for the health office as time permits
- Darrah will be working with Mr. French with dates to teach the seniors CPR prior to graduation.
- The Cass County Health Department will be here on 4-13-23 to administer the required immunizations for the incoming 8th graders and seniors.
- Transportation
 - First Student has hired a new area manager that will oversee Drexel.
 - First Student has already worked to secure two route drivers for 23-24 school year.
 - First Student is working on pricing models to show what driver wages would look like with pricing increases of 3% - 6% as outlined in the current agreement.
- Technology
 - We are in the final stages of completing paperwork and receiving final approval for our Emergency Connectivity Fund grant to cover the costs of new chromebooks and our E-Rate Category 2 Fund grant to cover a portion of the costs to install new switches, access points, cabling, licensing, support and installation of the equipment.
 - Casey's General Store Grant – we have been awarded a \$10,000 grant from Casey's General Store for the purchase of video production equipment – this grant/equipment will help expand learning opportunities for our students.
 - One of our 24 port switches has failed, it was under warranty and has been replaced and installed by Midwest Computech. While we were waiting for the replacement switch to arrive, MCT provided a loaner for us to use.

- Budget/Finance Update:

➤ YTD Comparison – Thru 03/31/23	Revenues	Expenditures	Difference
YTD – 2021	\$3,146,789	\$2,902,254	\$244,535
YTD – 2022	\$3,324,339	\$2,741,636	\$582,703
YTD – 2023	\$3,868,898	\$3,219,997	\$648,901
YTD Operating – 2021	\$2,880,001	\$2,331,830	\$548,171
YTD Operating – 2022	\$3,034,781	\$2,496,564	\$538,217
YTD Operating – 2023	\$3,574,724	\$2,982,630	\$592,094
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 3/31/23
Local Revenue		
Current Taxes	\$1,164,370	\$1,270,898
Delinquent Taxes	\$115,000	\$73,191
Prop C	\$347,743	\$274,910
County Revenue		
RR/Utilities	\$127,500	\$134,381
Fines	\$9,000	\$9,452
State Revenue		
Transportation	\$70,000	\$41,912
Classroom Trust Fund	\$115,042	\$85,430
Small Schools Grant	\$114,976	\$83,294
Basic Formula	\$1,471,343	\$1,106,565

Tony Masfield