

Drexel R-IV School Board of Education
August 17, 2026
Board Meeting – Media Summary

1. Annual Tax Rate Hearing

The Board held its annual tax rate hearing. The assessed valuation for 2026 is **\$26,271,802**, an increase from **\$25,870,436** in 2025.

Following discussion, the Board approved the following tax levy rates:

- **Operating Levy:** \$3.9937
- **Debt Service Levy:** \$1.2261
- **Total Levy:** \$5.2198

2. Consent Agenda

The Board approved the consent agenda, which included the minutes from the July 20 regular session and the July 27 special meeting, payment of bills, the utility report, and the MSBA Board Report.

The Board also approved the following items:

- Graduation for the Class of 2027 was scheduled for **Sunday, May 9, 2027, at 2:00 p.m.**
- The tuition rate for the 2026-2027 school year was established at **\$15,279.00**.
- The **Special Education Compliance Plan** was adopted for the 2026-2027 school year.

3. Old Business

The Board reviewed the **Staff Handbook and Preschool Handbook**.

4. New Business

The Board took action on several financial and operational matters:

- Adopted a resolution authorizing the prepayment of **\$175,000 in bonds**.
- Approved restoring a prior-year rollback of the operational tax levy, which will reset the tax rate ceiling.
- Set the 2026-2027 tax rate at **\$5.2198**.
- Approved and signed the required **Pro Forma forms**.
- Discussed community interest in establishing a **Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)**.

Executive Session Summary

During executive session, the Board took personnel actions, including approval of the teacher and substitute employee list and the following resignation and hires:

Resignation:

- Elaine Hamilton – Volleyball Concession Stand

Hires:

- Reagan Wirsig – Evening Custodian
- Olivia Shipps – Assistant Junior High Volleyball Coach
- David Duncan – Head High School Volleyball Coach
- Jennifer Duncan – Assistant High School Volleyball Coach