

Drexel R-IV Board of Education
August 15, 2022
Board Meeting – Media Summary

1. Board held the annual tax rate hearing:
 - 2022 Assessed Valuation = \$25,237,728 compared to \$23,666,418 in 2021.
 - Recommended Tax Levy
 - Operating Levy = \$4.2854
 - Debt Service Levy = \$1.0672
 - Total Levy = \$5.3526
2. Board approved the consent agenda which included the minutes of the July 18th regular meeting, the July 25th special meeting and the August 4th special meeting, the warrant report, payment of bills, treasurer's report and the petty cash report. Under the consent agenda the board also set the 2022-2023 tuition rate at \$12,047, adopted the use of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Special Education Part B Compliance Plan, and selected Kristie Clifft to provide Occupational Therapy Services for the 2022-2023 school year, set graduation for Sunday, May 14th, 2023 at 2:00 PM. There were no updates to the district's ESSER III plan and budget. The board also heard administrative reports (attached).
3. Under Old Business:
 - Board heard an update on the district's Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan (SRCSP). No changes were made to the plan, but there will be possible recommendations in September to align with the latest guidance from the CDC and Cass County Health Department.
4. Under New Business:
 - Board approved the 2021-2022 Annual Secretary of the Board Report.
 - Board set the tax rate for 2022-2023 at \$5.3526.
 - Board approved the purchase of an additional vehicle for the school fleet.
 - Board removed Kara Smith from and added Sydney Shipps to access to financial transactions.
 - Board set the September board of education meeting for Tuesday, September 20th @ 7:30 PM.
5. Board held an executive session, taking the following actions:
 - Approved the substitute teacher/substitute employee list.
 - Approved recommendation to hire Nicole Guthrie as Parents as Teacher Coordinator/Paraprofessional.
 - Approved the following extra-duty hires:
 - Lori Reed as Assistant Director of Special Education
 - Melissa Busch as National Honor Society Sponsor
 - Karen Hrabovsky as Football/Basketball Concession Stand Coordinator
 - Justin Nichols as Football Field Painter
 - Approved stipends for teachers completing LETRS Training

Submitted by,

Terry Mayfield, Superintendent

Superintendent Report
August 2022

Calendar: August

August 8 HS Fall Sports Practices Begin
August 10-11 Audit
August 15 JH Fall Sports Practices Begin
August 15 BOE Meeting
August 16-19 Teacher In-Service Days
August 23 First Day of School
August 25 HS Volleyball Jamboree @ Drexel
August 26 HS Football @ Liberal
August 30 HS Volleyball @ KC Lutheran

- High School Fall Sports Participation Numbers
 - Football = 26
 - Volleyball = 17
 - Cheer = 14
- Junior High Fall Sports Participation Numbers
 - Football = 10-12 estimated
 - Volleyball = 8-10 estimated
 - Cheer = No interest/no sponsor
- Transportation Updates
 - Routes
 - I received a phone call earlier this month from Apple Bus and they informed me that Charlie Ruddy notified them that he will not be returning to drive for them – thus leaving us one route driver short. They are working to fill the position. They will still be sending someone to our Open House night to be available to answer transportation questions.
 - Vo-Tech Route
 - Sharing the Vo-Tech route with Archie is good to go once again. Archie will serve as the fiscal agent and pay for the route and fuel and bill us monthly for 50% of the costs.
- Debt Service and General Obligation Bond Issue Financial Analysis
 - I have been working with LJ Hart to review our bond refunding potential. The refunding that we talked about last year is still not economical as the interest rates for that 2017 issue are currently 2% - 3%. We do have a Series 2019 issue that has a 5% interest rate from 2033-2039. That financing will become callable beginning March 1, 2024 and will most likely be economical at that time, although it's hard to project the potential savings out that far. Based on our debt service calculations, we will be able to do a \$1,300,000 general obligation bond issue in April of 2023, which is pretty close to our legal bonding capacity. Over the next few months we will need to have discussions on this option and potential capital improvement projects that it could finance.

Each new school year presents its own challenges, however, I am eagerly awaiting the start of the 2022-2023 school year. I am looking forward to seeing our students, families and staff members once again!

Respectfully,

Terry