

Drexel R-IV Board of Education
August 16, 2021
Board Meeting – Media Summary

1. Board held the annual tax rate hearing:
 - 2021 Assessed Valuation = \$23,666,418 compared to \$22,934,410 in 2020.
 - Recommended Tax Levy
 - Operating Levy = \$4.2176
 - Debt Service Levy = \$1.0672
 - Total Levy = \$5.2848
2. Board approved the consent agenda which included the minutes of the July 20th regular meeting, the warrant report, payment of bills, treasurer’s report and the petty cash report. Under the consent agenda the board also set the 2021-2022 tuition rate at \$12,404, 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 2021-2022 school year, set graduation for May 22nd, 2022 at 2:00 PM. The board removed Sam Oram as a bank signatory and added Ken Shipps as a signatory. The board also heard administrative reports (attached).
3. Under Old Business:
 - Board heard an update on the district’s ESSER III planning, application and budget that has been submitted to DESE for approval.
 - Board heard and update on the district’s Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan (SRCSP) with the following revisions:
 - At this time, we are about a week out from school starting and below are the latest changes that will be added to the SRCSP
 1. Masking Mitigation currently states:
 - a. Consistent with Cass County Health Department Guidelines
 - b. Masks are allowed but not required
 2. Masking Mitigation revised to state:
 - a. Masks are allowed but are not required and are encouraged for those that are not vaccinated.
 - b. Center for Disease Control (CDC) has mandated that masks are required on all school transportation.
 3. Physical Distancing Mitigation currently states:
 - a. Consistent with CCHD Recommendations
 4. Physical Distancing Mitigation will add:
 - a. Physical distancing of 3 feet for students to 6 feet for adults will be encouraged when possible.
 5. Consider adding additional language in respect to:
 - a. Gating
 - i. If the rate of quarantine and isolation reaches 10% of the building population, masks may be required for all students and staff within the district regardless of vaccination status until the building

population rate falls below 4% for two consecutive weeks.

6. Quarantine/Vaccination Status

a. Additionally, if a student or staff member is fully vaccinated, he/she will not be subject to quarantine. According to the CDC, a fully vaccinated person will need to monitor for COVID-like symptoms, get tested for COVID-19 three to five days after exposure, and wear a mask for 14 days or until a negative test is received. However, a fully vaccinated person will not be subject to quarantine.

b. Close contact is anyone who is within 3 feet of an infected person for a total of 15 minutes or more for students and 6 feet for adults.

- Board approved the MSBA 2021B Policy, Procedure and Form Updates
- Board approved an Employee COVID Leave Resolution and Procedures

4. Under New Business:

- Board approved the 2020-2021 Annual Secretary of the Board Report
- Board set the tax rate for 2021-2022 at \$5.2848
- Board set the September board of education meeting for Wednesday, September 15th, 2021 at 6:30 PM

5. Board held an executive session, taking the following actions:

- Approved the substitute teacher list
- Approved recommendation to have Shelley Jacobs serve as a long-term substitute teacher

Submitted by,



Terry Mayfield, Superintendent

Superintendent Report
August 2021

Calendar:

August 16	Junior High Fall Sports Practices Begin
August 17 – 20	Teacher In-Service Days
August 19	Back to School Night
August 24	First Day of School
August 26	HS Volleyball Jamboree at Appleton City
August 27	HS Football vs. Concordia
August 31	HS Volleyball vs. KC Lutheran

- High School Fall Sports Participation Numbers
 - Football = 19 (2 Miami)
 - Volleyball = 16
 - Cheer = 11

- Junior High Fall Sports Participation Numbers
 - Football = 12
 - Volleyball = 15
 - Cheer = May not have numbers to support a squad

- Preschool Updates - we have received notice that our application to increase our site capacity has been approved. We are now licensed to serve 20 students per session, which should eliminate any future waiting lists. Mrs. Richmond has been contacting those parents who were on the initial waiting list, letting them know that they now have a spot in our pre-school program. Mrs. Richmond has indicated that there are 28 students who are projected to attend pre-school, 14 AM and 14 PM. I want to acknowledge Mrs. Richmond for all of her efforts to make this happen.

- Transportation Updates
 - Routes
 - Apple Bus has put together a proposal to run two routes. Ride times are currently based on last year's student ridership and could be impacted by new students to the district which might require adjustments to the routes, and we will begin to have a better understanding as families enroll. Currently the northern route has a ridership of 17 students and the longest ride time is 45 minutes, while the southern route has a ridership of 35+ and the longest ride time is 53 minutes. These were ride times provided by Apple and I drove them and confirmed. So if there are no significant changes we can run two routes, however, if changes cause a route to exceed an hour, we will look to bring back the third route.
 - Apple Bus also indicated that they have been able to get a few individuals who may be options to help as sub drivers and activity trip drivers.

- Vo-Tech Route
 - Sharing the Vo-Tech route with Archie is good to go. Archie will serve as the fiscal agent and pay for the route and fuel and bill us monthly for 50% of the costs. We are working out the logistics of pick up and drop off times. Classes for Vo-Tech students at Cass Career Center in Harrisonville begin on August 23rd.

This school year looks to present similar challenges as last year, however, I am eagerly awaiting the start of the 2021-2022 school year. I am looking forward to seeing our students, families and staff members once again!

Respectfully,

Terry