

Drexel R-IV Board of Education
February 15th, 2021
Board Meeting – Media Summary

Candidate Filing - the following have filed as candidates for the Drexel R-IV Board of Education, Brenda Hadley (incumbent) and Lynn Stark (incumbent). The terms of Brenda Hadley and Lynn Stark are set to expire. There are two positions open, each for a term of three years. The General Election date will be April 6th, 2021. According to state statute if the number of candidates is equal to the number of positions available then no election will be required.

Board members were recognized for the service as a part of School Board Appreciation Week, February 10th – 14th, 2021.

1. The board approved the consent agenda, which included the minutes of the January 18th, 2021 regular meeting, the warrant report, payment of bills, treasurer's report and the petty cash report. The board also heard administrative reports (attached).
2. Under New Business:
 - a. The board held discussion on potential uses for the federal funds the district will receive from the latest COVID-19 Relief Stimulus Package. The district has been allocated to receive \$141,948.
3. The board held an executive session, taking the following action:
 - a. Approved Clint Bailey and Misty Gach to serve as long term substitute teachers.
 - b. Approved hiring Darrel McCartney as custodian.
 - c. After conducting the evaluation of the principals:
 - i. Approved a contract for Gary French to serve as K-12 Principal for the 2021-2022 school year.
 - ii. Approved a contract for Doug Chisam to serve as K-12 Assistant Principal for the 2021-2022 school year.

Submitted by,



Terry Mayfield
Superintendent

Superintendent Report
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- The Class 1 District 8 Basketball Tournament will be held during the week of February 20th. Due to COVID, there will be some changes in the format for the tournament this year. There will not be a central location for the tournament. The higher seeded team will host, until the championship games on February 26th – a site for the championship games has not been determined yet. The girl’s tournament games will be played on February 20th, 23rd and 26th. The boy’s tournament games will be played on February 22nd, 24th, and 26th.
 - Girls are the #2 seed and play Kingsville on February 20th at 6:00 PM @ Drexel.
 - Boys are the #2 seed and play Ballard on February 22nd at 6:00 PM @ Drexel.

- School Make-Up Days – to date we have made up our days missed. We have utilized our Alternative Method of Instruction (AMI) plan during this week’s inclement weather. We can use AMI for a maximum of 36 hours. After February 16th, we have one more day of AMI that we could utilize, but once we exhaust those hours, we will then have to make up any days missed.

- Legislative Updates/Alerts: Senate Bill 55
 - ✗ School Board Member Recall: Requires an election to recall a school board member if a petition is submitted signed by at least 25% of the number of voters in the last school board election. Grounds for recall are broad, vague, and subjective and include: “breach of public trust,” “lack of responsiveness,” promotion of measures that are “counterproductive to the best interests of the students,” and conduct that “relates to and adversely affects the rights and interests of others.” School board members are volunteers that make difficult and sometimes unpopular decisions for the benefit of students. This bill would make the job harder and would discourage candidates from running for the school board. Ironically, there is no law that allows for the recall of a Missouri legislator.
 - ✗ Education Scholarship Account/Vouchers: Creates up to \$100 million in tax credits for donations to an organization that gives out scholarships for students to attend a home school or private school – including for-profit virtual schools. This bill is cleverly worded to pile on accountability measures for organization issuing the scholarships, but the bill prohibits any monitoring of the schools receiving scholarship funds. They are not required to enroll all students, are not audited, are not required to conduct background

checks on employees, use certified teachers or provide any proof that education is being delivered. Scholarship funds can be used for vague expenses “related to home school instruction,” extracurricular programs, and unlimited investment management fees, raising concerns that public funds will be misused.

✘ Charter School Expansion: Authorizes charter schools to be opened in an additional 61 school districts located in Jackson, Jefferson, St. Charles, and St. Louis counties or in cities of 30,000 or more and allows charters opened in provisionally and unaccredited districts to remain open even after the school district regains accreditation. MSBA opposes charter schools that are not governed by elected school boards and subject to the same accountability measures as public schools.

✘ Turning MOCAP into Virtual Charter Schools: Allows students enrolling in MOCAP full-time to apply directly to the vendor and cuts the resident school district and professional educators out of the process. The state pays the MOCAP vendor the amount of state aid the resident district would have received, even though the vendor provides fewer services. MOCAP vendors are allowed to dump students out of their programs if they are not performing (as opposed to helping the student) but DESE cannot remove a student from enrollment even if there is evidence that the student is not receiving an education. This bill would create dozens of unregulated, overpaid virtual charter schools run by for-profit companies with even less financial and academic accountability than current charter schools. Research shows that virtual charter schools uniformly underperform other school models.

✘ Withholds state funding from members of MSHSAA - Allows for state funding to be withheld from a school district who is a member of a statewide activities association that prohibits a homeschool student from participating in an event in the school district. This bill appears to target the Missouri State High School Activities Association.

✘ Limiting State Board of Education: Restricts members of the state board of education to serve only one full term. This would remove experienced, pro-public education representation from the state board

Respectfully,

Terry

Drexel R-IV Budget/Finance Update
February 2021

Drexel R-IV Budget Updates – through January 31st, 2020

YTD Comparison – Thru 01/31	Revenues	Expenditures	Difference
YTD Last Year Total (2020)	\$4,121,214	\$2,799,529	+1,321,685
YTD This Year Total (2021)	\$2,667,205	\$2,136,579	+\$530,626
YTD Last Year Operating (2020)	\$2,370,360	\$1,828,102	+\$542,258
YTD This Year Operating (2021)	\$2,410,139	\$1,751,817	+\$658,322
YTD Operating Difference	+39,779	-\$76,285	+\$116,064
	+1.7%	-4.2%	
2019-2020 Operating Actuals	\$3,494,543	\$3,479,291	+\$15,252
2020-2021 Operating Budgeted	\$3,513,384	\$3,509,189	+\$4,195

Source	Budgeted	Received Thru 1/31/21
<i>Local Revenue</i>		
Current Taxes	\$1,056,877	\$1,099,098
Prop C	\$254,375	\$165,098
Delinquent Taxes	\$110,000	\$58,926
<i>County Revenue</i>		
RR/Utilities	\$120,000	\$124,378
Fines	\$14,000	\$8,294
<i>State Revenue</i>		
Transportation	\$13,000	\$8,329
Classroom Trust Fund	\$114,276	\$61,354
Small Schools Grant	\$125,871	\$68,176
Basic Formula	\$1,424,846	\$693,807

State Foundation Formula/Basic Formula Updates:

- December 2020 there was a 91% pro-ration factor (9% reduction)
- January 2021 there was a 93% pro-ration factor (7% reduction)

State Foundation Formula	Foundation Formula (Basic)	Classroom Trust Fund	Total
<i>Should Receive</i>			\$1,586,385
<i>Budgeted</i>	\$1,424,846	\$114,276	\$1,539,122
<i>Projections thru January</i>	\$1,370,109	\$105,377	\$1,475,486
<i>Projections thru December</i>	\$1,349,969	\$105,210	\$1,455,179

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