

Drexel R-IV Board of Education  
May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Board Meeting – Media Summary

1. Board approved the consent agenda, which included the minutes of the Aprils 21<sup>st</sup> regular meeting and the April 30<sup>th</sup> special meeting, the warrant report, payment of bills, treasurer' report and the petty cash report. The board also approve the administrative report (attached).
2. Under New Business:
  - a. Board heard a construction update (attached).
  - b. Board heard updates on end of the year events – Prom is tentatively scheduled for June 12<sup>th</sup> and Graduation is tentatively scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup>. Details for each event will be released closer to the time of these events.
3. Under Old Business:
  - a. Board approved the superintendent to apply for the Alternative Methods of Instruction Plan with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Beginning in school year 2020-21, a local education agency (LEA) can make up school hours lost or cancelled due to exceptional or emergency circumstances (up to 36 hours) if an AMI Plan approved by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) is implemented. Exceptional or emergency circumstances shall include, but not be limited to, inclement weather, a utility outage, or an outbreak of a contagious disease. The LEA must assure that the AMI Plan will positively impact teaching and learning in the LEA. LEAs must submit an AMI Plan for each school year of implementation. Applications must be submitted by June 15, 2020.
  - b. Board heard a preliminary report on the 2020-2021 budget and salary schedules for certified and non-certified staff, as well as the extra-duty salary schedule.
  - c. Board approved a recommendation to reduce the budget for professional development activities by 50% for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years. Each year the district, under the direction of the PDC Committee, is required to spend 1% of foundation formula money received from the state on professional development activities for teachers, which is around \$14,500/year. Guidance is given that states if transportation funding falls below 25% of what is required to fund transportation then districts can reduce the allocation from 1% to 0.5%. Transportation has been funded well below 25% for a number of years. Given the abrupt ending to things this year, many PD opportunities were also cancelled, making it difficult to reach the 1% mark, and given the uncertainty of things next year, it may be difficult to reach the 1% mark again in 2020-2021.
  - d. Board approved a recommendation to increase the district's contribution to employee health insurance premiums from \$540/month to \$565/month for 2020-2021.
  - e. Board approved a 3-year lease with CDW for new Chromebook.
4. The board held an executive session for personnel, taking the following action:
  - a. Accepted the resignation of Alycia Jacobs as PAT coordinator.
  - b. Accepted the resignation of Jessica Boydston as prom sponsor and concession stand sponsor.

- c. Approved a recommendation for Jill Marks and Melissa Busch to serve as co-sponsors for junior high and high school football cheerleading.

Submitted by,

  
Terry Mayfield, Superintendent

Superintendent Report  
May 2020

**State Budget Update Regarding FY '21 K-12 Education:**

The Missouri Legislature finalized the FY '21 budget.

As you know, our state has been financially devastated by the pandemic. To date, the state has had to cut hundreds of millions of dollars from the current year's budget and has finalized plans to cut hundreds of millions more in next year's budget. Despite these challenges, the Legislature found a way to still fund public education with only minimal cuts in the grand scheme of things.

While we do not always agree with the Legislature's ideas for public education, it is important to remember that these men and women have prioritized funding for our K-12 public schools. Their financial support for public education should be praised and not forgotten.

The budget bills will now move to the Governor's desk for his approval. Here are the highlights:

1) Foundation Formula: As you know, the call on the foundation formula for FY '21 was \$0 and, of course, we were disappointed by that fact. However, when the pandemic hit and the financial fallout began, there was a brief moment in this office when we believed the formula might sustain massive cuts (i.e., \$200 million or more). Thankfully, that did not occur. When the Legislature finished their work for the FY '21 budget, zero cuts were made to the foundation formula.

2) Transportation Funding: While the foundation formula remained intact, the school transportation categorical took a hit. Indeed, after the House and Senate finished their work, the school transportation line was cut by approximately \$13.6 million from the appropriated amount for FY '20. The appropriation for FY '21 will be approximately \$93.9 million. We understand that this is disappointing; however, it could have been much worse given our current economic crisis.

3) Proposition C: As you know, Proposition C is a dedicated tax. The state simply collects the money and then passes the money on to schools on a per-pupil basis. Both the Governor and the House believed Prop C revenues would increase by \$14.5 million in their initial versions of the budget. However, once the pandemic hit, those expectations were lowered and the \$14.5 million increase in authority was removed entirely. This loss may end up being far greater than the \$14.5 million decrease discussed above. We encourage districts to closely monitor Prop C payments in the coming months.

4) Early Childhood Special Education: The Legislature appropriated an additional \$11.9 million for early childhood special education for FY '21. This is a mandatory fund increase.

## **State Board of Education & DESE:**

### **CARES Act Funding for Schools:**

As a part of the federal stimulus package related to COVID-19, funding is available to school districts. We have been allocated to receive up to \$35,517 in CARES Act Funding. The application process is currently open and the district will be completing the application. Once the initial application is completed and approved, districts will receive 75% of their allocation, and then once final documentation is submitted and approved, the district will receive the remaining 25%. Districts can use the funds on allowable expenses that have occurred between March 13, 2020 and September 30, 2022.

### **Allowable Expenses:**

In light of these considerations, LEAs that receive ESSER funds may spend them on:

- Any activity authorized by ESEA, IDEA, AEFLA, Perkins or McKinney Vento;
- Coordination of preparedness and response efforts to COVID-19;
- Providing principals and other school leaders with resources to address individual school needs;
  - Activities to address the unique needs of low-income children, children with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, and foster care youth, including outreach and service delivery;
- Procedures and systems to improve LEA preparedness and response efforts;
- Training and professional development for LEA staff on sanitation and minimizing the spread of infectious disease;
- Purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean LEA facilities;
  - Planning for and coordinating during long-term closures, including how to provide the following: meals, technology for online learning, guidance for carrying out IDEA requirements, and educational services consistent with applicable requirements;
  - Purchasing educational technology (including hardware, software and connectivity) for the LEA's students;
- Providing mental health services and supports;
- Planning and implementing summer learning and supplemental afterschool programs; and,
- Other activities necessary to maintain LEA operations and services and employ existing LEA staff. Nonpublic schools do not qualify as LEAs, therefore, the activity of maintaining LEA operations and services and employing existing LEA staff would not be considered an allowable activity for nonpublic schools.

### **Start Date Law Exemptions**

The State Board of Education voted to grant exemptions to the school start date law that goes into effect for the 2020-21 school year, given the unusual and extenuating circumstances COVID-19 has presented. The State Board of Education has this authority under Section 171.031.6, RSMo. These exemptions are only valid for one academic year (2020-21). State board members will allow the Commissioner of Education to grant those exemptions to expedite and streamline the approval process for districts that submit a request. DESE will create an online submission form for districts to submit their request for exemption; in that form, school leaders will be required to: 1) show they garnered local input before submitting the request, which must include, but is not limited to a public hearing, 2) demonstrate how this exemption will benefit students and their learning, and 3) explain how this exemption will minimize the transmission of COVID-19.

**Students in the News:**

Students recently competed virtually for State FBLA contests. Logan Cochran placed 5<sup>th</sup> in Computer Problem Solving and Russell Borden placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Advertising, which qualifies him to compete in Nationals later this summer.

**Additional Information:**

1. Pre-School – already have forms submitted for 20 students for next year, this is our maximum capacity. Any additional requests will be placed on a waiting list.
2. The Missouri General Assembly has adjourned its regular session without passing harmful omnibus education bills. A special session on the budget could be coming later this summer.
3. Districts were notified on Friday that they will not be receiving Classroom Trust Fund payments for May and June due to the casinos being shut down and the revenue they generate. We will be receiving about \$20,000 less than projected for this year.
4. Prop C revenues are also falling short of projections. We will be receiving about \$20,000 to \$25,000 less than projected for this year.

Respectfully,

Terry Mayfield  
Superintendent

Construction Update  
May 2020

### **District Projects:**

- Phones – install complete – will have to run two lines for phones out to the trailer and Ag. Building – this wasn't done previously. Working with ServiceMark to get this scheduled and completed very soon.
- Cameras – install complete.
- Track Spray – structural spray is complete and in a few days will come back in and paint lines on track and within a few days after that the track will be open for use once again. (Mid-May). Track lines are set to be painted on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> and the track should then be available for use within a couple of days after that.
- South Gym Floor – scheduled to begin on May 15<sup>th</sup> and should be available for use by early to mid-June. It looks like it will be toward the middle of the week of May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Asbestos Abatement – will be completed by the May board meeting. There was some additional work that needed to be done in the south gym. Since the floor was going to be refinished we thought we would go ahead and replace the floor tiles that were cracked along the perimeter. As we discovered, there was black mastic underneath the tiles. I went ahead and had New Horizons complete the abatement, which will be done before the work on the floor is set to begin. There was a little over 1600 square feet of tile/mastic to be removed/abated, at a cost of \$5,304.

### **McKinstry Projects:**

Kickoff Meeting was held on May 14<sup>th</sup>. See the following notes from that meeting. Additionally, I am going to ask that McKinstry submit a quote for a change order to go ahead and paint the band room walls, tile the south gym floor perimeter and paint the south gym walls.

- Status
  - Abatement of flooring materials has been completed by the district. A fully executed contract has been completed between the district and McKinstry. Construction material procurement has started.
- Work Scope
  - Playground
    - Remove existing safety tiles and dispose of.
    - Install new surface. The new surface will consist of a 2" pad and synthetic turf. The final product will have a 10-year warranty.
  - Windows
    - Remove 29 windows and install new windows.
    - Winco Brand windows will be used.
    - Two windows in the Pre-K room will be single hung windows. All remaining windows will be awning casement windows.
    - All window frames will be clear anodized finish with tempered glass.
    - Repair and patch drywall as needed.
    - Repair and patch EIFS as needed.
  - Library
    - Paint walls

- Look at option for an accent trim color.
  - Install new carpet tiles.
  - Install new fixtures with power poles.
  - Install new projector.
    - Projector needs to match screen size.
  - Install new screen.
    - Electrician is looking at size options. Recommended a screen minimum of 8' wide.
    - Screen to be installed away from wall to clear the bookcase below.
  - Provide and install 4 LED dimmable lights in library.
  - Controls to be installed on existing masonry column.
- Computer Lab
  - Center existing projector on wall.
  - Install new screen on wall. A screen of 110" diagonal was discussed. Electrician to confirm.
  - New ceiling tiles and light lens will be reviewed.
  - Look at routing RGB video cable to desk below.
- Carpet
  - Replace carpet in various rooms.
- Band Room
  - Install new VCT flooring.
- Parking Lot
  - Install 3 light pole bases.
    - Electrical contractor to provide light cut sheet and layout light pole locations for review on May 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - Seal and restripe existing paved area
    - The existing paved area will be sealed after the paving and curb work is complete.
    - Striping will be completed the day after sealing.
    - Traffic should stay off of the area for 24 hours after striping. Existing paved area will be closed for about 3 days.
  - Install new paving along road
    - The existing street is an oil/chip seal design. This will not allow the street to be saw cut for connection to the paving. Asphalt contractor will blend the two paving surfaces together.
    - It appears there could be old concrete and asphalt under the rock – this may cause an issue with the new paving.
  - Patch existing curbing
    - The extent of the curbing repair was discussed and reviewed.
- Schedule
  - Abatement
    - In the planned construction area is complete.
  - School events
    - The school is planning on having graduation on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Parking lot work will be held until after this date.
  - Review attached preliminary schedule

- Playground Turf replacement will begin on May 26<sup>th</sup> with a duration of 2 weeks.
- Interior painting will begin on May 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Parking lot paving will begin on June 15<sup>th</sup>, followed by curbing and then sealing.
- Lead time for windows and carpeting will pace these tasks in July.
- Next Meeting
  - The next project meeting will be Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM.

Respectfully,

Terry