

Drexel R-IV Board of Education
May 17th, 2021
Board Meeting – Media Summary

1. The board approved the consent agenda, which included the minutes of the April 20th, 2021 regular meeting, the warrant report, payment of bills, treasurer's report, the petty cash report and administrative reports (attached).
2. The board read a proclamation presented to the district from the City of Drexel expressing thanks and appreciation for safely opening the school this year for full-time, in-person learning and allowing students to participate in various sports and activities and preserving their mental and physical health during the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. Under Old Business:
 - a. The board heard the monthly budget/finance update and reviewed the preliminary 2021-2022 budget (attached).
4. Under New Business:
 - a. The board approved the 2021-2022 certified salary schedule, which added \$1,000 to the base salary schedule and awarded each certified staff member a step on the schedule for experience.
 - b. The board approved the 2021-2022 classified salary schedule, which for all classified employees equates to a 4.3% increase.
 - c. The board approved the 2021-2022 extra-duty salary schedule, which included adding a stipend for the positions of junior high boys basketball assistant coach, junior high girls basketball assistant coach and drama club sponsor.
 - d. Board approved a recommendation to increase the district's contribution to employee health insurance premiums from \$565/month to \$600/month for 2021-2022.
 - e. The board approved a recommendation to have Midwest Computech provide IT Services for the district for 2021-2022 at a cost of \$19,860.00
 - f. The board approved a recommendation to purchase 40 new desktop computers for teachers/staff from SHI at a cost of \$29,602.40.
 - g. The board held a first reading of MSBA 2021A board policy, procedure and form updates.
 - h. The board voted to reinstate the high school boy's baseball program for 2022, and will give consideration to reinstating the high school girls' softball program once there is enough interest to field a team.

5. The board held an executive session for personnel, taking the following action:
 - a. Approved hiring Dylan Good to serve as JH/HS Special Education Teacher.
 - b. Approved hiring Dylan Good for the following extra-duty positions:
 - i. High school assistant football coach, with 1-week extended duty contract and high school special education coordinator.
 - c. Approved a proposal to offer extended school year services.
 - d. Approved Kaleb Mayfield, Garrett Yager and Michael Munter as student maintenance/custodial summer workers.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry Mayfield". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "T".

Terry Mayfield
Superintendent

Superintendent Report
May 2021

- Administrative team is currently working with the custodial and maintenance staff to create a list of summer projects to be completed prior to the start of school next fall.
- Sectional Track – we have a number of student athletes who competed at the Sectional Track Meet on Saturday in Higginsville. Those who finish in the top four at the Sectional Meet will qualify for the State Meet on May 22nd in Jefferson City – the following competed at the Sectional Meet:
 - Braden Law – 200m and 4x200m relay
 - Cory Cumpton – 400m, 4x100m relay, 4x200m relay
 - Gage Sanders – 110m hurdles, 4x100m relay, 4x200m relay
 - Ethan Irvin – Long Jump, 4x100m relay, 4x200m relay
 - Brayden Rhoades – Shot Put
 - Gracie Marks – Long Jump, 100m, 4x100m relay and 4x200m relay
 - Emily Wheeler – 100m hurdles, 300m hurdles, Triple Jump, 4x100m relay
 - Olivia Shipps – Shot Put, Discus, 4x100m relay, 4x200m relay
 - Josie Parks – 100m, 200m, 4x100m relay, 4x200m relay
 - Braley Barnhart – 4x200m relay

DESE Update

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) extended a range of waivers to provide flexibilities for schools operating Child Nutrition Programs to increase access to meals through summer 2021. On April 20, ***USDA released further extensions through school year 2021-22 to maximize nutrition and access to meals to support safe school reopening. The nationwide waivers allow for the following flexibilities and resources:***

- ***All school sites may continue providing free meals to children ages 1-18 through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Seamless Summer Option (SSO)***
- Meals to be consumed in a non-congregate setting
- Parents/guardians to pick-up meals for students
- Meals to be served outside of required meal service times
- School meal pattern flexibility
- Higher reimbursement rates and area eligibility in the afterschool program.

K-12 Budget Update

The House and Senate finalized the FY 2022 budget earlier today. In another disappointing turn of events, the Conference Committee assigned to HB 2, the budget bill dealing with K-12 education, decided to align itself with the House's position on several concerning budget items. The following are the final decisions on several budget items of interest:

1) \$8.5 million in new money was added to ensure full funding of the K-12 funding formula at a total of \$3.56 billion. Please note that the \$8.5 million increase is only for school districts that would have seen a reduction in the financial institutions tax;

- 2) \$8.4 million in new money was appropriated for early childhood special education;
- 3) \$4.3 million was appropriated to develop a comprehensive literacy program using federal grant funds;
- 4) \$958.4 million may be collected and distributed for Prop C;
- 5) \$20 million in new money was appropriated to the school transportation budget bringing the total appropriation to \$116.4 million;
- 6) \$3 million was appropriated for the “Rural Advising Program.” The intent of the program is to recruit and place full-time post-secondary advisors in up to thirty rural high schools across Missouri;
- 7) **\$2 million was appropriated for a line item entitled “school improvement.”** The Senate had reduced that figure to \$500,000, but the Conference Committee went with the House version of \$2 million. Details regarding this line item are vague; however, it is believed the money is for an entity called The Opportunity Trust, a school reform entity from St. Louis;
- 8) **\$5 million was appropriated for deferred maintenance or repair solely for charter schools.** The Senate had lowered this figure to \$1 million, but the Conference Committee capitulated and went with the House’s version;
- 9) **\$3.25 million was appropriated for the “The School Turnaround Act.”** The Senate had zeroed this line item, but the Conference Committee went with the House’s version to fully fund the program at \$3.25 million. The School Turnaround Act passed in 2019 and allows private companies/entities to work with low-performing school buildings at the state’s expense;
- 10) **Language was inserted which holds that local educational agencies that adopt, in response to COVID-19, a distanced or blended onsite pattern of instruction constituting less than 45% of annual attendance hours taking place in person, shall have their designated total allocation under this section (ESSER I Funds) reduced by 10%;**
- 11) **Language was inserted in HB 2 regarding receipt of GEER II Funds which requires that 50% of these funds (\$7.2 million) be used for micro grant programs, which act as a type of voucher program. This language was also included in HB 15, which is a supplemental budget bill for the current fiscal year; and**
- 12) \$2 million was appropriated for the design, renovation, construction, and improvements of career and technical schools; provided that costs are shared at a ratio of fifty percent state and fifty percent local.

The budget bills now head to the Governor’s desk for his consideration.

Legislative Update

The Senate voted to approve and send to the governor **HB349 (Christofanelli)** that would allow any taxpayer who makes a qualifying contribution to the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program to claim a tax credit equal to 50% of the total contribution. The tax credit voucher program would begin at \$50 million per year and could grow up to \$75 million with no oversight by the Missouri General Assembly.

This new voucher program would allow for the creation of nonprofit organizations that would be allowed to defer state tax dollars that would normally go to the education of all students, steering resources away from the classroom toward bureaucratic administration.

HB349 allows for the vouchers to be used for a number of services, including private school tuition, textbooks, tutoring services and summer education programs with no accountability or oversight from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. This new program would be overseen by the State Treasurer who is given very few tools to ensure that the programs are contributing to the success of Missouri students.

This legislation would impact every district in the state by limiting the amount of state revenue available to fund public education that serves all students across the state. Public tax dollars should be used to support all students' needs including mental health access, classroom supports, and highly qualified teachers. The bill does not allow for any accountability for the programs that would be using state tax dollars for Missouri students. In fact, the bill prohibits the state from having any oversight over the entities that accept vouchers from the students in the program.

Respectfully,

Terry

Drexel R-IV Budget/Finance Update
 May 2021

Drexel R-IV Budget Updates – through April 30, 2021

YTD Comparison – Thru 04/30	Revenues	Expenditures	Difference
YTD Last Year Total (2020)	\$4,777,789	\$3,855,624	\$922,165
YTD This Year Total (2021)	\$3,435,967	\$3,198,619	\$237,348
YTD Last Year Operating (2020)	\$3,018,114	\$2,656,190	+\$361,924
YTD This Year Operating (2021)	\$3,163,222	\$2,623,964	+\$539,258
YTD Operating Difference	+\$145,108	-\$32,226	+\$177,334
	+4.8%	-1.2%	
2019-2020 Operating Actuals	\$3,494,543	\$3,479,291	+\$15,252
2020-2021 Operating Budgeted	\$3,513,384	\$3,509,189	+\$4,195
2020-2021 Operating Projected	\$3,700,000	\$3,550,000	+\$150,000

Source	Budgeted	Received Thru 4/30/2021
<i>Local Revenue</i>		
Current Taxes	\$1,056,877	\$1,099,098
Prop C	\$254,375	\$237,725
Delinquent Taxes	\$110,000	\$129,827
<i>County Revenue</i>		
RR/Utilities	\$120,000	\$126,921
Fines	\$14,000	\$10,321
<i>State Revenue</i>		
Transportation	\$13,000	\$11,866
Classroom Trust Fund	\$114,276	\$89,665
Small Schools Grant	\$125,871	\$97,919
Basic Formula	\$1,424,846	\$1,225,314

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)
 - February 2021 there was a 94% pro-ration factor (6% reduction)
 - March 2021 there was a 97% pro-ration factor (3% reduction)
 - April 2021 there was a 100% pro-ration factor (0% reduction)
- Governor Parson announced the release of the remaining \$280.7 million in FY21 general revenue restrictions. This includes the release of over \$123.3 million in Foundation Formula funds. This should result in local education agencies (LEAs) receiving the full State Adequacy Target of \$6,375 by the June payment transmittal. More details will be provided for LEAs in the March School Finance Memo.

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 April</i>	\$1,478,647	\$107,738	\$1,586,385
<i>Projections thru March</i>	\$1,432,624	\$105,055	\$1,537,679
<i>Projections thru February</i>	\$1,383,747	\$106,128	\$1,489,875
<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

Preliminary 2021-2022 Budget

- Preliminary Budget – Rough Draft
- Estimated Operating Revenues = \$3,541,476 (feel pretty good about this number)
 - Waiting for legislature and Governor to pass and sign 21-22 budget.
 - Assuming no revenue withholdings during 21-22.
 - Does not include any federal stimulus revenue.
- Estimated Operating Expenditures = \$3,494,811 (need to do some more review-but feeling more confident with these projections)
 - Assumes current staffing in place.
 - Does not include any expenditures related to federal stimulus revenues.
 - Includes the following changes to salary/benefit packages
 - Adding \$1,000 to certified salary schedule & giving steps to all
 - Adding 4.3% salary increase for non-certified staff
 - Increase insurance cap from \$565/month to \$600/month

Estimated Revenues:

Operating Revenues (Fund 1 and 2)	\$3,541,476
Debt Service Revenue (Fund 3)	\$268,962
Capital Projects (Fund 4)	\$26,555
Total	\$3,836,993

Estimated Expenditures:

Operating Expenditures (Fund 1 and 2)	\$3,494,811
Debt Service Expenditures (Fund 3)	\$245,073
Capital Project Expenditures (Fund 4)	\$18,500
Total	\$3,758,384

Overview of Revenues and Expenditures:

2021-2022	Revenue Estimate	Expenditure Estimate	Difference
Overall	\$3,836,993	\$3,758,384	+\$78,609
Operating	\$3,541,476	\$3,494,811	+\$46,665

- June will have final budget to present to the board for adoption.

Respectfully,

Terry