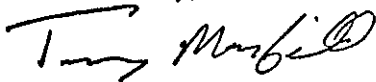


Drexel R-IV Board of Education  
November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Board Meeting – Media Summary

1. The board approved the consent agenda, which included the minutes of the October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 regular meeting, the warrant report, payment of bills, treasurer's report and the petty cash report. The board also approved candidate filing dates. The board candidate filing period for the April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 General Election is from 8 AM on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to 5 PM on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The terms of members Brenda Hadley and Lynn Stark are set to expire. The board declared the district's Mercury Mountaineer and Chevrolet Impala as surplus property. The board also heard administrative reports (attached).
2. Under Old Business the Board:
  - a. Discussed the new school quarantine recommendations announced by Missouri Governor Parson, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. The board made no changes to the district's Entry Plan and will be waiting for further guidance from the Cass County Health Department and the Centers for Disease Control.
3. Under New Business the Board:
  - a. Amended the 2020-2021 School Calendar with the following changes:
    - i. Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> will be an Early Dismissal at 2:00 PM
    - ii. There will be no school on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> – to extend the Thanksgiving Break for the entire week.
    - iii. Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> will be used as a virtual make-up day for students. This day will be used to practice implementing the district's distance learning plan. Details will be announced later.
  - b. The board renewed the district's property and liability insurance with M.U.S.I.C. for 2021. The renewal rate is \$49,589, compared to last year's renewal of \$53,552.
  - c. The board selected Makenna Willard as the district's representative to compete for the Missouri School Boards Association Belcher Scholarship.
4. The board held an executive session, taking the following action:
  - a. Approved adding William Wilson to the substitute teacher list pending a clear background check.
  - b. Approved Riley Kirtley to serve as a long-term substitute paraprofessional.
  - c. Approved Kelly Sims to serve as the Junior High Scholar Bowl Assistant Sponsor.

Submitted by,



Terry Mayfield

Superintendent

Superintendent Report  
November 2020

- Veteran's Day Assembly – this year we will be having a drive through parade for our Veteran's on November 11<sup>th</sup> – they will receive a commemorative hat and a free meal as they drive through.
- Senior Citizen's Thanksgiving meal – this year we will be delivering meals. Orders can be placed through November 20<sup>th</sup> and Student Council will deliver meals on November 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Winter Sports Meet the Team Night was scheduled for November 11<sup>th</sup>, but we will postpone this until the conclusion of football season.
- Drexel will be hosting a high school basketball jamboree on November 18<sup>th</sup> (Drexel, Chilhowee, Hume and Ballard). If football is still playing then most likely our boys will not participate – I believe we only have 4 non-football boys playing basketball.
- There is still much discussion among the WEMO conference AD's and Superintendents regarding the WEMO conference basketball tournaments this year – we are trying to figure out the best way to have the tournaments with keeping player/coach/spectator safety in mind.
  - JH Tournament scheduled for December 7 -12 @ Archie
  - HS Tournament scheduled for December 12 – 19 @ Rich Hill
  - Will provide details as they become available
- COVID Updates through 11/6/20
  - Currently have 1 + case with 23 on quarantine (3 staff and 20 students).
  - Total we have had 1 + case and 32 quarantines
  - If we do see a spike in the number of + cases and begin to have a large number of students/staff on quarantine we may have to consider implementing our AMI-X plan for a short-term closure with distance learning. It is possible that we would only have to shut down the elementary or JH or HS and not all levels – depending on where the issues are. So it may be possible to have the elementary on distance learning and be able to keep the JH and HS face to face or vice-versa. We are not at that point at this time, but it may eventually get there and we are working with our staffs to be prepared for this...this will be the main focus of our PD Day on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Distance Learning for Second Semester – we are working to send out information to our families to declare their intentions for second semester. The initial plan is to set a deadline of December 4<sup>th</sup>. We will also be taking some time to make phone calls to our current distance learners/families about second semester and encourage those who are struggling that perhaps face to face learning would be a better option for their academic success.

- The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education released information from the 2019-2020 school year regarding the Missouri Course Access Program (MOCAP):

	<b>State of Missouri</b>	<b>Drexel R-IV School District</b>
Students Enrolled	1,073	12
Courses Taken	4,912	44
Courses Completed	67%	86%
Courses Passed	59%	68%

- Construction Update – April 2019 Bond Issue
  - Phase I Projects Completed Summer 2019
    - New Roof Coating/Boiler Stack Removed/Roof Access Hatch
    - New HVAC @ elementary and roof top units replaced
    - Construction of new secured entrance
    - New Windows Installed @ elementary
    - New LED lighting retro-fit and building envelope improvements
    - Water damaged brick replaced
    - Sidewalk and Retaining Wall Projects and Electrical Wiring Work
  - Phase II Projects Completed Summer 2020
    - New security camera system
    - New VOIP phone system
    - Track resurfacing
    - Gym floor refinishing/South Gym Improvements
    - Library Media Center renovation
    - New carpet/floor tile
    - Parking lot improvements
    - New exterior lighting
    - New windows installed @ junior high and high school
    - Playground resurfacing

Bond Issue Revenues	\$1,477,121.86
Bond Issues Expenditures to Date	\$1,410,985.89
Final Payment Due to McKinstry	\$56,959.00
Remaining Balance	\$9,176.97

### **K-12 Public Education State Funding Update:**

Were you aware that public education saw an almost \$400 million reduction in funding since March of this year? It's true.

- \$246.6 Million withheld from the Foundation Formula (June and July payment)
- \$78 Million shortfall in the Classroom Trust Fund for FY 20

- \$42 Million shortfall in Prop C funds for FY 20
  - \$15.8 Million withhold for a prior year correction in the FY 20 Supplemental Budget
  - \$14.3 Million withheld from the School Transportation Categorical for FY 20
- = **\$396.7 MILLION** in funding withheld or nonexistent in the last seven months

This \$400 million reduction is on top of the \$200 million deficit in school transportation funding that already existed (i.e., state law requires that public schools be reimbursed for 75% of their allowable transportation costs). Thus, any public funds available for education should be sent to Missouri's public schools for Missouri's public school students.

Please know that some may respond that districts received stimulus money to cover some of these revenue losses. As you know, those funds were for COVID-related expenses and had guidelines for how the money could be spent. This stimulus money is not the same as traditional general revenue funds. Further, because of COVID, it is more expensive to be in school and, thus, stimulus funds are utilized to cover those additional costs.

Happy Thanksgiving – May you and your family be blessed on Thanksgiving and throughout the rest of the year.

Respectfully,

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