

Drexel R-IV School Board of Education
October 19, 2026
Board Meeting – Media Summary

Consent Agenda

The board approved the consent agenda, which included the minutes of the September 21st regular session meeting, payment of bills, utility report, and the MSBA Board Report.

Old Business:

- *The board adopted MSBA 2026B policy and procedure updates.*
- *The board adopted an Advance Paid Leave policy for certified staff*
- *The board approved the proposed budget amendments*
- *The board voted to approve a lease for a vehicle to help accommodate special education transportation*

New Business:

The board approved the following items:

- *Increased the mileage reimbursement from .40 cents a mile to .55 cents a mile.*
- *Increased the monthly ACH origination exposure limit to \$ 200,000.*

The board is currently completing their board refresher training.

The school board filing window will be starting December 15th and will run until January 5th. The board of education members with expiring terms are Brian Faulkner and Jared Jacobs.

The board discussed the Executive Order 26-01 that adds a new A-F grade card to all Missouri public school.

Superintendent Gary French updated the board on facility updates and the HVAC related issues.

Executive Session Summary

Personnel actions were taken during executive session including approval of the teacher/substitute employee list and the following resignations and hires:

Substitute Teacher:

- *Jennifer Squier*

Hires:

- *Mitch Sneed – day custodian*
- *Jenny Wheeler – Head Girls Jr. High Basketball*
- *Lori Reed – Assistant Jr. High Girls Basketball*