

Drexel R-IV Board of Education
October 17, 2022
Board Meeting – Media Summary

1. Board approved the consent agenda which included the minutes of the September 20th regular meeting, the warrant report, payment of bills, treasurer’s report and the petty cash report. There were not updates to the district’s ESSER III or SRCSP plans. Under the consent agenda the board also updated signers on the district’s safe deposit box and gave authorization to Sydney Shipps to complete electronic funds transfers for the district. The board also increased substitute teacher pay to \$100/day.
2. Under Old Business
 - a. The board heard an update on the possibility of adding a school resource officer through the Cass County Sheriff’s Department.
 - b. The board has been discussing the possibility of placing a no-tax increase general obligation bond issue on the April 2023 ballot, but will delay those plans until later, possibly in April of 2024.
3. Under New Business:
 - a. Heard an overview of 2021-2022 professional development activities from the professional development committee and approved the 2022-2023 professional development plan as presented by the committee.
 - b. The board set the November board meeting date for Tuesday, November 22nd at 6:30 PM.
4. The board held an executive session, taking the following action:
 - a. Added Robyn Seba to the substitute teacher list.

Respectfully submitted by,

Terry Mayfield
Superintendent

Superintendent Report
October 2022

- It's hard to believe that the first quarter of school was over on October 14th and we are having parent/teacher conferences on October 24th.
- The fall athletic seasons for junior high and high school teams have concluded or are preparing for district playoffs. The district volleyball tournament will be held at Rich Hill this year. We are anticipating hosting several district football games over the next few weeks. In just a couple of weeks our winter seasons will be getting underway with junior high basketball games starting on October 31st and high school basketball practices beginning on that date as well.
- The district has received a 2022 Youth Literacy Grant from the Dollar General Literacy Grant Foundation. Funding received will support our elementary "Stick to it" reading program. The grant funds, in the amount of \$4,000 will go toward the purchase of instructional materials that will support the elementary school reading program.
- Food Service Updates – During the month of September food service served an average of 134 breakfasts each day, which is nearly 46% of our students – which also includes serving an average of 36 second chance breakfasts each day. During the same month food service served an average of 160 lunches each day, which is nearly 55% of our students. These numbers are very similar to this time last year and are pretty good, considering meals are no longer free for all students this year as they had been the last two years during the COVID pandemic.
- E-Rate Category 2 Funding – we have available \$54,108 in E-Rate grant funds to use over the next three years. These funds can be used to improve our technology equipment and infrastructure for items such as; increasing bandwidth, switches, servers, racks, routers, battery backups, wireless access points, cabling and firewall licensing. I am meeting with our IT provider (Midwest Computech) to complete a walkthrough and to evaluate the current condition of our infrastructure and develop a plan for possible upgrades. We are also in the process of applying for \$86,100 in Emergency Connectivity Funds grant money for the purchase of additional chromebooks.

Respectfully,

Terry Mayfield, Superintendent