

Drexel R-IV Board of Education  
October 16, 2023  
Board Meeting – Media Summary

1. Board approved the consent agenda, which included the minutes of the September 18<sup>th</sup> regular meeting, the warrant report, payment of bills, treasurer's report and the petty cash report. The board also heard administrative reports (attached).
2. Under Old Business:
  - a. Board approved the MSBA 2023C Policy Updates.
3. Under New Business:
  - a. Board heard a recommendation from Brian Faulkner with the Drexel Facilities Planning Committee regarding improvements to the district's facilities.
  - b. Board heard a presentation from high school student, Mikah Mayfield, regarding Academic Lettering requirements.
  - c. Heard an overview of 2022-2023 professional development activities from the professional development committee and approved the 2023-2024 professional development plan as presented by the committee.
  - d. The board selected Riley Richmond to be the district's nomination for the MSBA Belcher Scholarship.
  - e. The board set the November board meeting date for Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.
4. The board held an executive session, taking the following action:
  - a. Approved adding Kelly Sims to the substitute teacher list.
  - b. Approved Josh Gordon as a volunteer junior high assistant girls' basketball coach.
  - c. Approved a stipend for Brian Wood for duties as football athletic trainer.

Respectfully submitted by,



Terry Mayfield  
Superintendent

Superintendent Report  
October 2023

- It's hard to believe that the first quarter of school was over on October 13<sup>th</sup> and we are having parent/teacher conferences on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- 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 Archie this year. District football playoffs will begin at the end of the month. In just a couple of weeks our winter seasons will be getting underway with junior high basketball games starting on October 30<sup>th</sup> and high school basketball practices beginning on that date as well.
- Operations Updates:
  - Facilities/Maintenance
    - HVAC system repairs have been completed.
      - Fan motor replaced on north gym RTU.
      - Circuit board replaced on cafeteria RTU.
      - Freon replaced in several units that were low.
      - Walk in freezer has been repaired.
      - Filters and belts on RTU's are scheduled to be replaced.
    - Power Supply Issue – we've been working with Evergy and our mechanical techs to look into our power supply issues we've been experiencing. The main substation is in Merwin and there are three boosters between Drexel and Merwin. Two of the three boosters are running as they should, the third booster needs some adjustments by Evergy. This impacts anyone in town who is on three-phase power – which there aren't too many in town that this impacts, but the school is one of them.
    - Team members from McKinstry were on-site 9/28/23 to get more detailed numbers and measurements on some of the potential projects for an April 2024 bond issue, they also took core samples of the section of roof that would receive an overlay to see how much moisture might be in the roof to rule out having to replace any sections and that they would be suitable for a TPO overlay.
  - Food Service
    - During the month of September, the food service department served an average of 131 breakfasts each day, which is nearly 48% of our students. During the same month food service served an average of 161 lunches each day, which is nearly 59% of our students. For the month there were 4,969 student meals served, which is nearly 300 meals per day. These numbers are very similar to this time last year. The district's free and reduced lunch rate this year is up to 48%.

- Health Services
  - Cass County Dental was here on 9-22-23 and screenings were performed on students K-12 grades.
  - Vision and hearing screenings are almost complete.
  - The number of office visits for the month of September was 549. Students sent home: 47.
- Transportation
  - First Student has been able to hire a full-time route driver, this person will also be able to drive activity trips for us as well. So, we are still operating with one travel team driver until they can get a second full-time route driver hired for the district.
  - First Student has also hired a new location manager that will be our point of contact.
- Technology
  - The district still has a little over \$22,000 in available E-Rate Category 2 funding. We will be looking to add more wireless access points, battery backup systems and new switches.
  - The district will also be looking to upgrade our current firewall.

➤ Facilities Planning Committee:

- The facilities planning committee has met over the course of this summer and fall to review financing available for a no tax rate increase bond issue for April of 2024. They have also worked to develop a list of potential projects that would be funded by the bond issue. The \$1,950,000 bond issue would be for the purpose of providing funds to implement controls, recondition and replace ductwork within the district's HVAC systems, install security access controls, install new interior and exterior doors and locks, add to exterior lighting, complete roof repairs, resurface parking lots and playground.

➤ Budget/Finance Update – YTD Comparisons – FY24:

YTD Comparison – Thru 9/30/23	Revenues	Expenditures
***YTD This Year Overall (2024)	\$754,956	\$835,089
**YTD This Year Operating (2024)	\$749,704	\$784,053
20-21 Operating Actuals	\$3,811,064	\$3,588,762
21-22 Operating Actuals	\$3,870,691	\$3,675,215
22-23 Operating Actuals	\$4,438,131	\$4,362,784

Source	Budgeted	Received Thru 8/31/23
<b>Local Revenue</b>		
Current Taxes	\$1,372,569	\$15,178
Prop C	\$372,600	\$114,371
Delinquent Taxes	\$136,000	\$10,761
<b>County Revenue</b>		
Assessed Utilities	\$140,000	\$0
<b>State Revenue</b>		
Transportation	\$59,180	\$14,090
Classroom Trust Fund	\$113,854	\$30,661
Small Schools Grant	\$111,408	\$0
Basic Formula	\$1,475,474	\$365,935

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Terry Mayfield, Superintendent