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There will be a few daily schedule adjustments at Dexter High School next fall, due to action approved this week by the Dexter R-11 Board of Education.

The board unanimously approved a proposal presented by DHS Principal Corey Mouser that includes three adjustments:

- Elimination of the Advisory Period
- Increasing each class period approximately two minutes
- Moving from three lunch periods to two.

Advisory Period is a unique 18-minute period at the high school. Students have the same teacher for the period for all four years at the high school.

“We’ve met and think that our minutes can be utilized better by putting them back into the instructional time in each class,” Mouser told the board. The plan is to increase each class to 50 minutes.

Mouser also said that with three lunch shifts at the school the lunch periods overlap. This creates a situation where some classes meet in two parts, with the lunch period sandwiched in between. He said this is a non-stop situation for the cooking staff, for preparation.

“We’ve looked at it and believe we can go to two lunch shifts like the middle school did a couple of years ago and give everyone more time to eat and also have some time between the shifts if they are running low on something,” he said.

Assistant Supt. Dr. Roger Alsup also mentioned that the time between shifts would allow time for cleaning dishes.

The board unanimously approved the revised daily schedule for the high school.

Summer is right around the corner and the board approved a tentative plan for summer school. Under the tentative plan teachers would report for a work day on Friday, June 1 and summer school classes would begin Monday, June 4. The plan calls for:

- Students attend a 20-day summer session from 7:30 a.m until 1 p.m.;
- Summer school would be by “invitation only” for at-risk students in Communication Arts/Math and for students entering kindergarten in the fall of 2013;
- Extended School Year (ESY) for qualifying IEP students on Tuesdays and Thursdays;
- No Driver’s Education program.

Board members approved the tentative plan as presented.

In other action in open session, board members:

- Approved the 2012-1013 school calendar;
- Approved the OPAA! Renewal contract for food service;
- Learned of the recycling project currently underway at Southwest Elementary

The board adjourned the public open session and convened in closed Executive Session. During Executive Session, the board:

- Approved the re-employment of the assistant superintendents, the Southwest Elementary principal, Central Elementary principal, T. S. Hill Middle School principal and assistant principal, and Dexter High School principal;
- Accepted the resignation for next year from Bailey Christian as Dance Team sponsor; Mike Vipperman as the middle school boy's basketball coach; Marc Thrower as middle school wrestling coach; Melissa Whitaker as middle school/high school freshman cheer coach; accepted the resignation of Chuck Powers as high school assistance principal/athletic director at the end of the 2011-2012 school year;
- Accepted the resignation of Kay Rowe as a high school special services aide at the end of the 2011-2012 school year;

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