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Cross Country at Middle School Approved New Asst. Basketball and Asst. Football Coaches Hired Renovations to Football Fieldhouse

Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter School Board along with new superintendent Mitch Wood met for a regularly scheduled board meeting on Tuesday, July 21st.

The Board President announced the meeting to begin with the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Corey Mouser, Herman Morse, Rick Williams, Mitchell Wood, Kevin Bishop, Nancy Mayer, Jim Reiker, Bob Thrower, and Amy James. Not present Mark Nea.

Kevin Bishop, Board President, announced the district will host an opportunity for the community to meet Mr. Mitch Wood, new hired Superintendent of Dexter Public Schools. This event will be hosted by the CTA at the Bearcat Event Center on Monday, August 3rd from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

The Board had tabled for discussion at the last regular meeting the approval of the T.S. Hill Middle School Cross Country program.

"I have spoke to the administration and the middle school and the Cross Country coach and after discussion of this I feel it would benefit the middle school students," commented Superintendent Wood. "We have a coach that is wanting to improve the overall program and I think it's something that is very good and we should look at doing this.

There were a few questions about bus transportation and number of student who were interested. Neither seemed to be an issue. With that no further discussion, a motion was made and it was approved by the Board to have the Cross Country program added to the curriculum at T.S. Hill Middle School.

In new business:

**A. MARE Membership - the Board renewed its membership
with the Missouri Association of Rural Education**

B. 2015-2016 District Goals

The district goals were revised for Board approval.

C. Date and Time for August Tax Rate Hearing

The date for the annual public Tax Rate Hearing was scheduled at 5:50 PM immediately before our next regular Board meeting on August 18, 2015.

D. Set non-resident tuition

The Board approved the 2015-2016 non-resident tuition rate of \$7,100.00, same as previous year.

E. Student Handbooks

The Board approved changes to the 2015-2016 student handbooks as submitted by respective building principals.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Teacher Orientation Meeting and Staff Luncheon -- The Board of Education was invited to attend the general staff meeting on the opening day of teacher workshops on Monday, August 10th in the high school auditorium.

The Board of Education was invited to attend the annual staff luncheon at 11:30 AM on Monday, August 10th in the high school cafeteria.

Our entire staff will be at this luncheon along with a large number of retirees.

B. MSBA Fall Conference –Wednesday, September 24th through the evening of Friday, September 30th @ Tan-Tar-A.

A. School Resource Officer – Mr. Wood discussed hiring a SRO. Since the 2015-16 budget doesn't include this personnel cost it was decided to evaluate this at the conclusion of this year for next year.

B. Dexter Public Schools Foundation Report

Mr. Wood reported that a group called "D" Club had contacted him about doing some renovations to the existing football field house and facilities that included the following: Field House – painting, lockers, ceiling and new water fountains. Facilities – paint existing concession stand and part of the existing chain link fencing. Work will be done during the dead period and should be completed by the start of the 2015-2016 season.

C. Policy Reviews. Board policy BBFA: **Board Member Conflict of Interest and Financial disclosure** and policy INC: **Speakers @ District Events** were presented for possible adoption or revision at the August 18 regular Board meeting.

In executive session the Board:

** accepted the resignation of high school weight lifting teacher asst. football and asst. baseball coach Brice Beck*

** accepted the retirement of Central Elementary kitchen manager Betty G. Bess*

** accepted the resignation of paraprofessional Taylor Miller*

** approved the transfer assignment of Cathy Sturgeon to Central Elementary kitchen manager and Judy Fralick to High School kitchen manager*

** approved the employment of Lucas McKinnis, contingent upon his completion of certification requirements, as a certified teacher for the 2015-2016 school year. His assignment is expected to be social studies and asst. boys basketball coach.*

** approved the employment of paraprofessional Patricia Mason for 2015-2016 school year*

** approved the employment of paraprofessional Alanna Emmons for 2015-2016 school year*

** approved the employment of paraprofessional Melissa Raley for 2015-2016 school year*

** approved the employment of paraprofessional Tonya Whitehead for 2015-2016 school year*

** approved the employment of paraprofessional / asst. football coach Daniel McCoy for 2015-2016 school year*

** approved a list of potential substitute teachers*

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