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Dexter Public School Board Meeting Minutes

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Dexter Public School Board Meeting Minutes

Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter School Board along with superintendent Mitch Wood met for a scheduled board meeting on Thursday, October 29, 2015.

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

New Business

- A. *The Board approved the A+ report as presented by High School Counselors Judy Patterson and Jennifer Miller.*
- B. *The Board approve revisions to the 2015-16 Assessment Plan as presented by Curriculum Director Michele Williams.*
- C. *The Board approved Special Services Director Amy James as Foster Care Coordinator; Homeless Coordinator; 504 Coordinator; Surrogate Parent Coordinator; Federal Programs Director; and Compliance Coordinator of Policy AC (which prohibits discrimination, harassment, and retaliation).*
- D. *The Board approved the Superintendent as Title IX Coordinator.*

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mrs. Williams discussed the District Annual Performance Report (APR).

Mr. Wood discussed MSBA Policies GBEA, BBB, BBBA, BBC, BHA, BHD, DGA, DLC, DLCA, JFH, KL, ACAE, and MCE policy 2115.

A nurse's report was submitted by high school nurse Linda Milam.

High School Principal Dan Pollock was asked to gather information on National Honor Society and compare it to Dexter Honor Society which the school currently offers. After discussion the board asked Mr. Pollock to gather more information from his faculty and staff for further discussion at the November or December Board meeting.

Administration from Southwest Elementary, Central Elementary, Middle School and High School gave reports on attendance and things going on in their buildings.

In closed session

The Board approved the following additions to the Substitute Teacher list: Whitney Bramlett, Eric Callahan, Lindsey Callahan, Brooke Stoker, Summer Griffin, Mandi Wood and Jeremy Granger.

The Board accepted the resignation of Southwest Elementary custodian Justin Berry, effective immediately.

The Board accepted the resignation of Central Elementary 5th Grade teacher Gale D. Slinkard, effective immediately.

The Board accepted the resignation of High School English teacher Carla Bradley, effective at the end of the 2015-16 school year.

The Board accepted retirement notice of Central Office Secretary Peggy Currie.

The Board accepted retirement notices from Southwest Elementary teacher Debbie Thrower; from Central Elementary Art teacher June Lawrence; from Middle School Family and Consumer Science teacher Shari Stickles; Social Studies teacher Sherry A. Chance and 8th Grade teacher John Stevens, effective at the end of the 2015-16 school year.

The board voted to employ Martin Fortenberry as high school Industrial Arts teacher.

The board voted to employ Whitney Bramlett as Central Elementary teacher beginning Jan. 4, 2016.

The board voted to employ Emily Lucy as Special Services Aide.

The board discussed a formal complaint that was filed with the school. Mr. Wood informed the Board the matter has been turned over to the schools liability insurance carrier MUSIC.

The board discussed the option of contracting out custodial services. Mr. Wood and Mr. Mouser explained the difficulties the district is having finding enough applicants to fill these jobs. Mr. Wood explained the contracted service would not cost the district more monies and would provide them with enough manpower to have a clean environment for the students and staff. The district will post a RFP immediately so that bids can be taken with their goal being implementing services second semester.

The board discussed the district options of baseball and softball facilities.

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DHS Volleyball Team Donates Money to 18FORELife

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Dexter, Missouri - Julia Hahn and Brittany Brown, captains of the 2015 Lady Cats volleyball team presented a check in the amount of \$5,500 to Scott Kruse, founder of 18 ForeLife.

The money was raised during the team's annual Hits for Hope volleyball game on October 1st, 2015.

Julia, Brittany and Kendall Adams are senior members of the team and were a part of the very first Hits for Hope game in Dexter. They helped organize and participated in that first event when they were in the 7th grade.

When asked what they like most about participating in Hits for Hope.

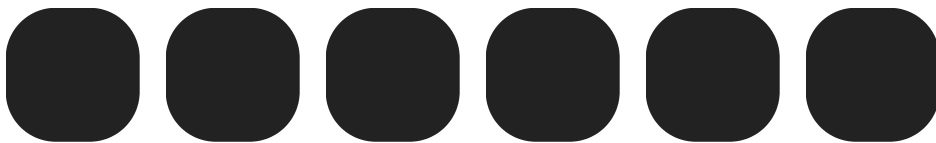
"I love playing the game," commented Julia Hahn. "I always play in honor of Patty May. On a few occasions, myself and some teammates got to deliver love offerings to someone fighting cancer. We didn't know them. They didn't expect it. The appreciation they expressed made a huge impact on me. I'll never forget that."

"The whole week leading up to the Hits for Hope game is amazing," stated Brittany Brown. "We do so much more than just play the game to help raise money. The event also raises awareness of Breast Cancer. I have loved being a part of it. It is something I will miss since I am graduating."

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Southwest Baptist University Presented The Chorale

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Dexter, Missouri - Members of the Southwest Baptist University Department of Music presented "The Chorale" under the direction of James R. Tarrant, conductor, at Dexter Senior High School last week.

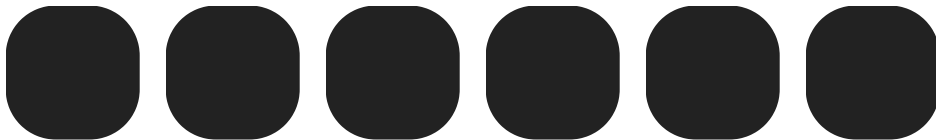
The group is currently on tour throughout Missouri. Dexter was their second stop on a seven- city tour that includes Poplar Bluff, Willow Springs, and Springfield.

The Chorale performed for on stage in the Dexter High School Auditorium for faculty, staff, and student.

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter High School Student Council will once again host the Trunk or Treat at the high school on Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

If no rain it will be held in the Dexter High School parking lot, if rain, they will move the Trunk or Treat indoors. There's a chance of rain so just get dressed up and come out and get some candy. The STUCO students have been working hard on their costumes and collecting candy!

Children from preschool through 5th grade are invited to attend.

Added note: City of Dexter trick or treating will be allowed in the city on Saturday night from 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. according to City Administrator Mark Stidham.

Have a SAFE and HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!!!!

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Dexter, Missouri - It's a "big bright beautiful world" for everyone's favorite ogre in ***Shrek The Musical JR.***, based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks Animation film. Nasty will be nice and Dexter will be ogre-the-moon when Dexter High School students present their production of ***Shrek The Musical JR*** beginning November 19, 2015, it was announced on by Freddie Gershon, CEO of Music Theatre International (MTI).

The family-friendly musical comedy follows the adventures of an ogre named Shrek who sets off on a quest to save a princess from a dragon. However, it turns out that in order to ultimately succeed, Shrek must battle an even bigger obstacle: learning how to believe in himself and open his heart to others.

"Shrek's unique story of discovery encourages each of us to examine our prejudices, review what we believe to be our limitations and work to better understand ourselves and others. The actors and crew in this production have embarked on a similar journey, as students and teachers with many different interests have learned more about themselves and each other while collaborating towards the common goal of presenting this musical," says Gershon.

Dexter High School will present *Shrek The Musical JR* on November 19th and 20th at 7:00 p.m. and November 21st at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Dexter High School Auditorium.

Shrek The Musical JR follows an ogre named Shrek who has learned the hard way that "people hate the things they cannot understand." For many years he

has protected himself from the hurtful actions of those who are scared of him by living as a recluse in a cozy cesspit. One day, his peaceful swamp is disturbed by new tenants: fairytale misfits – including Pinocchio, the Ugly duckling, the Wicket Witch, Peter Pan, the Three Little Pigs, and the Big Bad Wolf – have been banished there by the villainous Lord Farquaad. In order to gain back his land, Shrek makes a deal with Farquaad to rescue the feisty princess Fiona from a tower guarded by a fierce dragon. Setting off with his faithful companion, Donkey, Shrek begins the journey of a lifetime filled with adventure, romance, and hilarity.

Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students and may be purchased at the door. For more information, please email Jamie Sepulvado at jamie2@dexter.k12.mo.us or Julie Rybolt at jrybolt@dexter.k12.mo.us.

Shrek The Musical JR is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). They are one of the world's leading theatrical licensing agencies, granting schools as well as amateur and professional theaters from around the world the rights to perform the largest selection of great musicals from Broadway and beyond.

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