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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter School Board along with superintendent Mitch Wood met for a scheduled board meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 2015.

The Board President, Kevin Bishop, announced the meeting to begin, all members were present except for Herman Morse, and the MS Beta Club lead in the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Miss. Irene Huang, State Beta Club President gave a brief speech thanking them for their continued support and shared some of her experiences over the past year as she had served as president.

- 4. <u>Consent Agenda</u> The (Amended) Consent Agenda was approved: the minutes of the November 17 meeting; the payment of bills, and a budget amendment. Motion carried 6-0.
- 5. Public Comments

CTA – CTA representative – Mrs. Simmons

Requests to address Board -- none

Correspondence – A thank you note was received from Cathy Sturgeon

Recognition of Guests – Mr. Wood recognized the MS Beta Club and told them how proud he was of how they represented the school and community.

- 6. Old Business
- A. The Board approved MSBA Policies DL, GBCB and KKB that were discussed during the November meeting. Motion carried 6-0
- 7. New Business
- A. The Board approved transfers from Fund One to Fund Two to eliminate any negative balances in Fund Two. Motion carried 6-0.
- B. The Board approved the policy agreement with MSBA. Motion carried 6-0.
- C. The Board approved a lease with the City of Dexter for the District to use the City's Baseball field located in Dexter East Park for practices and games. The City and School District have agreed to do some upgrades to the field and split the cost with the City paying 60% and the District paying 40%. Improvements include: grass infield, new dug outs, brick/block façade with netting back stop, revamping bull pens, replacing some fencing and concrete pads around the seating area. Motion carried 6-0
- D. The Board approved a resolution honoring Mrs. Peggy Currie who will be retiring on Dec. 18, 2015. Motion carried 6-0
- E. The Board elected Nancy Mayer as the new Board Treasurer with the retirement of Peggy Currie. Motion carried 6-0
- 8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

General Municipal Election Day -- April 5, 2015. Two candidates have registered to-date: Ron Glaus and Nancy Mayer.

- A. Staff Appreciation Breakfast Friday, November 20
- **B.** 1st draft of the 2016-2017 school calendar. After meeting with the CTA, this will be brought to the January Board meeting for approval.
- **C.** Policy / Procedure Amendment Dr. Williams, Curriculum Director, discussed changing policy IKF to allow students to fulfill one unit of academic credit with district-approved career and technical education courses for any English language arts, mathematics, science, or social studies unit required for high school graduation in any combination up to fulfilling one requirement in each of the four subject areas. This will be brought to the January Board meeting for approval.
- D. National Honor Society Mr. Pollock discussed having National Honor Society instead of the existing Dexter Honor Society. He stated that he felt this was a good move for the school district. Mr. Wood stated National Honor Society is more meaningful and students will have more scholarships available. This will be brought to the January Board meeting for approval.
- E. High School Beta Club Mr. Pollock discussed the highlights of having a Sr. Beta Club and stated he feels this would enhance Dexter High School and should strongly be considered for implementation. Mr. Wood also stated that Sr. Beta seems to be a natural progression with next years' graduating class being the class that started MS Beta which has far exceeded the districts expectations. This will be brought to the January Board meeting for approval.
- **F.** Mr. Wood reported the HS auditorium side and rear curtains have been ordered and the front Curtain will be professionally cleaned over Christmas Break.
- **G.** The board approved L.J. Hart and Company to be the municipal bond underwriter. Motion carried 6-0
- **H.** Mr. Wood gave an update on the football field Portico. He also discussed that a few city business men were discussing with Daktronics

the possibility of a new Football scoreboard. The company will be sending out post cards to various businesses in the near future to see if the interest is there for making a 5-7 year advertisement agreement to sponsor the cost of the board. Mr. Wood stated this is the company that has done the exact same thing in nearby cities of Sikeston and Poplar Bluff.

- I. Nurse's Report. The monthly caseload was submitted by the high school nurse Linda Milam.
- J. Principal's Report Building administrators from Southwest, Central, Middle School and High School gave a report on happenings in their building.

In closed session:

The Board approved the following additions to the Substitute Teacher list:

Brandi Meese, Sydney Graves, Maddison Baker, Sarah Ballance

The Board accepted the retirement notice effective at the end of the 2015 -2016 school year from Shannon Putnam, first grade teacher at SW Elementary School.

The Board accepted the resignation notice effective Dec. 17, 2015 from Sylvia Razor, bus aide.

The Board hired Tammy Mallard as a bus aide. She is currently a part time bus aide for the district.

The Board approve the transfer of kindergarten teacher Angela Pope to replace Debbie Thrower as title teacher for the 2016-2017 school year.

Evaluations of fall coaches in the MS and HS were discussed with the board.

The Superintendents evaluation was given to the board which will be discussed during the January meeting.

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