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Dexter School Board Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, January 19, 2016

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Dexter, Missouri - The Board of Education held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2016. Below are the minutes, resignations, and new hires for Dexter Public Schools.

In Old Business they approved the 2016-2017 School Calendar as presented. They approved the addition of National Honor Society to replace the existing Dexter Honor Society in the high school beginning with the 2016-2017 school year and they approved the addition of Beta Club in the high school for the 2016-2017 school year.

In New Business they approved Mrs. Amy James as a Wellness Coordinator and approved the Professional Development Plan.

Under Discussion Items:

A. School Board Recognition Week is January 24-30. Board members received a certificate of appreciation from Missouri School Board Association.

B. Nurse's Report - High school nurse Linda Milam provided an informational report.

C. Mr. Wood gave a Budget Update – Mr. Wood stated this year's expenditures are running slightly lower than budgeted and the revenue is in line with this year's budget. Mr. Wood stated the district is now receiving monies on ADA from 2013-14 school year of 2059 students but next year that will drop to approximately 2020 ADA due to the fact you can only use two previous years of data for state aid. This will be a decrease of 39 students which equates to \$245,000 less

monies for the district if fully funded. The district is taking a hard look at job openings created by staff retiring or resigning and making sure they can't be absorbed before filling the vacancy. He explained he'll have different plans over the next few months for the board to look at on possible ways to lower expenditures or increase the revenue. He ended by saying "We're not at the point of panic, but if we continue down this road with no changes it's not a good path to be on."

D. Facility Update – According to long term planning the building A

and C roofs on Southwest Elementary are scheduled to be replaced. A Request for Proposal will be put out for the job and the board will decide if they want to accept the bid. Mr. Wood stated the roofs aren't leaking but this is a preventive measure on roofs that are 25 years old.

The Football Portico has been completed and looks very nice. At this time we have (10) Level 1 sponsors (9) Level 2 sponsors (6) Level 3 sponsors and (14) Level 4 sponsors for a total of \$30,450 pledged. We're hopeful to get the pavers / stones that are bought before summer put into place before the first football game next season.

Not a lot is happening at the Park with the baseball field, weather is going to determine what gets done for this season. We have concrete and block people on standby to get the dug outs built and ground crew to shape up dirt when/if weather permits.

Also, there is a meeting to discuss the possibility of a new HS football scoreboard that will be self-funded by businesses in town if they choose to do so. This will be a 7 year commitment for advertisement. This meeting will take place next Tuesday the 26th @ 4:30 in the Auditorium.

*E. Mr. Mouser gave an update on the ABBCO custodial services that **was contracted by the district in December. For the first time in a while we're fully staffed, it's like most new services, we're seeing some things that need changed and at this time ABBCO is doing a good job of doing what's been asked of them.***

*F. Chamber of Commerce Event – Saturday, January 30 @ 6:00 pm. **This is held at the Elks Lodge. The social hour is from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The district will have an Educator of the Year recipient at this event.***

*G. Board Elections – The last day to sign up for Board member election **was January 19. We had four signed up for two spots available, incumbents Nancy Mayer, Herman Morse and candidates Ron Glaus and Cindy Bowman.***

*H. Policy IKF- The Board discussed last meeting changing Policy IKF to **allow substitution of up to four credits earned from a district-approved agriculture or career and technical education courses for credit in the core subject areas of English***

Language Arts, Mathematics, Science or Social Studies. MSBA will include this in their February updates. The administration and counselors are aware that we will have this in place for the 2016-17 school year.

*I. Building Administrators gave a report on happenings in their **building**.*

In closed session:

Approved 6 Additions to the Substitute Teacher List:

Sarah Balance Brittany Becker Emily Cook

Willa Fees Kristy Howell Sarah Slavings

Accepted resignation from Central Elementary Title 1 Teacher Saren Demaree effective at the end of the 2015-16 school year.

Accept resignation from HS Teacher / Foot Ball Coach Justin Peden effective at the end of the 2015-16 school year.

Approved District Transfer Request for the 2016-17 school year.

MS Reading teacher Jeannie Cato to MS English teacher.

MS Music / Art teacher Melissa Whitaker to Central Elementary Music.

Central Elementary Music teacher Delisa Sitze to MS Music teacher.

Approve Employment for the 2016-17 school year.

Hannah Stickles MS Social Studies.

Bittney Watkins MS FACS.

Approved Employment - Extended the current three year contract through the year 2018-19 for Superintendent Mitchell D. Wood.

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