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Dexter School Board Meeting Minutes - September 19, 2016

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Public School Board Meeting was held on September 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Below are the minutes from that meeting.

Old Business

2015–2016 ASBR

The Board approved the 2015-2016 Annual Secretary Board Report as presented by Mr. Wood and Board Secretary Laura Miller.

MSBA Policy 2016B Update

The Board approved the MSBA Policy 2016b updates as presented with changes by Mr. Wood

New Business

Audit Report

The Board approved the 2015-2016 Audit as presented by Nick Steimle the representative from Begley, Young, Unterreiner & White, LLC.

Audit Bid

The Board approved Dirnberger, Hopper and Associates to perform the school audit for a three year period starting with 2016-2017.

Annual Administrative Duties

The Board approved the Annual Administrative Duties as presented by Mr. Wood.

Discussion Items

Board Policies

The Board discussed using MCE (Missouri Consultants Education) policies instead of the current MSBA policies that are in place.

Long Range Plans

The Board looked at the facility needs as presented by the building principals'. They will meet on October 13th @ 6pm at the Board Office to discuss these needs and determine if financially feasible.

Professional Development

Dr. Williams presented information on upcoming professional development days the district has planned.

IDEA Annual Determination Rating

Mrs. James presented the IDEA Annual Determination which received a rating of 4, which is the highest rating available.

Summer School Report

Mrs. Duncan presented the 2016 summer school report.

Old Football Scoreboard

The Board discussed the disposal of the old football scoreboard. The decision was made to ask the city / park department if they had a need for it and if not then a plan would be put in place to offer it to the public.

Nurse's Report

A report was viewed that was prepared by HS Nurse Linda Milam.

Principal's Report

An administrator from each building gave a report on happenings in their building.

In Executive Session

The Board approved the following people for addition to the substitute teacher list:

Barbara Duckworth, Jessie Wyrick, Audra Placher
Abigail Copenbarger, Morgan Cliff.

The Board approved the hiring of paraprofessional Jenifer Ritchie.

The Board approved the hiring of Southwest Elementary secretary Angelia Foster.

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Middle School Adds First Dedicated STEM Course

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - A new STEM class that has been added to the Poplar Bluff Middle School curriculum is quickly gaining popularity among students.

“My daughter came home talking about this. She loves this class,” exclaimed Mary Arnold, the mother of fourth grader Chloe, on the Middle School Facebook page. Trina Weldon of the fifth grade commented: “My favorite class ever.”

The enrichment class—which combines science, technology, engineering and mathematics—was one of the driving forces behind the buildings plan that has added 40,000 square feet to the relocated campus. Taught by Keri Jameson and Cody Young, STEM takes the place of computer lab since Google Chromebook carts are being made available in all classrooms of the upper elementary school.

“Hands on, minds on,” explained Young, a fifth year teacher. “It’s how kids learn.”

When Jameson began teaching in 2009—METS—a reversal of the acronym, was the buzzword in education, she recalled. In an effort to prepare the students for a modern-day work environment, Jameson—much like Young—has always tried to apply project-based learning in her classroom lessons.

Now with a dedicated class, the pair of educators are delighted to be able to introduce tools such as Spheros, iPads, and 3-D scanners and printers, plus Lego and circuit board stations to teach critical thinking. “This is the best job I have ever had,” Jameson stated. “It’s the last teaching job I’ll have.”

Having focused solely on science in previous years, Young and Jameson spent the summer planning their new interdisciplinary activities. Just weeks into the school year, they are already inspiring more STEM action throughout the district.

At Eugene Field, elementary school educators are in the planning stages of converting their vacated art room in the older part of campus into a STEM lab, according to Principal Jennifer Taylor.

Upon completing over 50 pages of research, Ashley Woolard, a Junior High science teacher, received her certification through the National Institute for STEM Education earlier this month. She too is planning to introduce “whole brain teaching” into her curriculum, she said.

Shown in the photo are teachers Keri Jameson and Cody Young are the district’s first dedicated STEM teachers.

Photo and article submitted by Tim Krakowiak, Communications/Marketing Director,

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Elks Lodge Donates Back-to-School Supplies

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - The Elks Lodge recently donated \$2,500 to the Middle School for the purchase of supplies including backpacks, Trapper Keepers and pencil cases for students in need.

The bulk of the funds were awarded through the Community Investments Program of the Elks National Foundation and Poplar Bluff Lodge No. 2452 contributed the rest, according to Mac Campbell, past exalted ruler.

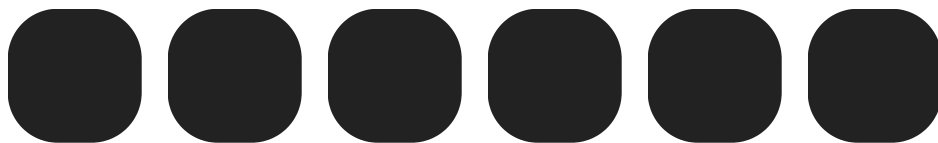
Shown in the photos are: Middle School counselor Julie Withrow; IEP facilitator Cindy McIver; students Travis Vaughn, James Wilder, Xaviese Jackson, Brooke Montgomery, Jamaya Hamilton, Carmelo Perkins and Kathryn Montgomery; and Elks Debbie and Mac Campbell.

Photo and article submitted by Tim Krakowiak, Communications/Marketing Director, Poplar Bluff R-I School District

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Stoddard & Bollinger County Schools
PUBLIC CHILD FIND NOTICE

All responsible public agencies are required to locate, evaluate, and identify children with disabilities who are under the jurisdiction of the agency, regardless of the severity of the disability, including children attending private schools, children who live outside the district but are attending a private school within the district, highly mobile children, such as migrant and homeless children, children who are wards of the state, and children who are suspected of having a disability and in need of special education even though they are advancing from grade to grade.

The public school districts listed assure that it will provide a free, appropriate public education (FAPE) to all eligible children with disabilities between the ages of 3 and 21 under its jurisdiction. Disabilities include autism, deaf/blindness, emotional disorders, hearing impairment and deafness, intellectual disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairments, specific learning disabilities, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, visual impairment/blindness and young child with a developmental delay.

The public school districts listed assure that it will provide information and referral services necessary to assist the State in the implementation of early intervention services for infants and toddlers eligible for the Missouri First Steps program. The public school districts listed assure that personally identifiable information collected, used, or maintained by the agency for the purposes of identification, evaluation, placement or provision of FAPE of children with disabilities may be inspected and/or reviewed by their parents/guardians.

Parents/guardians may request amendment to the educational record if the parent/guardian believes the record is inaccurate, misleading, or violates the privacy or other rights of their child. Parents have the right to file complaints with the U.S. Department of Education or the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education concerning alleged failures by the district to meet the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The public school districts listed have developed a Local Compliance Plan for the implementation of State Regulations for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This plan contains the agency's policies and procedures regarding storage, disclosure to third parties, retention and destruction of personally identifiable information and the agency's assurances that services are provided in compliance with the General Education Provision Act (GEPA).

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504 PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public School Districts listed, as a recipient of federal financial assistance from the United States Department of Education and operates a public elementary or secondary education program and/or activity, is required to undertake to identify and locate every qualified person residing in the District who is not receiving a public education; and take appropriate steps to notify disabled persons and their parents or guardians of the District's duty.

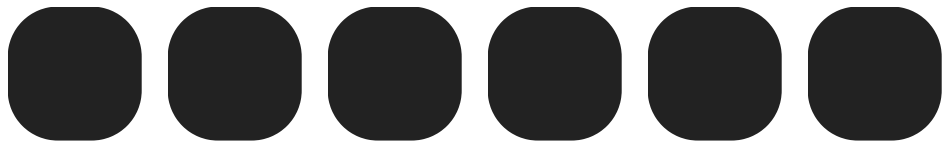
These Public School Districts assure that they will provide a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to each qualified disabled person in the District's jurisdiction regardless of the nature or severity of the person's disability. For purposes of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the provision of an appropriate education is the provision of regular or special and related aids and services that (i) are designed to meet individual educational needs of disabled persons as adequately as the needs of nondisabled persons are met and (ii) are based on adherence to procedures that satisfy the requirements of the 504 federal regulations. These Public School Districts have developed a 504 Procedures Manual for the implementation of federal regulations for Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Subpart D.

These plans may be reviewed at the administrative offices of the following school districts during office hours:

Advance R-IV	19805 State Hwy C, Advance, MO
Bell City R-II	25254 Walnut Street, Bell City, MO
Bernie R-XIII	516 West Main Street, Bernie, MO
Bloomfield R-XIV	505 Court Street, Bloomfield, MO
Dexter R-XI	1031 Brown Pilot Lane, Dexter, MO
Leopold R-III	100 Main Street, Leopold, MO
Meadow Heights R-II	Route 1 Box 2365, Patton, MO
Puxico R-VIII	481 Bedford Street, Puxico, MO
Richland R-I	24456 State Hwy 114, Essex, MO
Woodland R-IV	Route 5, Box 3210, Marble Hill, MO
Zalma R-V	HC 02 Box 184, Zalma, MO

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3rd Annual Bloomfield Wildcat Alumni Golf Tournament

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Bloomfield, Missouri - The 3rd Annual Bloomfield Wildcat R-14 Foundation Alumni Golf Tournament is set for Saturday, October 8, 2016 with a Shotgun start at 10:00 a.m. at the Crowley Ridge Country Club in Bloomfield.

The 4-person scramble golf tournament is open to everyone and you do NOT have to be an Alumni to play! The proceeds will go towards funding projects sponsored by the Foundation.

The most recent project funded by the Foundation was the installation of sound panels in the gym. The Foundation also awards the Tommy C. Coggins, Jr. Scholarship each year.

Lunch will be served on the course. Cost is \$50 per person or \$200 per team. Includes 18 holes of golf and lunch.

Hole Sponsorships are also available. Please contact Bill Aslin, Marla Swindell, or Toni Hill.

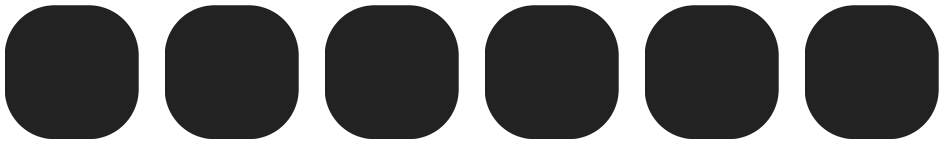
Mail your entry fee to Bloomfield R-14 Foundation for Education, 505 Court Street, Bloomfield, Missouri 63825.

Please help support this organization and come out and play!

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