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Dexter School Board Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, April 18, 2017

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Dexter, Missouri - The Board of Education met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2017. Recently elected board members took the office: Kevin Bishop, Benjamin Worley, Yewell “Bud” Lawrence

1,2,3. Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge The Board President announced the meeting is to begin, ascertains the attendance status of all board members with everyone being present, and leads in the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda was approved.

5. Board Reorganization

Approve certified election results

Dissolve existing Board in order to reorganize

Oath of Office – Kevin Bishop, Benjamin Worley, Yewell “Bud” Lawrence

Mrs. James convenes new Board of Education and oversees election of Board President who then presided over election of

Vice-President, board secretary, and board treasurer

Board President calls new Board of Education to order

Rick Williams was elected Board President, Herman Morse was elected Vice-President, Nancy Mayer was elected as Board Treasure, and Laura Miller was

elected as Board Secretary.

6. Public Comments: Mr. Bennett-CTA Advisory Representative, shared important information about campus activities and recognitions.

7. Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

7. New Business:

A. The board approved the Missouri School Board Membership for the 2017-2018 school year at a cost of \$7631.

B. Dr. Williams spoke with the board about the Social Studies Committee recommendations for textbook purchases for the 2017-2018 school year. The board approved the purchase of the textbooks at a cost of \$213, 869. 29. Dr. Williams indicated, social studies textbooks had not been purchased for over 10 years.

C. The board approved the employee list for summer school 2017.

D. The board approved resolutions for our retirees. These resolutions will be presented during the retirement tea on May 4th at 4:00 in the BEC foyer. Our retirees include; Melanie Stoelting, Dee Wamble, Teresa Elfrink, Linda Hill, Michele Kirkley, Rhonda Lane, Regina Mick, Jennifer Miller, Judy Patterson, Elizabeth Spratt, Loretta Morrow, and Derek Urhahn.

E. The date for the May board meeting was set for May 16th at 6:00 p.m.

8. Discussion Items:

A. Dr. Williams spoke with the board in regards to high school course and schedule changes for the 2017-2018 school year.

The monthly report from High School Nurse, Linda Milam was presented to the board.

The building principals or assistants were present and shared a monthly report of happenings in their buildings.

In Closed Session:

1. The board accepted a resignation from Mr. Zac Moore as Freshman and JV Basketball

Coach.

2. The board accepted a resignation from Ms. Shena Benton as a Special Services Aide in the SW building.
3. The board approved the following additions to the substitute teacher list: Jeremy Granger-Substitute Bus Driver.
4. The board employed Shena Benton as a Parent Educator for the 2017-2018 school year.
5. The board employed Amy Pixley as a 5th Grade Teacher for the 2017-2018 school year.
6. The board employed Kristopher Chamberlain for a Jr. High Football Assistant Coach for the 2017-2018 school year.
7. The board employed Jordan Noyes for a HS Boys Assistant Basketball Coach for the 2017-2018 school year.
8. The board employed Jenni Dewitt for a HS Girls Tennis Coach for the 2017-2018 school year.
9. The classified staff members were rehired for the 2017-2018 School year.
10. The coaches and sponsor were rehired for the 2017-2018 school year.
11. The board approved steps on the salary schedule for certified staff for the 2017-2018 school year.
12. The board approved a 2% increase in salaries for the classified staff for the 2017-2018 school year.

Items presented to the board for informational purposes for future meetings or for discussion include:

Updates on the insurance claim for HS Band and Choir Rooms.

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Searcy, Arkansas - Kendra Stevenson, a 2014 Dexter High School graduate and now attending Harding University, traveled to Chicago on April 6th - 9th as part of requirements for a world religions class.

Stevenson, who is a public relations major, was among 90 students to participate in the trip designed to enlighten students about people and practices of major living religious traditions.

On Friday, April 7th, students visited the Baha'I House of Prayer, the Hindu Temple Balaji, Islamic Foundation Mosque, and the Sikh Religious Society.

At each location students were met with tour guides, panel discussions, or social interactions like the traditional Sikh "langar" dinner.

On Saturday, April 8th, students attended Shabbat service at KAM Isaiah Israel Congregations and met with Buddhists at Soka Gakkai International.

Harding University is a private Christian university located in Searcy, Arkansas. Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. It is the largest private university in the state.

Stevenson is the daughter of Kay Stevenson of Dexter and Keith Stevenson.

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Southwest Elementary Raises Money for Relay for Life

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Dexter, Missouri - First grade students at Southwest Elementary in Dexter duct taped teacher Carrie Haynes to the wall as a fundraiser for the school Relay for Life team. (Shown in the photo).

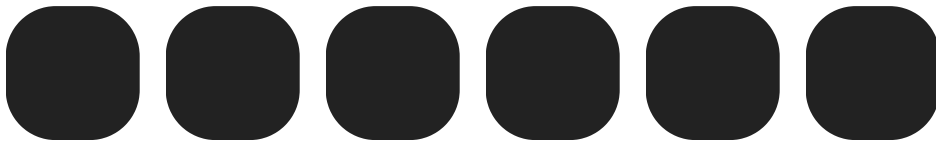
Second grade students taped teacher Amber Duley to the wall and kindergarten students taped teacher Felicia Powers to the wall.

In all the school raised \$900 for Stoddard County Relay for Life.

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Congressman Jason Smith to Recognize U.S. Naval Academy Appointment

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Dexter, Missouri - Congressman Jason Smith will be at Dexter High School on Friday, April 21st to recognize senior Reagan Miller's appointment to the United States Naval Academy.

The Naval Academy prepares young men and women to become professional officers in the U.S. Navy. While attending the academy, midshipmen are on active duty in the U.S. Navy. Upon graduation, they are commissioned as an Ensign in the Navy or Second Lieutenants in the Marine Corps.

“Reagan has the desire to serve and to be part of something bigger than herself,” said Congressman Smith. “Because of that spirit, I know Reagan is going to be an excellent midshipman at the U.S. Naval Academy. It was my honor to nominate her. Reagan will serve our country well and make Missouri proud.”

After completing the presentation, Congressman Smith will be available for questions from members of the press. If you are interested in attending, please email maggie.starks@mail.house.gov.

WHO: Congressman Jason Smith

WHAT: U.S. Naval Academy Appointment

WHEN: Friday, April 21, 2017, 9:30 to 10 a.m.

WHERE: Dexter High School, 1101 W Grant Street, Dexter, MO 63841

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Dexter, Missouri - The Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO) held a Book Fair in late January into early February at T.S. Hill Middle School.

Suzanne Collier presented Kay Stevenson, DMS Librarian, a check for the library fund.

Southwest, Central, and the Middle School each received a little over \$1,700 each from the proceeds at the Book Fair.

"We greatly appreciate the community and it is good to see where their money goes when they invest in fundraisers at the schools," commented Collier.

Pictured are (left) Suzanne Collier presenting check to (right) Kay Stevenson.

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