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## Dexter School Board Meets in Closed Session

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter School Board met in Closed Session this week. Below are the minutes released by Amy James, Interim Superintendent and Director of Special Services

In Closed Session:

1. The board accepted the resignation of the following:

Michele Cannon, MS Building Aide

2. The board employed the following; pending favorable background checks (if applicable):

Eric Boles-HS Boys Tennis

Brad Hann-Bus Mechanic

Shelly Culp-Business Teacher

Tamara Mallard-Special Services Aide

Cody Boyer-Special Services Aide

Brooke Walker-Special Services Aide

## Angie Seabaugh-Special Services Aide

3. The board approved the following internal transfers for the 2017-2018 school year:

Transfer of Christin Stone to 3-8 ACE

Transfer of Rebekah McGhee to K-2 special services aide

4. Discussion of administrative personnel.

5. Discussion of internal candidates for HS Principal position

Motion to approve Alana Dowdy as HS Principal for 2017-2018

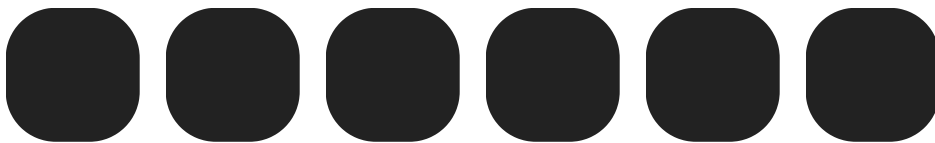
Items presented to the board for informational purposes for future meetings or for discussion include:

None at this time

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# Dexter Summer School Upcoming Events

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## Dexter Summer School Upcoming Events

Dexter, Missouri - There are several events taking place over the next couple of weeks that summer school students will have the opportunity to participate in during school hours.

On Tuesday, June 6th the PTO will host a Scholastic Book Fair with a Buy 1 Get 1 Free and is open to the public from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Southwest Elementary Gym.

On Wednesday, June 7th students who have completed 80% attendance and returned a signed permission form will travel to the Dexter Aquatic Center to swim.

On Friday, June 9th and Tuesday, June 13th there will be a Wildlife Conservation Presentation. Central and Middle School Students will participate on June 9th while the Southwest Elementary students participate on June 13th.

On Friday, June 16th KONA ICE will visit students. Make sure each student brings \$3.00 for their yummy treats.

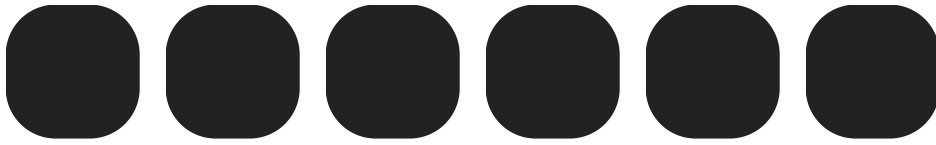
On the last day of Summer School, June 20th the students who have 80% attendance and have returned their signed permission slip will have a swim party.

There are weekly drawings for attendance prizes for FREE Kids Meals from Sonic, Pool passes to Dexter Aquatic Center and Kona Ice Coupons on upgrades to refillable cups. Don't miss school!!!!

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## PTO Scholastic Book Fair on Tuesday

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### PTO Scholastic Book Fair on Tuesday

Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Parent Teachers Organization (PTO) will host a Scholastic Book Fair at Southwest Elementary in Dexter on Tuesday, June 6, 2017

This event will be held from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

It's a great way to stock up on series packs and all kinds of books for summer reading. You can even get a bargain early for Christmas! They have books for pre-k through 6th grade.

It's a Buy One, Get One Free book fair! Open to the public and free to browse for your favorite author or book.

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## Positive Office Referral Awards Presented

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### Positive Office Referral Awards Presented

**Dexter, Missouri** - Southwest Elementary honors students with Positive Office Referral certificates.

This award is presented to students who consistently show the 3R's RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, and READY TO LEARN at Southwest Elementary in Dexter.

Each student received a certificate and a FREE Taco from Taco Bell.

BACK ROW: Annslee Ackman, Gracie Edwards, Kylie Kimbrel, Adeline Wunderlich, Alyssa Moore, Lily Bryant

FRONT ROW: Dawson Carnell, Miles Schmid, Ayden Sadler, Wade Duty, Michael Webb, Veer Maisuria, Jaden Carter

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## Largest Graduating Class in Decades

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### Largest Graduating Class in Decades

Poplar Bluff, Missouri - A total of 340 students graduated from Poplar Bluff High School on Thursday, May 25, at the Black River Coliseum – the largest graduating class since 1980, according to district records.

The Class of 2017 was the first to graduate from the new state-of-the-art campus facility and the last group for Mike Kiehne to lead as principal, the beginning and end of a chapter. He will be succeeded next school year by Mike Owen, who presently serves as assistant principal at the High School.

“We’re doing things a lot differently than we were six years ago when I was hired,” said Kiehne, who accepted a superintendent position in Marble Hill. “But I’ll tell you one thing: We packed the house tonight!”

Education officials utilized the Graduation Center, the ICU program and advisory class to keep students on track to earn diplomas under Kiehne’s administration. Owen plans to move forward with those tools, which helped to increase the graduation rate significantly since 2011.

“In high school, these support systems are almost built in,” salutatorian Katie Huskey stated to the audience. “...As we leave this built-in support system, we cannot forget to find another one.”

Valedictorian Hunter Aud noted that he believes his classmates have the potential to make a difference. “Out in the crowd of graduating students, I see a group of hard-working, determined people ready to positively impact the world around them,” he said.

The graduating seniors collectively earned over \$1.5 million in scholarships, the counseling department reported.

Class president Samara Kilgore concluded her speech with advice from multi-Emmy Award winner Alan Alda. “You have to leave the city of your comfort and go into the wilderness of your institution. You can’t get there by bus, only by hard work and risk and by not quite knowing what you’re doing, but what you’ll discover will be wonderful. What you’ll discover will be yourself.”

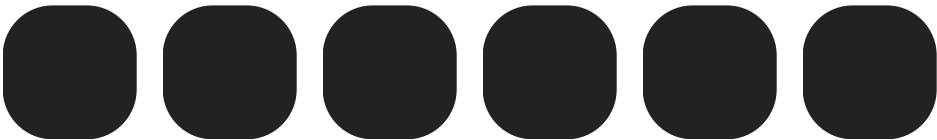
Shown in the photo: Principal Mike Kiehne presents distinguished graduate Maddi West a signed white robe for being voted the most inspirational classmate.

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