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Starkville, Mississippi - MaKayla Waldner, a 2016 graduate of Dexter High School, was named to the 2016 - 2017 First-Year Southeastern Conference Academic Honor Roll representing the sport of soccer. She is currently attending Mississippi State and earning a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

MaKayla is the daughter of Bob and Kim Waldner of Dexter, Missouri.

A total of 41 Mississippi State student-athletes were named to the 2016-17 First-Year Southeastern Conference Academic Honor Roll, the league office announced Wednesday.

The 41 Bulldogs span 11 sports (baseball, women's basketball, women's cross country, football, men's golf, women's golf, women's soccer, softball, men's track and field, women's track and field and volleyball) and are part of a total 902 student-athletes named to the list across the 14 SEC schools.

Soccer led the way, placing an MSU-best seven on the list, with men's and women's track and field both not far behind with six. Women's cross country earned five spots, followed by baseball with four and both football and softball with three representatives.

The SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll is based on grades from the 2016-17 academic calendar.

Each student-athlete must 1) have a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or above at the nominating institution; 2) be on scholarship or a letter winner; 3) have completed 24 semester hours of non-remedial credit at the nominating institution; and 4) have been a member of the varsity team for the sport's entire NCAA Championship segment.

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Dexter School Board Minutes - Tuesday, June 28, 2017 Meeting

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter R-XI School Board met at the regularly scheduled date and time on Tuesday, June 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. The next school board meeting will be Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Below are the minutes from the meeting.

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. He then leads in the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda was approved.

Public Comments: There were no public comments made.

Old Business: The board approved MSBA policies and procedures; ADF, ADF-AP1, and EF-AP1

New Business:

A. The board approved a general fund transfer from fund 1 to fund 4.

B. The board approved a general fund transfer to zero-out the special fund balance.

C. The board approved a tentative working budget for the 2017-2018 school year.

Discussion Items:

A. Mr. Miller presented the 2016-2017 transportation summary report.

B. The bus inspection results were presented to the board. The district earned the Total Fleet Excellence Sticker by passing the inspections with a 92% rate. Congratulations to our transportation department.

C. The MSBA 2017A policy update was presented for the boards review.

D. Our Jr. Beta Club earned National Beta School of Merit Status. This information was presented to the board. Congratulations to our Jr. Beta Club and sponsors.

E. The nursing report, prepared by nurse, Linda Milam was presented to the board.

F. The July board meeting was set for Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

In Closed Session:

1. The board accepted the following resignations/retirements:

Ms. Carolyn Davis-Cook and Summer Maintenance Worker-
Retirement date: June 30, 2017

Mr. Kurt Lovelady-HS Boys Tennis-Resignation date: May 28, 2017

Mr. Dan Pollock-HS Principal-Resignation date: June 23, 2017

2. The board employed the following individuals for 2017-2018:

Ms. Barb Hurley-Paper and Mail Route

Ms. Lauren Powers-Assistant Coach MS Girls Basketball

Ms. Melissa Hahn-Assistant HS Principal

3. The board approved moving the transportation supervisor from an hourly wage to a salary to comply with Federal Labor Laws.

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

Update on SCEC Insurance Consortium

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Young Graduates from Freed-Hardeman University

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Henderson, Tennessee - Dexter graduate, Chase Young, earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology at Freed-Hardeman University's graduation exercises Saturday, May 13, 2017.

Chase is a 2013 graduate of Dexter High School. He is the son of Marty and Christine Young of Dexter, Missouri and Jennifer Young of Tennessee.

In addition to conferring degrees upon graduates, the university presented a master's degree posthumously and the faculty presented the Faculty Scholarship - Leadership Medal, a tradition since 1938.

Freed-Hardeman University is a private university in Henderson, Tennessee. The university traces its heritage to the members of the Churches of Christ who helped build it.

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Quertermous Graduates from Freed-Hardeman

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Henderson, Tennessee - Dexter graduate, Logan Quertermous, earned his Bachelor of Arts in Bible and in Law and Politics at Freed-Hardeman University's graduation exercises Saturday, May 13, 2017. He also graduated Magna Cum Laude from the Honors College

Logan is a 2013 graduate of Dexter High School. He is the son of Travis and Kelly Quertermous of Dexter, Missouri.

In addition to conferring degrees upon graduates, the university presented a master's degree posthumously and the faculty presented the Faculty Scholarship - Leadership Medal, a tradition since 1938.

Freed - Hardeman University is a private university in Henderson, Tennessee. The university traces its heritage to the members of the Churches of Christ who helped build it.

Shown in the photo is professor Stephen Morris of the University with Logan Quertermous.

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - The Mules Booster Club has named incoming sophomore Khelie Spence and Humza Siddiqui of the Class of 2017 the Poplar Bluff High School Athletes of the Month for May.

Humza led the Mules Tennis team to its second district championship title. He ended the season with a doubles record of 11-2 and a singles record of 18-3, bringing his career total to 56-17, a school record. He won the Poplar Bluff Invitational, and was a finalist at the Farmington Invitational before rain prevented the final match. He finished second in singles at the individual district tournament, qualifying for sectionals. With an 11.79 GPA, Humza was No. 3 in his class

"Humza has been a joy to coach," his coach Charles Harper said. "He is a true leader, always stepping up to help younger teammates."

Khelie is the first female at PBHS to make All-State at the Missouri Class 5 track and field meet. She made All-Conference in the 100 and 300 hurdle, as well as the 4x2 and the 4x4; All-District in the 100 and 300 hurdle, plus the 4x1; and she was named the Class 5 Sectional 1 100 hurdle champion. In the classroom, she maintains a 11.143 GPA, the 19th rank in her grade level.

"Khelie is a great addition," her coach Beth Lewis-Muse said. "She has a positive attitude and is always willing to step in and do what is needed."

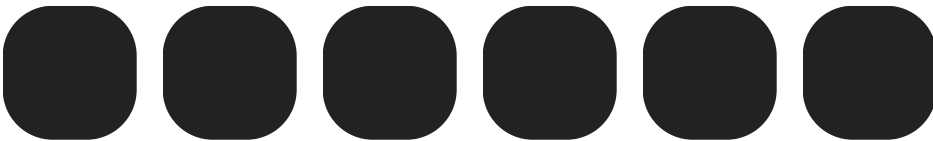
Pictured: Presenting the awards to Khelie Spence and Humza Siddiqui on Wednesday, June 7, is Booster Club member Brian Taylor.

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