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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter School Bond passed on Tuesday by a vote of 1,290 - 377. That's an overwhelmingly 78% win for the Dexter Public Schools.

"We would like to thank the community for showing their support for the students and staff of Dexter R-XI," stated Gavin Miller, Assistant Superintendent of Dexter Schools. "Not only does this affect our school it's also a win for our community. As it adds value to our campus as our community moves forward in industrial growth and can give our patrons something to be very proud of. 77.3% Yes votes on Proposition K.I.D.S. We are so excited that we had such a great turn-out of voters and we are looking forward to the projects beginning soon."

"It will take a few days to get some "legal" aspects of this taken care of and some contracts to be signed, but we are hopeful that we can see equipment on campus within two weeks," continued Miller.

Miller credited the work of the bond committee saying that over the last year and a half they have worked diligently to get this passed.

Several projects will begin as early as Monday. He also said that after Thursday evening the contracts will be signed with CTS. ThThen CTS will send out winners for the bid contracts. Hopefully we will see big equipment on campus over the next week or so. Ten of the 12 projects will be ready for use by the 2019-2020 school year with the exceptions

of the gym and new classrooms at Central and Southwest Elementary preschool. Thos projects will take about a year to complete.

In school board news Nancy Mayer retained her seat receiving 991 votes. Herman Morse and Ronal David Glaus III run was a tad closer with only 3 votes separating them. Morse retained his seat with 932 votes, Glaus received 929 votes.

These results are unofficial until Friday when they will be certified. Stoddard County Clerk Mr. Cecil Weeks (his first election) said that military votes could still arrive in the mail.

Again here are a list of projects to begin work as soon as possible.

Southwest Elementary

Addition of six classrooms. Four classrooms for preschool to serve 4, 5-year-old students.

Added access to One Mile Road for safer pickup and drop-off of students.

Central Elementary

Building a new gymnasium and two classrooms for art and music.

T.S. Hill Middle School

Expansion of the kitchen and cafeteria will also provide new rooms for music, choir and band.

More parking and new drainage flow in front of the school will make for safer and quicker pickup and drop-off of students.

High School

Upgrading the AG building to include new welding stations and an additional 2,800 square feet of space.

Facelift to entire building with new doors and windows.

Auditorium face-lift will see new lights and sound systems as well as new seats and ADA-compliant seating.

New lobby and cafeteria expansion will bring the west lobby a new, modern look and give students much-needed space.

Security

Modify existing facilities to create secure, one-point entry systems with state-of-the-art fob-entry keyless systems.

District-wide improvements

Roof replacements over much of the campus.

Replace the six-lane track with MSHSAA-regulated eight-lane track and lower football bleacher replacement.

New ADA-compliant restrooms and concession stand at the stadium. A new two-story building would feature locker rooms in the lower level and a concession area in the top.

New junior high and high school football locker rooms, along with storage for tennis, track and football.

New synthetic football turf.

Pictured are Gavin Miller, Asst. Superintendent and C.A. Counts, Superintendent of Dexter Public Schools.

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