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Dexter School Board Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, June 29, 2021

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Dexter, MO - The Dexter School Board met in a regular board meeting on June 28, 2021. Below are the notes made available by Superintendent Amy James.

Regular Board Meeting Notes, June 29, 2021

Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge: The Board President announced the meeting is to begin, ascertains the attendance status of all board members. One board member; Mr. Aaron Mathis, was absent at the start of the meeting but arrived shortly after the meeting started. The Board President 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:

A. There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

A.-D. The board approved the 2021-2022 building handbooks.

E. The board approved the 2021-2022 contract with SE Health for the athletic trainer.

F. The board approved a general fund transfer to zero out the special fund balance. This is a requirement of DESE.

G. The board approved the tentative 2021-2022 budget.

H. The board approved the meal prices and out of district tuition for 2021-2022. The meal prices are increasing \$.10

Grades Pk-5 Breakfast-\$1.35 Lunch-\$2.05

Grades 6-12 Breakfast-\$1.50 Lunch-\$2.10

Adult Meals Breakfast-\$2.00 Lunch-\$2.55

The tuition rate did not increase. Out of District Tuition Rate-\$7,900.00

I. The board approved the 2021-2022 personnel handbook.

J. The board approved All Star Pest Management for pest control services for 3 years with the option to increase to 5 years, if all parties are in agreement.

K. The board approved budget amendments for fund 2 & 4.

Discussion Items: The following items were discussed with the board:

A. COVID-19 Continuity Services Plan Fall 2021 - located on the website.

B. Building Attendance and Discipline Reports

C. Next Regular Board Meeting is July 20, 2021.

In Closed Session:

1. The board approved hiring of the following individuals for the 21-22 school year pending favorable background checks and appropriate certification:

Leta Underhile, Special Services Paraprofessional in ECSE.

Salvadora Botsch, Special Services Paraprofessional at Central.

Jamie Rowe, Assistant HS and MS Girls Basketball Coach.

Christina Jenkins, Assistant Softball Coach.

Deffrey Stoker, HS Library Aide.

Lauren Baugh, Parent Educator.

Brenton Shipman, HS ELA Teacher.

Jacob Stearns, Maintenance Personnel.

Kara Wilson, Title Paraprofessional at Central.

Shanna Green, Special Services Paraprofessional at Central.

2. The board approved letters of resignation or retirement from the following individuals:

Kacey Christian, MS Volleyball Coach-effective at the conclusion of the 20-21 school year.

Heather Tice, Paraprofessional at Southwest Elementary-Effective immediately.

Christina Smith, Paraprofessional, unable to fill the position.

3. The board approved the following termination effective 6/29/21 due to an exhaustion of FMLA leave: Jennifer Hankins

The board approved dissolving her medical premiums and deductions.

4. The board discussed an administrative team building and goal setting retreat.

5. The board discussed the MSBA Natural Gas Consortium bill.

Items at the conclusion of Executive Session

A. None at this time.

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Puxico R-VIII Back-to-School Night

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Puxico, MO - The faculty at Puxico Schools are looking forward to meeting their students and their families at the annual Back-To-School Night that will take place on Monday, August 23rd.

This event is planned to welcome students in all grade levels back to the new academic year.

The Back-to-School Night will kick-off at 5:30 p.m. and end around 7:30 p.m.

The first day of school will be Wednesday, August 25, 2021. Breakfast will be available free to all students beginning at 7:30 a.m. Classes begin at 8:00 a.m.

Please communicate with your child's teacher about any changes in transportation for the ride home.

Leave early and allow extra time for bus traffic and student walkers.

Please be aware of all district signage and directions for parent drop off and pick up.

Parents should avoid driving on the roadway between the elementary and junior high building as well as the roadway between the high school and the cafeteria.

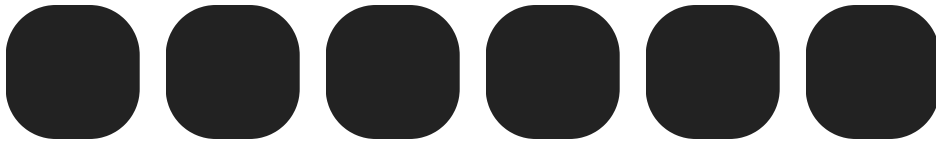
They would also ask that you avoid the top parking lot in front of the high school.

Students transition between those buildings at that location.

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Three Rivers bull riders end season in 2nd and 4th place at College National Finals Rodeo

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Three Rivers College can boast of having two of the top college bull riders in the nation with Cole Skender and Holden Moss delivering outstanding performances at the College National Finals Rodeo held in Casper, Wyoming. The TRC Raider Rodeo Team finished 13th in the Team National Standings.

Skender ended the 2020-21 season as Reserve National Champion. At the CNFR, he won Go Round 1 and placed 2nd in the Championship Round. Moss tied for first in Go Round 2 and finished 4th in the nation.

“Words can’t explain how proud I am of these guys plus all the guys and girls who stuck out the whole year last year with all the trials we went through,” said Chad Phipps, head coach of the TRC Raider Rodeo team. “I am happy to say both Cole and Holden will be back next year to get their degrees and finish out their college with us at Three Rivers.”

Contestants compete all year in the 11 regions of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association for a chance to rope or ride at the CNFR. Three Rivers competes in the Ozark Region and will host a college rodeo Oct. 14-16 at the Art Saunders Arena at the Sikeston Jaycee Bootheel Rodeo grounds.

Three Rivers College is committed to contributing to the quality of life in Southeast Missouri with quality, affordable higher education opportunities and community services that support and encourage the economic, civic, and cultural vitality of the region. For more information about college and workforce programs and upcoming events, visit trcc.edu.

Pictured: Three Rivers College Rodeo team members Cole Skender (second from right) and Holden Moss (center) placed 2nd and 4th, respectively, in bull riding at the College National Finals Rodeo. Also pictured are TRC President Dr. Wes Payne (from left), Dr. Maribeth Payne, and TRC Rodeo Coach Chad Phipps (far right).

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Walmart Donates Sanitizer to Poplar Bluff Schools

Walmart has recently donated a pallet of hand sanitizer to Poplar Bluff Schools, among several other school districts in the area.

Over 75 cases containing nearly 1,000 individual bottles will be distributed to educators across the school system to help reduce the spread of germs in classrooms, according to a representative of the Supercenter.

Poplar Bluff school officials are appreciative of their community partners who have helped the district keep its doors open during the public health emergency.

Pictured: Dave Wooldridge of the R-I Maintenance Department picks up a pallet of hand sanitizer arranged by Amber Shepard, Walmart consumables team lead, on Tuesday, June 8.

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

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Puxico R-VIII New Student Enrollment

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Puxico, MO - Puxico R-VIII School District New Student Enrollment is set for Monday, August 16th and Tuesday, August 17th, 2021.

Students new to the district may enroll on either day in the mornings from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. or in the afternoons from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Other office hours may vary depending on District scheduled meetings.

If you need more information, please call the high school at (573) 222-3175; junior high at (573) 222-3058 and for elementary (573) 222-3542.

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