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Alisandra Calonne is the daughter of Leigh Ann and Troy Burns.

She is a member of the Kickin' Cats Dance Team and is a three-year letterman.

Her future plans are to attend Southeast Missouri State University and major in Special Education Teaching.

Her most memorable moment at Dexter High School was embarrassing herself at the Bloomfield Christmas Tournament by dancing with some of the dance team behind Carson to Baby Lock Them Doors.

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Natalie Bolin is the daughter of Craig and Kim Bolin.

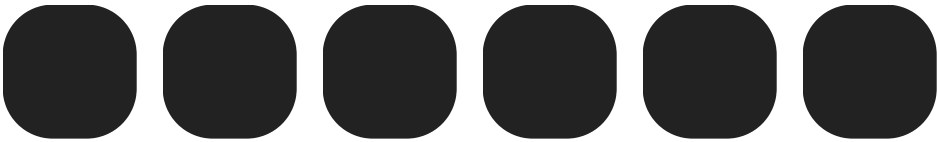
She is a member of the Kickin' Cats Dance Team and is a four year letterman.

Her future plans are to attend Arkansas State University and major in nursing.

Her most memorable moment at Dexter High School was dancing at the Bloomfield Christmas Tournament and having to shave Delaney Lemmons armpits with scissors before going to dance at halftime.

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# Dexter R-XI School Board Meeting Minutes - February 15, 2022

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Dexter R-XI School Board Meeting Minutes - February 15, 2022

Regular Board Meeting Notes for February 15, 2022

Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge:

The Board President announced the meeting is to begin, ascertains the attendance status of all board members, with Mr. Herman Morse being absent. The Board President leads in the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda: The consent agenda was approved.

Public Comments: We had one registered guest. This guest did not attend attend the meeting.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business:

- A. The board approved budget amendments for the month of February.
- B. The board approved the summer dead period for MSHSAA activities. The dates of the dead period are: July 30th-August 7th.
- C. The board approved the therapy service contracts for the 22-23 school year.
- D. The board approved the lawn care bid from Bryan Pennington for a 3 year term beginning with the 22-23 school year.

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

- A. Building board reports were shared for Southwest Elementary, Central Elementary, T.S. Hill Middle School, and Dexter High School.
- B. The monthly nursing report was shared with the board.
- C. The superintendent's report was shared with the board and can be found at the following link: [CLICK HERE](#)
- D. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2022

In Closed Session:

The board approved the hiring of the following substitute teachers for the 21-22 school year: Natalie Sitze

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

Jamie Dona - Volunteer Pole Vault Coach.

Christina Smith - Paraprofessional at Central Elementary.

The board approved the transfer of the following individuals for the 22-23 school year pending appropriate certification:

Heather Waddle - Central Elementary Title Math, replacing A. Whiteman.

Brooke Dodson - Central Elementary 3rd Grade, replacing H. Waddle.

The board approved hiring of the following individuals for the 22-23 school year pending favorable background checks and appropriate certification.

Taylor Bryeans - 6th Grade ELA.

David Mayberry - 7th Grade Science.

Brad Hahn - HS Math.

Danielle Landers Patch - 3rd Grade.

The board approved hiring Jennifer Bolin and Terry Bryeans as the Intern Assistant Summer School Director (position will be split) for the  
for the 2022 summer session.

The board approved the following resignations/retirements for the 2021-2022 school year:

Chassi Zook - Resignation effective 2/11/2022.

The board approved an early graduation due to a special circumstance.

The board approved the employment of Gavin Miller and voted to extend the contract through the 23-24 school year.

The board approved the employment of Jessica Lambert and voted to extend the contract through the 23-24 school year.

The board approved the employment of all building principals, assistants, and the athletic director through the 22-23 school year.

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## Dexter R-XI Schools Superintendent's Report

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### **Superintendent Report From Amy James, February 15, 2022**

February 2022

Current Enrollment: 2043

District ADA: 95.56% YTD

COVID:

As of Friday, our numbers were as follows:

Students quarantined-6

Students positive for Covid-4

Staff quarantined-0

Staff positive for Covid-1

Percentage impacted by Covid: 0.46%

Since our peak in mid-January, our numbers have been decreasing. We are continuing to implement our mitigating measures and continue to monitor the health of our students and

staff.

#### January Financial Payments:

##### Basic Formula:

The payment this month was based on the current data for FY 21-22, 20-21, and 19-20 WADA. January's payment was: \$631,404.56 (\$400,660.00-went for debt service payments)

##### Classroom Trust Fund:

Payment was calculated using the higher of FY 2020-21 or FY 2019-20 ADA. Our payment was: \$72,346.01

##### Proposition C:

Payment was calculated using the higher of FY 2020-21 or FY 2019-20 ADA. Our January payment was: \$42,779.82

##### Transportation:

The January payment was based on 2020-2021 transportation data and the fiscal year 20-21 transportation appropriation. The payment was \$13,225.00

##### Updates:

The Annual Chamber of Commerce awards banquet is scheduled for Friday, March 4th. Mrs. Brenda Mason was selected as the Educator of the Year.

CSIP Process-I am meeting with Dr. Welker on 2/16 & 2/28 to put the process on a timeline. Possible committee members have been identified and emailed.

The district has utilized 3 AMI days due to weather and 1.5 snow days. One snow day was made up on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

##### Recognition:

I'd like to highlight and recognize our maintenance staff this month. We currently employ 4 full-time and 1 part-time maintenance staff. On a daily basis, we have multiple maintenance requests made. These gentlemen work tirelessly regardless of the weather to keep our buildings safe, in good condition, and visibly appealing. Their jobs are difficult and at times they are underappreciated for their roles. I thank each one for their valuable service and dedication to the school.

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## Studio Jazz Band earns honors at Ellington Festival

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Several Poplar Bluff High School Studio Jazz Band students received outstanding musicianship awards during the Essentially Ellington Jazz Festival last month at the University of Missouri in St. Louis.

Students honored included Brileigh Cates – alto sax; Logan Hale – trumpet; Ja’Lonnie Johnson-Spann – drumset; and Brileigh Cates, Connar Jones, Diamond Weaver and Jonathan Moreno – saxophone section.



Band Director Stephen Winters, who learned of the awards last week, commented that the festival clinicians judging are always top-notch. "... They are all a part of the New York jazz scene and are at the highest level of jazz teaching and performance. Some of them perform with the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra led by Wynton Marsalis."

Other participating schools this year included Eureka, Lindbergh, Fort Zumwalt West in Missouri, and Mascoutah and Williamsville High School out of Illinois. "This is a festival that... usually attracts some very good bands," Winters continued.

PBHS has participated in the Essentially Ellington Jazz Festival multiple times at the University of Missouri prior to a temporary hiatus because of the pandemic, and was also a part of the original festival at Webster Groves High School. The festival typically requires bands to play arrangements by Duke Ellington, but this year arrangements by Count Basie were also permitted.

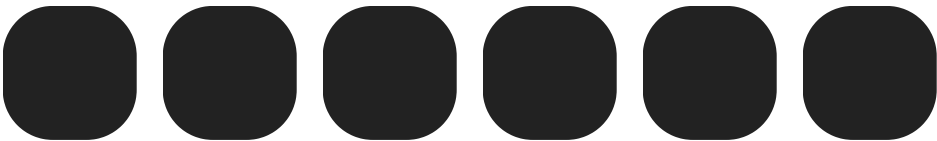
Pictured: Studio Jazz Band members (left to right) Connar Jones, Logan Hale, Diamond Weaver, Ja’Lonnie Johnson-Spann and Brileigh Cates recently received outstanding musicianship awards. Not pictured is Jonathan Moreno.

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