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Puxico School Board of Education Meet in a Regularly Scheduled Meeting

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Puxico School Board of Education met in a regular session on Thursday, June 13, 2024. Below are the minutes from that meeting.

The Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, June 13, 2024.

Routine Business:

- Meeting called to order by President of the Board
- Board approved minutes from regular meeting held on May 2, 2024.
- Board approved payment of bills
- Board adopted agenda after making changes.

Reports:

- End of Year

Old Business: Puxico Mingo/Tech 24-25 Calendar – No Action Taken

New Business

- Board approved :
 - a.) No meal rate increases. Student lunches remain \$2.00 (full price) and \$.40 (reduced price) per meal, staff lunches \$2.75 per meal. Breakfast to remain free for students and staff rates remain \$1.00 per meal.
 - b.) To amend the 2023-2024 budget to actual
 - c.) To operate on the 2023-2024 budget until the 2024-2025 budget is finalized
 - d.) The 2024-2025 regular board meetings schedule (Dates & Times)
 - e.) Evaluation of Instructional Climate
 - f.) Evaluation of Educational Persistence
 - g.) Employee Retention Incentive

- h.) 2024-2025 Athletic handbooks
- i.) No Action Taken – Revision 1 to the Puxico R-8 2024-2025 Calendar
- j.) Moved to Old Business
- k.) Adopted Board policies and Regulations: P1425 – School Volunteers, P2115 Transgender Students, P2200 – Admission and Withdrawal, P&R 2240 – Admission and withdrawal Nonresident Students, P2400 – Student Educational Records, P2525 – Graduation requirements, P2760 – Students in Foster Care, P2810 – Counseling Services, P&R 4120 – Employment Procedures, P4866 – Pregnancy, Childbirth Anti-Discrimination, P4867 – Lactation Accommodation, P6121 – Holocaust Education, P6122 – Social Studies Religious Influence Class, P6251 – Blind Students Independence, Training and Education
- l.) Set date and time of June 20, 2024 at 5:30 pm for closed work session board meeting
- m.) ELA Curriculum and Plan of Instruction

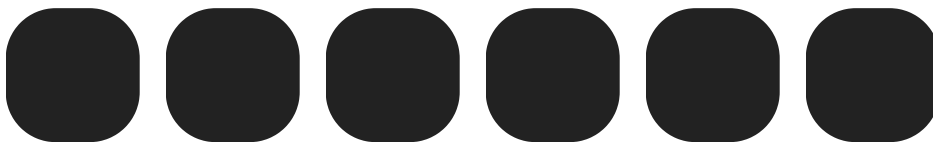
Executive Session

- Accepted letters of resignation from Kyla Freeman as JH Softball Asst. Coach and Mike Owens as JH Baseball Asst. Coach
- Hired Abigail Wirz – Para Professional, Brittney Dunivan – Little Library position
- Stephanie Null – Pre-School Aide for 2024-2025 school year
- Approved assignment of Jennifer Alberson as JH Scholastic Meet Sponsor and Kelly Smothers as Jr BETA Assistant for 2024-2025 school year

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Active Shoot Training Held at Dexter High School

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The Dexter School District held Active Shoot Training at Dexter High School on July 17, 2024. The Dexter Police Department, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Missouri Department of Conservation, Dexter Fire Department, Emergency Management, and Stoddard County Ambulance District were involved in mock active shooter training exercise.

If the unthinkable were to occur Chief Hank Trout stated that they would like to all be on the same page training together and learning how to engage in the individual and take him/her down as safely as possible while protecting our students on campus. Dexter Schools has two Resource Officers on campus during school hours as well as at sporting events and other on campus events.

The training exercise began with a 911 call from someone inside the halls of DHS. "Please help, there is a shooter inside the high school!"

The Dexter PD Resource Officers were first on the scene. They entered the building with their weapons drawn and ready to shoot. Once inside the hallway, the officers could hear and see victims on the floor screaming for help or they were already dead from the shooter. They made the training as realistic as possible even with fake blood next to victims. Fire trucks blocked the entrances to the high school to prevent the public from entering.

During a real incident the officers will take down the shooter as quickly as possible before checking the injured or dead. They have to take out the threat first!

Once the threat is down, EMS and first responders will be allowed to enter the building. They check the pulse of the first patient, dead. They move on quickly to the next victim, quickly loading him onto the gurney, checking vitals and running out of the building to an awaiting ambulance.

It will be chaotic in a "real" situation. There was only one 911 call to initiate this training. During a real event, there will be multiple 911 calls. Everyone with a cell phone will be calling. Students, teachers, parents etc will be calling 911 and the school to find out the condition of their loved one. It will be very hectic.

This is important, parents will not be allowed on campus until the situation is under control, all victims have been sent to the hospital and the school officials enact their plan to release students from different campuses. It will seem like an eternity, frustrations will be high, people will be mad, but to be honest, it's all to protect your student! These officers took this training very seriously.

This was the first time the fire department and EMS have been included in the active shooter training. This helps those involved to access what went right and what went wrong so they can improve on communication as well as how to handle all the moving parts of a scenario such as this.

Gavin Miller, Assistant Superintendent of Dexter Public Schools will be at the command post waiting and listening to the radio to hear the shooter has been taken out. It's part of what they call ALICE Training.

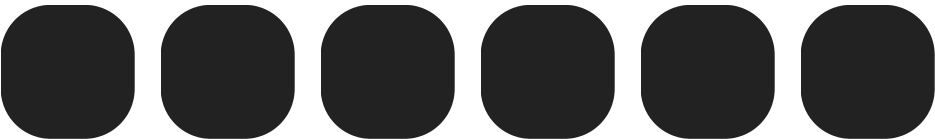
ALICE is an active shooter protocol and stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate.

ShowMe Times will be near the command center as well and will be reporting whatever needs to be sent out to the community. This is one reason I attend these trainings so I can be helpful and not in the way if a real shooting incident were to occur. As a parent I understand the need to get to your student/son/daughter/grandson/granddaughter as quickly as possible and it would be hard for me to stay away, but during the entire training those officers do not know what to expect. Everyone is a potential target and they do not want to accidentally shoot someone. Adrenaline is high and that lump in your throat is there. Even during the scenario those participating could feel the intensity of the officers. They take this very seriously! Thank you to everyone who participated and we hope this never happens to any school, but if it happens here, they are ready!

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Local Students Graduate from University of Missouri - Columbia

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At the University of Missouri, 5,025 Tigers received a total of 7,548 degrees and certificates in May. Here are area students who earned their degree! Congratulations!

Stoddard County

Garrett Lane Henson, Bachelor of Science in business administration in business administration, with an emphasis in marketing

Haden Gray Hillis, Bachelor of Science in business administration in business administration, with an emphasis in real estate, minor in economics

Brice Moore, Bachelor of Science in agricultural systems technology, undergraduate certificate in precision agriculture technology

Blair Ashton Rogers, Bachelor of Arts in political science, Bachelor of Arts in constitutional democracy, minor in history

Andrew Payne Soule, Bachelor of Science in personal financial planning, minor in economics

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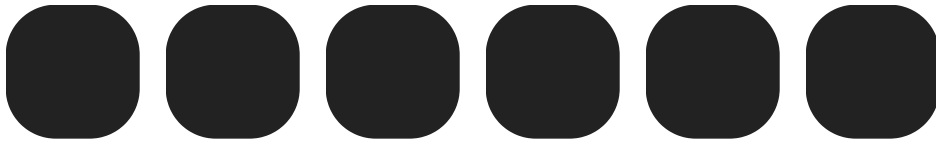
The Puxico High School Class of 1964 will have their 60th class reunion at the Puxico VFW hall Friday August 16th at 1:00 PM.

If you know of anyone in this class please let them know

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Dexter Schools Back to School Bash/Infinite Campus Student Registration

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Wednesday, July 31st from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Parents/Guardians,

The Dexter School District is excited to announce that we will begin the 2024-2025 school year using Infinite Campus as our new student information system. Infinite Campus will manage attendance, grades, schedules, assignments, assessments, and other important information. This new system will replace Tyler SIS, which will no longer be supported by the developer.

Both parents and students will have access to Infinite Campus, similar to Tyler SIS, allowing users to view information about school progress. In order to complete this transition and ensure that student data transferred correctly, we need parents of returning students to view the data.

On July 31st from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., we will host a Back-To-School Bash in the Bearcat Event Center. At this event, we will ask returning families to complete online verification and set up a parent portal account in Infinite Campus. Families who are new to the district, will be able to enroll their students using Infinite Campus and also obtain a parent portal account. ***We need parents/guardians of both returning students and new students to bring the following items with them to the Back-To-School Bash:***

- ***Birth Certificate***
- ***Immunization Records***
- ***Proof of Residence***
- ***Court Documents***
- ***Date of Birth for any Parents or Guardians listed in Infinite Campus***

Besides making updates to your students information and creating a parent portal account you can also expect the following at the Back-to-School Bash:

- Wagner Portrait Studio will be available for school pictures.
- Class lists and student schedules will be available.
- Southwest students will be able to get their identification cards for student pick-up.
- Locker assignments will be available.
- High school students can get a parking pass.
- Student fees and fines may be paid.
- If your child required vaccinations over the summer, those records may be turned in.
- Several community organizations and resources will have booths to share information.
- Bearcat t-shirts and merchandise will be available for purchase.

Please make plans to attend this important event on July 31, 2024 at the Bearcat Event Center anytime from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. We are looking forward to seeing you at this event and welcoming our students back to the 2024-2025 school year. Questions, call 573-614-1000.

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