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## Dexter School Board Approves New Coaches, Substitutes and Sets Tax Rate

AUGUST 30TH 2024 BY DEE LOFLIN

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Dexter School Board held their regularly scheduled meeting on August 27th at 6 p.m. They also held the Tax Rate Hearing at 5:50 p.m. Below are the minute notes.

#### **1,2,3. Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge:**

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

**4. Consent Agenda:** The consent agenda was approved.

#### **5. Public Comments:**

#### **6. Old Business:**

A. There was no old business to discuss.

#### **7. New Business:**

A. The board approved a resolution authorizing a prepayment of \$300,000 to the Series 2020 Bonds maturing on March 1, 2028 on March 1, 2026. The board authorized the Publication of the notice of redemption.

- B. The board approved the tax rate for the 2024-2025 school year.
- C. The board approved the Contract Paper Group's bid for copy paper for the 2024-2025 school year. The cost is \$33.96 per case.
- D. The board approved Select Physical Therapy for athletic training services for the 2024-2025 school year.

**8. Discussion Items:** The following items were discussed with the board:

- A. The annual determination category under Part B, IDEA was discussed.
- B. The summer school 2024 report was discussed.
- C. The SRO report was discussed.
- D. The building reports were provided to the board.
- E. The CSIP tracking document was reviewed.
- F. The next regular board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 26th at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was moved due to the Stoddard County Fair.

**In Closed Session:**

1. The board approved the following substitutes for the 2024-2025 school year:

**Noreen Hyslop (office sub only)**

**Deborah Stogsdill**

**Kyla Propst**

**Mattilyn Williams**

**Kerri Kruse**

**Felicia Powers (ELL only)**

**Kylah Hill**

**Delisa Sitze**

**Lauren Baugh**

**Morgan Wilkinson**

**Substitutes from 2023-2024 were approved.**

2. The board approved the following resignations, retirements, and recensions:

**Hannah Emery**-Building Aide at middle School, effective August 16.

**Kris Chamberlain**-Assistant Middle School Football, effective at the conclusion of the 2024-2025 school year.

**Canasia McBride**-Special Services Paraprofessional, effective August 5.

**Rebekah McGhee**-PK Paraprofessional, effective August 30th.

3. The board approved the following transfers for the 2024-2025 school year:

**Tallhenia Ward**-From ECSE Paraprofessional to HS Special Services Professional.

4. The board approved the hiring of the following individuals for the 2024-2025 school year, pending a favorable background check and appropriate certification:

**Kiara Terry**-Special Services Paraprofessional at Southwest.

**Madison Whitehead**-Special Services Paraprofessional at Central.

**Mindy Ruppel**-Special Services Paraprofessional at Central.

**Patrick Collier**-HS Assistant Wrestling Coach.

**Terry Bryeans**-MS Assistant Baseball.

**Aron Pfeffer**-HS Softball.

**Eric Sitze**-HS Girls Basketball.

**LaDawn Barnes**- Building Aide at the Middle School.

**Melanie Stoelting**-Parents as Teachers (critical shortage).

**Tara Mouser**-SLP at Central (critical shortage).

**Denise Counts**-Secretary at Central (critical shortage).

**Peggy Potts**-Special Services Teacher at Southwest (critical shortage).

**Jerrica Wood**-Special Services Paraprofessional at Central.

5. The board approved the additional duties for current employees for the 2024-2025 school year:

**Susan Cooper**-A+ Coordinator.

**Tonya Keena-A+** Coordinator.

6. The board approved an athletic event pay increase of an additional \$10/job.

7. The following items were discussed with the board:

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Long Range Planning/Bond Issue 2025 Update

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Donation Procedures-Policy 1470

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### **Items at the Conclusion of Executive Session**

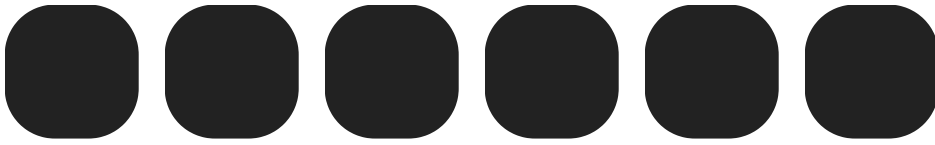
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There were no items to be considered.

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## Local FFA Member Awarded National American FFA Degree INDIANAPOLIS

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The Bernie FFA is proud to announce that Mackenzie Hill and Nathan Stephens, both 2023 Graduates of Bernie, will receive their American FFA Degrees in October. |

Each year, the National FFA Organization honors FFA members who show the utmost dedication to the organization through their desire to develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. The American FFA Degree is bestowed upon a select group of students in recognition of their years of academic and professional excellence. This year over 4,800 American Degrees were awarded. Mackenzie Hill and Nathan Stephens, members of the Bernie FFA chapter in Missouri, will be awarded the American FFA Degree at the 97th National FFA Convention & Expo on October 26, 2024.

Sponsored by Cargill, Case IH, John Deere, and Syngenta, the award recognizes demonstrated ability and outstanding achievements in agricultural business, production, processing, or service programs. To be eligible, FFA members must have earned at least \$10,000 or earned at least \$2,000 and worked at least 2,250 hrs. outside of class time through a supervised agricultural experience (SAE) program in which they own their own business, hold a professional position as an employee, or conduct research.

Recipients must also complete 50 hours of community service and demonstrate outstanding leadership abilities and civic involvement through the completion of a long list of FFA and community activities. Less than one percent of FFA members achieve the American FFA Degree.

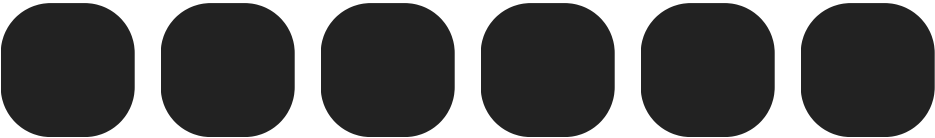
After being recognized at the national convention, each recipient of the American FFA Degree receives a gold American FFA Degree key and certificate. The National FFA Organization is a school-based national youth leadership development organization of more than 1,027,200 student members as part of 9,235 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands

PHOTO IS FROM WHEN THEY WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL AT BERNIE.

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# 2024 DHS Homecoming Candidates Announced

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## 2024 DHS Homecoming Candidates Announced

The 2024 Homecoming Ceremony will take place on September 6th against the Sikeston Bulldogs with the Coronation at 6:30 p.m. at Charles Bland Stadium. Kick-off at 7:00 p.m. and the Tailgate is from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Pictured are the candidates with their escorts.

Liz Bolin and Avery Riley were chosen by the Volleyball Team.

Averee Ackman and Rylee Dawson were chosen by the Cheer Team.

Quincey McLaughlin and Carly McMunn were chosen by the Cross Country Team.

Febe Worley and Puja Maisuria were chosen by the Tennis Team.

Emma Pennington and Alexis Sisk were chosen by the Football Team.

From left: Liz Bolin escorted by Houston Neely, Averee Ackman escorted by Sawyer Rascher, Quincey McLaughlin escorted by Austin Lasater, Febe Worley escorted by Devin Turnbo, Emma Pennington escorted by Christiaan Wirz, Avery Riley escorted by Jackson Howard, Rylee Dawson escorted by Jaxon Miller, Carly McMunn escorted by Ben Dowdy, Puja Maisuria escorted by Jaxon Medler, and Alexis Sisk escorted by Caden Lee.

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## Bloomfield School District Welcomes New Staff

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### Bloomfield School District Welcomes New Staff

It's always an exciting time to be a new employee at a school as they get a new classroom and meet all the student. Bloomfield School District hired six new people this academic school year.

Kelby Hill will be teaching first grade, Tori Tharp will be teaching middle school and high school FACS, Maddy Ringer will be teaching fourth grade, Cameron Shipman will be over the Juvenile Classroom, Delaney Simmons will have the Refocus Room and Hayley Causey is the new high school secretary.

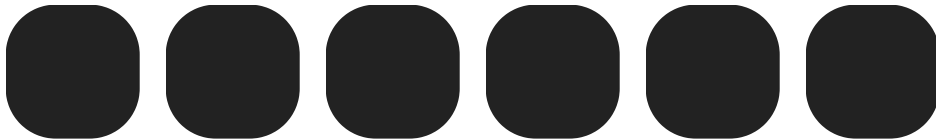
From left to right are Kelby Hill, Tori Tharp, Cameron Shipman, Hayley Causey, Delaney Simmons and Maddy Ringer.

Kelby Hill - 1st Grade  
Tori Tharp - MS & HS FACS  
Cameron Shipman - Juvenile Classroom  
Hayley Causey - HS Secretary  
Delaney Simmons - Refocus Room  
Maddy Ringer - 4th Grade

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## Bloomfield School Board Meets - Set Tax Rate, Approve Substitute Teacher List

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[Bloomfield School Board Meets - Set Tax Rate, Approve Substitute Teacher List](#)

Bloomfield School Board met and set the Tax Rate as well as approved Substitute Teaching list.

August tax rate hearing and board meeting notes.

The tax rate hearing was held, and the board approved keeping the tax rate at \$3.3600 as it has been previous years.

The board approved:

- \* opening a new bank account to accept online payments through Teacher Ease for lunch account payments.
- \* Approved Full Maintenance Service Agreement with MSBA.
- \* Approved Special Education Local Compliance Plan.

- \* Approved Veregy for Project Coordination and Management.
- \* Approved various district policies and procedures.

The Board heard reports from all three building principals, and in my report I updated the Board on summer projects, discussed the Board provided lunch on Wednesday, gave the Board an update on the upcoming school year, and introduced the Board to Wayfinder. Wayfinder will be a social emotional learning tool our counselors will utilize with students including a "portrait of a graduate" aspect that will be a great tool for our students.

In executive session, the Board approved:

- \* Substitute list
- \* Resignation of Jacob McNeil from Fall Baseball Assistant Coach and Head Junior High Baseball Coach.
- \* Hired Dennis Graser as Fall Baseball
- \* Discussed the addition of a School Resource Officer position

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