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# Puxico School Board Meeting Minutes

OCTOBER 08TH 2024 BY DEE LOFLIN

Puxico School Board Meeting Minutes

The Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, September 09, 2024

Routine Business:

- Meeting called to order by Board President
- Board approved minutes from regular meeting held on August 08, 2024
- Board approved payment of bills
- Board adopted agenda with changes

Reports:

- MSIP/CSIP Update
- Elementary Report
- Junior High Report
- High School Report
- District Report

Old Business:

- Tabled: Consider District Safety Plan

New Business

- Board approved :
  - a.) Evaluation of Transportation
  - b.) Bus Routes for 2024-2025
  - c.) To Seek Bus bids
  - d.) Evaluation of Food Service
  - e.) Evaluation of Career Education
  - f.) To appoint the Special Services Director as the E.S.L and M.E.L. coordinator for 2024-2025
  - g.) To set date of Saturday, April 26, 2025 for the Junior/Senior Prom

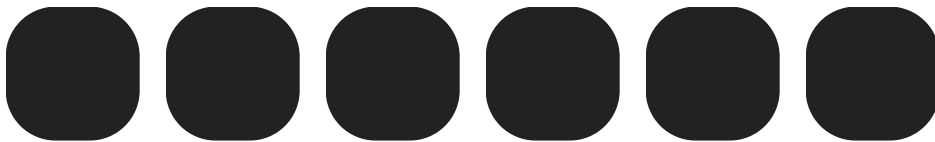
Executive Session

- Board approved substitute bus driver list
- Board approved Shannon Hanners, Mark Perkins and Dylan Clinton as substitute bus drivers for 24-25 (pending certification if needed)
- Board approved Peggy Parsley, Lindsey Baker and Jesseliz Rath as substitute teachers for 24-25 (pending certification if needed).
- Board approved Extended Contract of (Title I Coordinator) for Jennifer Parsley and Tammy Thompson
- Board approved update to the 2024-2025 Extended Contract list

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## Dexter High School 11th and 12th Grade Students Make All-District Choir

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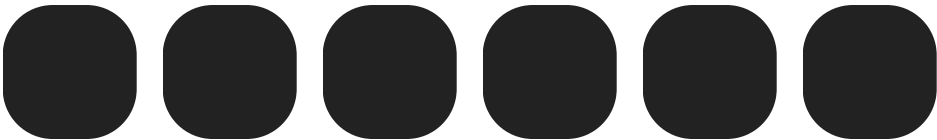
The following students traveled to Cape Central High School this past Saturday and competed with other students from our district to earn a spot in the All-District Choir.

**11th/12th Grade:** Adeline Prance, Sophia James , Madison Carey, Kati Carrillo, Trisha Griffin, Bryden Moore, Tanner Guiling, Cameron Addis, and Layton Shafer.

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# Dexter High School 9th and 10th Grade Students Make All-District Choir

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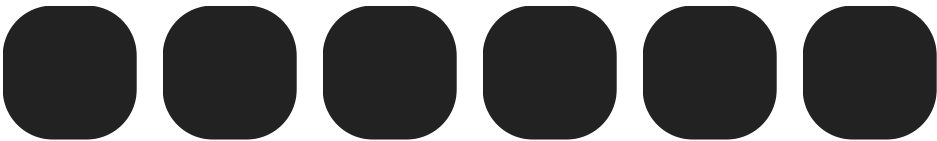
**9th/10th Grade:** Raychel Robison, Libby Mangum , Piper Gentry, Jayda West, Hayden Heckman, Lucas Piel, and Micheal Brown.

(not pictured: John Sepulvado, Rylee Short, Levi Prance)

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# 2024 Miss DHS Candidates Announced

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2024 Miss DHS Candidates Announced

The 2024 Dexter High School Miss DHS Candidates have been announced. Miss DHS will be held at Charles Bland Stadium on October 11th at 2:14 p.m. Parents are invited to attend.

Candidates are Carly McMunn, Rylee Dawson, Adeline Prance, Brooklynn Franklin, Febe Worley, Payton Short, Emma Pennington, Avery Riley, and Kenady Krapf.

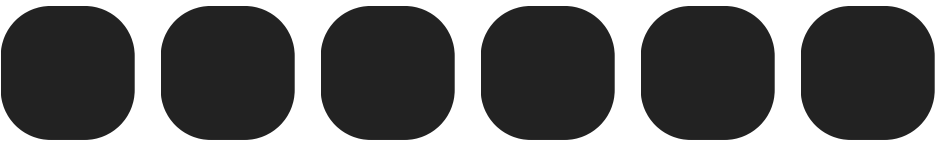
Escorts are Cameron Bell, Ben Christian, Caleb Gott, Logan Reed, Lawson Blocker, Tayton Williams, Jackson Howard, Ben Dowdy, and Tucker Temples.

Candidates are chosen by the senior class and Miss DHS is voted on by the entire high school student body.

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# First student in PBHS history to be Named to National FFA Band

SEPTEMBER 19TH 2024 BY DEE LOFLIN

## First student in PBHS history to be Named to National FFA Band

A student has been chosen to be a member of the National FFA Band for the first time in the history of Poplar Bluff High School since the local chapter of the leadership development organization was chartered in 2002, confirmed advisers of past and present.

PBHS sophomore Preston Ethridge has been selected to perform among 100 students across the United States, and six total in Missouri, to play trumpet Wednesday through Saturday, Oct. 23-26, during the 97th annual National FFA Convention & Expo in Indianapolis.

"There are over one million FFA members nationwide [representing] the largest youth organization in the world," stated PBHS agriculture instructor Mike Melson, FFA adviser. "Out of a million members, they pick 100 of those who tryout to be chosen for the band. As a sophomore, that's just crazy unheard of."

Preston, a section leader for the Sho-Me Marching Band, will perform "and help bring full instrumental balance to the band" several times including at Lucas Oil Stadium, the Artsgarden and various special awards functions, according to a National FFA press release. To be considered, he submitted a video audition and application over the summer and was notified of his placement last month.

"He is a very hard worker and is a very reliable member of the band," commented Junior and Senior High music teacher Stephen Winters, the band director, noting that Preston placed in the Southeast Missouri All-District Band last year as a freshman.

He will arrive in advance to rehearse and maintain a rigorous schedule while his fellow FFA chapter members attend breakout sessions and presentations at the convention with Melson and chaperone Branden Smith, who teaches another section of agriculture education. A total of eight PBHS students will attend the school-sponsored event out of 48 members, based on last year's FFA involvement in activities and student fundraising.

"Anybody that can learn their music [sight unseen] with three days practice, that's pretty intense," Melson continued. "How many students do we have that are gonna get the opportunity to play in front of an audience of 70,000? It's the best of the best."

*Above:* Preston Ethridge receives multiple accolades during the annual FFA banquet held last school year at PBHS.

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