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Dexter Elks Lodge - November Students of the Month

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The Dexter Elks Lodge selected Caden Lee and Essabella Voss as November Elks Students of the Month.

Caden and Essabell will go on to compete with other students of the month throughout Stoddard County for the Dexter Elks Student of the Year later in Spring of 2025.

This prestigious honor recognizes students for their academic achievements, leadership, and commitment to community service. It's a testament to their hard work, dedication, and positive impact both in and out of the classroom.

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Dexter School Board Meeting Minutes - November 19, 2024

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Dexter School Board Meeting Minutes - November 19, 2024

Regular Board Meeting Notes November 19, 2024

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: There were no registered guests.

6. Old Business:

A. There was no old business.

7. New Business:

A. The board approved a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of the Series 2024 refunding bonds.

B. The board approved the Director of Special Services as the Foster Care

Liaison, the Migrant Liaison, and the ELL Liaison.

C. The board approved the annual MUSIC assessment invoice.

D. The board approved the resignation of Vice President, Ben Worley; effective after the April 2025 election.

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

A. The nurses' reports were provided to the board.

B. The building reports were provided to the board.

C. The superintendent report and CSIP update was provided to the board.

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D. The SRO report was provided to the board.

E. The next regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 17th at 6:00 p.m.

In Closed Session:

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

Elizabeth Langston

Elizabeth Clark

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

There were no transfers this month.

3. The board approved the following resignations, retirements, and/or recensions:

Angie Duncan-Principal at Central Elementary, retirement effective at the end of the 24-25 school year.

Kristi Whitehead-3rd grade teacher at Central Elementary, retirement end of

the 24-25 school year.

Jerrica Wood-Paraprofessional, resignation effective October 23, 2024.

Jillian Avery-Art teacher at Middle School, resignation effective
December 20, 2024.

Marc Thrower-Head FB Coach at Middle School, effective at the end of the
24-25 school year.

Abbigayle Siler-Paraprofessional, resignation effective November 22, 2024.

Rhonda Gromer-Paraprofessional-Bus, resignation effective November 18,
2024.

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

Candace McCollough-Special Services Paraprofessional at Central,
replacing J. Wood.

Josephine Calonne-Special Services Paraprofessional at Central,
replacing N. Childers.

Carleen Johns-Art teacher under the critical shortage provision, T. S. Hill
Middle School.

Morgan Wilkinson-Special Services Paraprofessional at Central, replacing A. Siler.

Emily Huddleston-Special Services Teacher at SW for the 2025-2026 school year,
replacing Peggy Potts.

5. The board approved semester graduates effective December 20, 2024.

6. The board voted down the superintendent's recommendation regarding a long-term substitute's back-pay-request.

7. The board approved the minimum wage increase of \$13.75 effective in January 2025.

8. The following items were discussed with the board:

A grievance filed by a parent regarding Mrs. James.

The calendar survey results and calendar committee meeting.

Athletic items.

MSBA Scholarship applications.

Items at the Conclusion of Executive Session

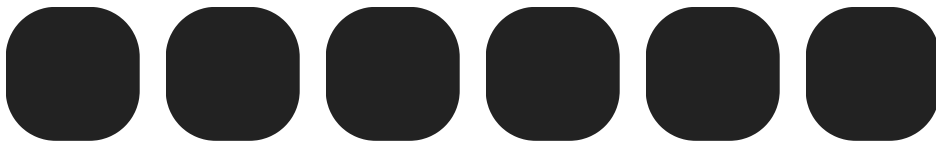
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There were no items to be considered.

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Filing Deadline for School Board Election

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The Puxico R-VIII Board of Education will accept declarations of candidacy from any person interested in running for two (2) open positions (3 year term per position), on the School Board in the April 8, 2025 election.

Declaration of Candidacy forms may be obtained from and filed with the Superintendent's Office located at 481 N. Bedford St. Puxico, MO.

Interested persons must meet all legal requirements for candidates in School Board elections, including the following:

The qualifications for school board candidacy include:

- A Citizen of the United States of America.
- A resident tax-payer of the Puxico R-VIII School District
- Must have resided in Missouri for a minimum of one (1) year preceding the election
- Must be at least twenty-four years old
- Not delinquent in the payment of any state income taxes, personal property taxes, municipal taxes or real property taxes on their place of residence
- Have not been found guilty of nor pled guilty to a felony under the federal laws of the United States of America or to a felony under Missouri law or an offense committed in another state that would be considered a felony in Missouri
- Not be registered or required to be registered as a sex offender under Missouri law
- Have filed all required campaign disclosure reports for all previous elections in which they were candidates and have paid all fees assessed against them by the Missouri Ethics Commission, if applicable.

Filing will begin on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 8:00 am and will continue during the district's regular business hours, which are Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 4:00 p.m. The office will be closed daily from 12:00 to 1:00 pm.

Except for the first and last day of filing, filing will not occur on the days that the school district's central office is closed due to inclement weather or holidays.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE will be closed on the following dates:

December 23, 2024 through January 1, 2025.

Office will open at 4:00 pm on December 31, 2024 and filing will end on that date at 5:00 pm.

PLEASE NOTE: NOTARY WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE ON LAST DAY OF FILING

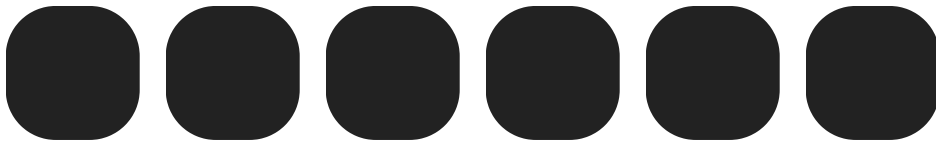
If you have any questions, you may call 573-222-3762.

Qualified candidates shall be placed on the ballot in the order of filing.

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Sepulvado Selected to All-State Choir

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Congratulations to Kati Carrillo (Senior) for receiving an honorable mention at this year's All-State choir auditions.

Tanner Guiling (Senior) earned 2nd Alternate as a Tenor and John Sepulvado (Junior) was selected for the All-State Choir!

Students attend an audition in September at Cape Central High School where they sing an Art Song to three judges.

They will then go into a Sight-Reading room with another judge.

Those points are tabulated and held until students arrive at Cape Central High school in November for their All-District performances.

Students are then adjudicated by three more judges on a completely different song.

Those points accumulated are added to the points received in September.

The top 4 students from each section receive All-State honors.

There are two alternates per voice part and honorable mentions are next in line with points.

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Bernie School Board of Education Meet, Select Concealed Carry Company to Train Teachers

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Bernie School Board of Education Meet, Select Concealed Carry Company to Train Teachers

The Bernie Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, November 11, 2024.

Announcement of filing dates for election to the Board of Education were announced to be December 10 through December 31, 2024.

Board members whose positions are up for re-election are Kris Powell and Jason Shelton.

Anyone interested in filing may do so beginning December 10, 2024 at 8 am until December 31, 2024 in the Central Office during regular business hours.

Central Office will be closed for the Christmas vacation but will be open on the last day (December 31 from 3-5PM) for filing.

The Board approved the Jr Beta and Sr Beta trips scheduled for January 2025

The Board approved Program evaluations on Assessment and the Health Services Plan

The Board approved the monthly Financial Statement and authorized paying the bills.

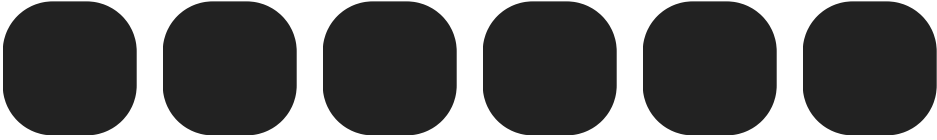
During Executive Session:

The next meeting of the Board of Education will be December 9, 2024.

The board approved collaborating with Shield Solutions, a company that will train select school employees to conceal and carry firearms.

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