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"While you will be missed, today we joyfully celebrate with you," stated Demaree. "Congratulations to each of you on a well-deserved retirement!"

Angie Duncan graduated with her Bachelor's degree from Southeast Missouri State University- Cape Girardeau in 1994.

In 2004 she completed her Master's degree also at SEMO and then obtained her specialist degree from William Woods University in 2013.

in 1994 she began her educational career at T. S. Hill Middle School, teaching all four core subjects for two years. She likes to say that she was the "Teacher on a Cart" during that time - due to space limitations, she moved from classroom to classroom to teach.

In 1996, she became a full-time math teacher, teaching sixth, seventh, and eighth grade math for 14 years. Mrs. Duncan was then hired as assistant principal and athletic director at the middle school.

In 2015, Mrs. Duncan joined Central Elementary as the principal, where she has served for the last 10 years.

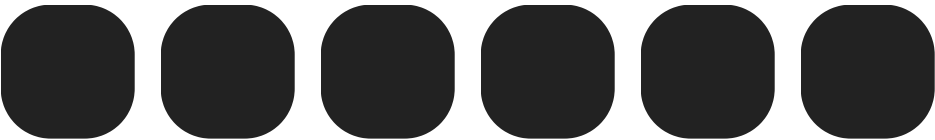
Mrs. Duncan retires with 31 years of teaching and administrative experience, all of it spent here serving the children and families of the Dexter School District.

We and the community you for your dedication and faithful service to our children at Dexter School District.

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Kristi Whitehead graduation from the University of Missouri- Columbia with her Bachelor's degree in Human development, Family Studies, and Child Life Specialist in 1994.

In 1997, she completed her Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Freed-Hardeman University.

In 1997, Mrs. Whitehead began her educational career in TN, teaching fifth grade at Sunnyhill Elementary, then third grade at Nova Elementary for five years.

in 2003, Mrs. Whitehead joined the faculty at Southwest Elementary where she spent two years teaching kindergarten, then over to first grade in 2005, where she taught for three years.

In 2008, she joined the third grade team at Central Elementary, where she has taught for the last 17 years.

Mrs. Whitehead retired with 28 years of teaching experience, 22 of those years spent serving the children and families of the Dexter School District.

We and the community thanks you for your dedication and faithful service to our school district.

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Regional Healthcare Foundation Awards Scholarship

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Congratulations to Isabella Pittman, DHS Class of 2025. Regional Healthcare Foundation is delighted to announce that Isabella Pittman is the recipient of this year's RHF Scholarship.

She is the daughter of Gary and Jennifer Pittman.

She has demonstrated exceptional academic achievement and is ranked first in her class.

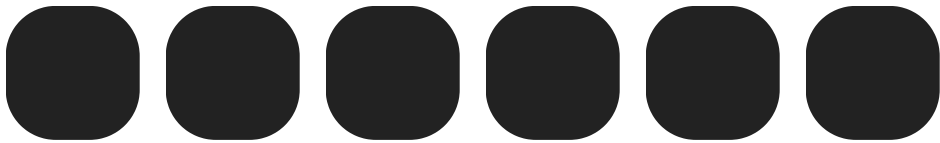
This Fall, she will be attending Southeast Missouri State University to pursue a degree in nursing. We are incredibly proud to support her educational journey and look forward to seeing her future accomplishments.

Congratulations, Isabella! Your hard work and dedication are truly inspiring.

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2025 KIDS HEART CHALLENGE WINNERS at Southwest Elementary

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WITH THE HELP OF COACH CODY BOYER, SOUTHWEST STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE KIDS HEART CHALLENGE!
THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS RAISED THE MOST MONEY FOR THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION:

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5th Place - Declyn Demaree-\$257.83

4th Place - Tucker Garrison-\$272.83

3rd Place - Zander Walters-\$307.54

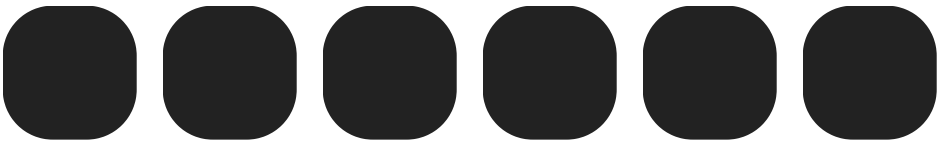
2nd Place - Landry Miller-\$475

1st Place - Roman Jordan-\$943.48

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Regular Board Meeting Notes

April 10, 2025

6:00 PM-Regular Board Meeting

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. Board Reorganization: The existing board was dissolved and the new board was reorganized. The following board officers were elected:

President-Mrs. Saren Demaree

Vice President-Mr. Ron Glaus

Treasure-Mrs. Bonnie Howard

Secretary-Mrs. Leah Stewart

Member-Mr. Aaron Mathis

Member-Mr. Preston Clark

Member-Mr. Scott Kruse

Member-Mr. Chris Brannan

6. Public Comments: The CTA gave a report.

7. Old Business:

A. The board approved the MCE February 2025 Policy Updates.

Policy 5550

Food Service Program-Meal Charges

This update aligns with the Department of Agriculture's regulation change.

Policy and Regulation 2785

Student Welfare-Student Suicide Awareness

This update includes the Department of Mental Health website who has provided school districts with resources regarding suicide.

A copy of the full policy can be viewed on the website.

8. New Business:

- A. The board approved the textbook purchase for the 2025-2026 school year.
- B. The board approved the Veregy agreement, which provides details and responsibilities o Veregy, and the school district regarding capital projects associated with the passage of Proposition K.I.D.S. 2025 contingent on certified election results.
- C. The board approved the MSBA annual membership and renewal fee.
- D. The board approved the budget amendments for the month of April 2025.
- E. The board tabled the intent resolution authorizing reimbursement from bond proceeds.

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

- A. The building reports were provided to the board.
- B. The SRO report was provided to the board.
- C. The nurse's report was provided to the board.
- D. Medical insurance information was provided to the board.
- F. The next regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 20th at 6:00 p.m.

In Closed Session:

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

Bailey Davidson

- 2. The board approved the following transfers for the 2025-2026 school year:

Lyndsey Phillips-From 8th grade ELA to 7th grade ELA.

Amber Jones-From SW special services to Central special services.

Kacey Christian - From MS special services to Central-5th grade.

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

Chastity McLaughlin-SW Elementary Librarian, effective at the conclusion of the 24-25 school year.

Morgan Wilinon-Central special services paraprofessional, effective at the Conclusion of the 24-25 school year.

4. The board approved the hiring of the following individuals for the 2025-2026 school year, pending a favorable background check and appropriate certification:

Hannah Hale-Special services teacher at Southwest Elementary, replacing.

Casey Sluder-Central Elementary-3rd grade, replacing K. Whitehead.

Kelby Hill-Southwest Elementary-K, replacing J. Miller.

Davis Dickey-High School Head Boys Soccer Coach.

Marty Young-Middle School Special Services & Middle School Assistant FB.

5. The board approved adding an additional sponsor for MS cheer for the 2025-2026 school year.

6. The following items were discussed with the board:

Legal updates.

Upcoming important dates.

Items at the Conclusion of Executive Session

A.

There were no items to be considered.

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