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Certificates were presented to each inductee as they crossed the stage in the DHS auditorium. Lemonade and cookies were served in the cafeteria afterwards.

Senior inducted were: Harley Allen, Hailey Anderson, Kelly Ash, Abigail Bates, Caleb Bess, Caleb Blunt, Will Brehmer, Kaylee Carey, Katie Coleman, Haley Cornett, Carly Dean, Taryn Fortner, Megan Foster, Andrew Garner, Cidney Gathings, Macy Graves, Veronica Hampton, Jacob Harris, Hannah Haynes, Bethan Hyten, Jason Jarrell, Emily Johns, Cody McFaddin, Reagan Miller, Sarah Miller, Will Morgan, Cheyenne Mosby, Emily Mouser, Emily Page, Hunter Parrott, Natalee Pedroza, Zachary Potts, Caroline Powers, Olivia Sitzes, Myca Sutton, Alyssa Teets, Kirsten Teffertiller, Macy Urhahn, Ashlyn Werneck, Lillian Whitehead, and Brianna Wright.

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Juniors inducted were: Cassidy Bess, Layla Brown, Skyler Brown, Macy Cecil, Maci Daniels, Michaela Gard, Seth Harris, Landon Henson, Jonni Hill, Rhylan Hillis, Bryson Huggins, Addison Kruse, Emily Ladd, Paige Moore, Lauren Rascher, Jake Rice, Sean Rybolt, Amber Scott, Nicole Sells, Rachel Singh, Greyson Stephens, Nick Trout, Bailee Williams, and Jack Worley.

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## Dexter School Board Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, April 18, 2017

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### Dexter School Board Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, April 18, 2017

Dexter, Missouri - The Board of Education met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2017. Recently elected board members took the office: Kevin Bishop, Benjamin Worley, Yewell “Bud” Lawrence

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 everyone being present, and leads in the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda was approved.

5. Board Reorganization

Approve certified election results

Dissolve existing Board in order to reorganize

Oath of Office – Kevin Bishop, Benjamin Worley, Yewell “Bud” Lawrence

Mrs. James convenes new Board of Education and oversees election of Board President who then presided over election of

Vice-President, board secretary, and board treasurer

Board President calls new Board of Education to order

**Rick Williams was elected Board President, Herman Morse was elected Vice-President, Nancy Mayer was elected as Board Treasure, and Laura Miller was elected as Board Secretary.**

6. Public Comments: Mr. Bennett-CTA Advisory Representative, shared important information about campus activities and recognitions.

7. Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

7. New Business:

A. The board approved the Missouri School Board Membership for the 2017-2018 school year at a cost of \$7631.

B. Dr. Williams spoke with the board about the Social Studies Committee recommendations for textbook purchases for the 2017-2018 school year. The board approved the purchase of the textbooks at a cost of \$213, 869. 29. Dr. Williams indicated, social studies textbooks had not been purchased for over 10 years.

C. The board approved the employee list for summer school 2017.

D. The board approved resolutions for our retirees. These resolutions will be presented during the retirement tea on May 4th at 4:00 in the BEC foyer. Our retirees include; Melanie Stoelting, Dee Wamble, Teresa Elfrink, Linda Hill, Michele Kirkley, Rhonda Lane, Regina Mick, Jennifer Miller, Judy Patterson, Elizabeth Spratt, Loretta Morrow, and Derek Urhahn.

E. The date for the May board meeting was set for May 16th at 6:00 p.m.

8. Discussion Items:

A. Dr. Williams spoke with the board in regards to high school course and schedule changes for the 2017-2018 school year.

The monthly report from High School Nurse, Linda Milam was presented to the board.

The building principals or assistants were present and shared a monthly report of happenings in their buildings.

**In Closed Session:**

1. The board accepted a resignation from Mr. Zac Moore as Freshman and JV Basketball Coach.

2. The board accepted a resignation from Ms. Shena Benton as a Special Services Aide in the SW building.

3. The board approved the following additions to the substitute teacher list: Jeremy Granger-Substitute Bus Driver.

4. The board employed Shena Benton as a Parent Educator for the 2017-2018 school year.

5. The board employed Amy Pixley as a 5th Grade Teacher for the 2017-2018 school year.

6. The board employed Kristopher Chamberlain for a Jr. High Football Assistant Coach for the 2017-2018 school year.

7. The board employed Jordan Noyes for a HS Boys Assistant Basketball Coach for the 2017-2018 school year.

8. The board employed Jenni Dewitt for a HS Girls Tennis Coach for the 2017-2018 school year.

9. The classified staff members were rehired for the 2017-2018 School year.

10. The coaches and sponsor were rehired for the 2017-2018 school year.

11. The board approved steps on the salary schedule for certified staff for the 2017-2018 school year.

12. The board approved a 2% increase in salaries for the classified staff for the 2017-2018 school year.

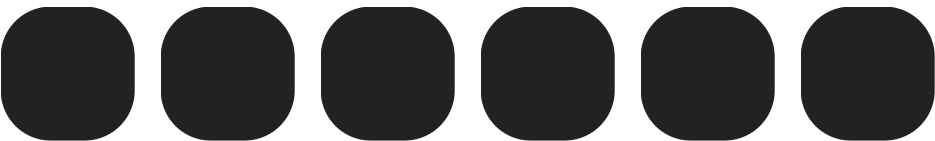
Items presented to the board for informational purposes for future meetings or for discussion include:

Updates on the insurance claim for HS Band and Choir Rooms.

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# Stevenson Experiences World Religions in Chicago

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## Stevenson Experiences World Religions in Chicago

Searcy, Arkansas - Kendra Stevenson, a 2014 Dexter High School graduate and now attending Harding University, traveled to Chicago on April 6th - 9th as part of requirements for a world religions class.

Stevenson, who is a public relations major, was among 90 students to participate in the trip designed to enlighten students about people and practices of major living religious traditions.

On Friday, April 7th, students visited the Baha'I House of Prayer, the Hindu Temple Balaji, Islamic Foundation Mosque, and the Sikh Religious Society.

At each location students were met with tour guides, panel discussions, or social interactions like the traditional Sikh "langar" dinner.

On Saturday, April 8th, students attended Shabbat service at KAM Isaiah Israel Congregations and met with Buddhists at Soka Gakkai International.

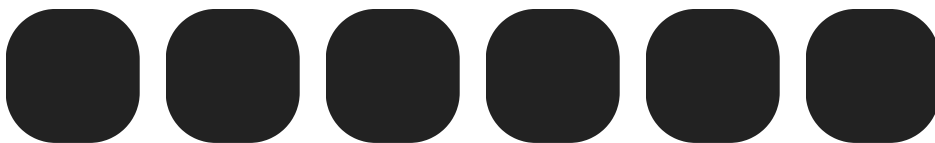
Harding University is a private Christian university located in Searcy, Arkansas. Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. It is the largest private university in the state.

Stevenson is the daughter of Kay Stevenson of Dexter and Keith Stevenson.

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# Southwest Elementary Raises Money for Relay for Life

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## Southwest Elementary Raises Money for Relay for Life

Dexter, Missouri - First grade students at Southwest Elementary in Dexter duct taped teacher Carrie Haynes to the wall as a fundraiser for the school Relay for Life team. (Shown in the photo).

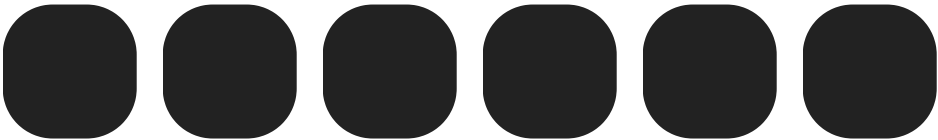
Second grade students taped teacher Amber Duley to the wall and kindergarten students taped teacher Felicia Powers to the wall.

In all the school raised \$900 for Stoddard County Relay for Life.

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