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# Central Elementary Parent Night

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## Central Elementary Parent Night

Dexter, Missouri - It's that time of the year when teachers, principals, and students head back to the classroom for another enjoyable academic year!

Central Elementary is preparing for a Parent Night to be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

There will be a short informational meeting in the cafeteria at 6:00 p.m.

Parents will then have an opportunity to visit the classrooms and meet the teachers.

"We are looking forward to the new school year," stated Angie Duncan, Central Elementary Principal.

Students will return to the halls of Dexter Public Schools on Thursday, August 10, 2017. Don't panic it iwll be a half day! Friday will be the first full day of classes and then you get the weekend off.

Show some Bearcat Pride and wear red and black on your first day of school!

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## Dexter School Board Minutes - Tuesday, July 25, 2017

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### Dexter School Board Minutes - Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter R-XII School Board met at their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Below are the minutes from that meeting.

**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. He then leads in the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consent Agenda:** The Consent Agenda was approved.

**Public Comments:** There were no public comments made.

**Old Business:**

The board approved MSBA policies and procedures; BBE, GBL, GBLB, GCPD, GDPD, GDPE, IGCE, IKF, JCB, JCC, JFCL, JO, DJFA-AP2, JCB-AP1, JFCL-AP1, JO-AP1

**New Business:**

A. The board approved MSBA policy BBFA to satisfy the Missouri Ethics Commission requirements.

B. The board approved the establishment of a drug testing policy for all Jr. High and High School students that participate in MSHSAA sponsored sports and activities. Testing will begin January 2018.

#### Discussion Items:

A. Mr. Counts presented information to the board concerning this cycle of FEMA money. The district submitted two Notices of Interest for FEMA buildings to be used by the district.

B. The August board meeting was set for Tuesday, August 22, 2017. The tax rate hearing will be held at 5:50 p.m., with the general meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. August 25, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.

#### In Closed Session:

1. The board employed the following substitutes teachers for 2017-18:  
Michelle Jacques  
Kelsi Shaver  
Tyler Wilson  
Bethany Christian  
Laura Giles  
Marsha Lovelady
2. The board employed the following paraprofessionals for 2017-2018:  
Jennifer Slavings  
Kelsi Shaver  
Taylor Williams  
Donna Morgan  
Christina Smith
3. The board employed the following for the Middle School building aide.  
Kim Lacy
4. The board accepted the resignation presented.  
Melissa Hahn as volleyball coach for Middle School.

5. The board discussed a student issue.

6. The board employed the following full time bus driver for 2017-18.

Deborah Ash

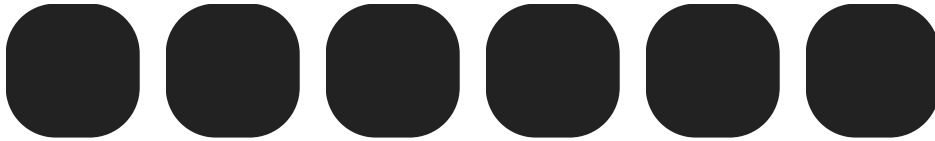
Items presented to the board for informational purposes for future meetings or for discussion include:

None at this time

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## DHS 9th and 10th Grade Students Earn Spot in MCDA Honor Choir

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**Dexter, Missouri** - Choir students under the direction of Jamie Sepulvado from Dexter High School, T.S. Hill Middle School, and Central Elementary traveled to Jefferson City, Missouri to sing with other students selected from all over the state for Missouri Choral Directors Association (MCDA) Honor Choir.

Students submitted recordings to the Missouri Choral Directors Association chair.

"These selected students auditioned by recorded voice submission in March to be selected for this summer's Honors Choir," commented Dexter Public Schools Choral Director. "Out of hundreds of entries Dexter had 6 students from grades 9th and 10th to be selected for this choir."

Once student heard they were chosen to represent their school, the real work began. Students practiced weekly during the summer to learn and memorize the pieces for the Honors Choir concert.

"They worked really hard during the summer," continued Sepulvado. "They represented us well by being leaders in the rehearsals. I am very proud of their achievement. These students are my future/present choir leaders. They are dedicated, intelligent, and willing to work for perfection."

The concert was presented on Wednesday, July 19th in the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, Missouri.

"Dr. Andrea Ramsey was their choral conductor. She enjoys a national presence as a composer, conductor, scholar, and music educator. Her teaching experiences range from work with adolescent and children's voices to high school and collegiate voices. She enjoys regular opportunities to conduct all-state and divisional level honor choirs, festival events at Carnegie Hall, and serves as a principal conductor for the Pacific International Young Women's Choral Festival in Eugene, Oregon. Before leaping into full time composing and guest conducting, Andrea held positions in choral music education and conducting at The Ohio State University, and the University of Colorado Boulder, respectively. An ASCAPlus award-winning composer, Andrea has approximately 90 choral works in publication and believes strongly in supporting living artists through the creation of new works. Her compositions have led to residency collaborations with the Allegro Choirs of Kansas City, Ithaca College, and the Crescent City Choral Festival in New Orleans. As a scholar, she has presented for state, divisional, and national conventions of the American Choral Directors Association, the 6th Annual International Symposium on Sociology in Music Education, and at the Phenomenon of Singing Symposium in St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada. She has authored and co-authored articles published in the Choral Journal, as well as the Journal of Research in Music Education. A native of Arkansas, she has experienced in her own life the power of music to provide a sense of community, better understanding of our humanity, and rich opportunities for self-discovery."

Pictured from left to right front row: Brooklyn Twomey, Madeline Parker, and Arianna Carter. Back row James Robinson, Cutter Cornett, Bryston Pemberton, and Dalton Granger. Not shown is Cole Barker.

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## T.S. Hill Middle School Students Selected to Sing in MCDA Honor Choir

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Students submitted recordings to the Missouri Choral Directors Association chair.

"These selected students auditioned by recorded voice submission in March to be selected for this summer's Honors Choir," commented Dexter Public Schools Choral Director. "Out of hundreds of entries Dexter had 9 students from grades 7th and 8th to be selected for this choir."

Once students heard they were chosen to represent their school, the real work began. Students practiced weekly during the summer to learn and memorize the pieces for the Honors Choir concert.

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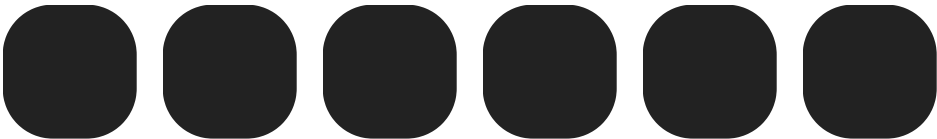
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From left to right front row Jeb Hubbard, Gerica Harris, Tristin Pullum, Mia Williams, Keiton Buck. Back row Tucker Kyle, Drake Channell, Gabe McGhee, and Justin Viers.

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# Dexter 4th - 6th Grade Students Perform in MCDA

# Honor Choir

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Students submitted recordings to the Missouri Choral Directors Association chair.

"These selected students auditioned by recorded voice submission in March to be selected for this summer's Honors Choir," commented Dexter Public Schools Choral Director. "Out of hundreds of entries Dexter had 12 students from grades 4th - 6th to be selected for this choir."

Once student heard they were chosen to represent their school, the real work began. Students practiced weekly during the summer to learn and memorize the pieces for the Honors Choir concert.

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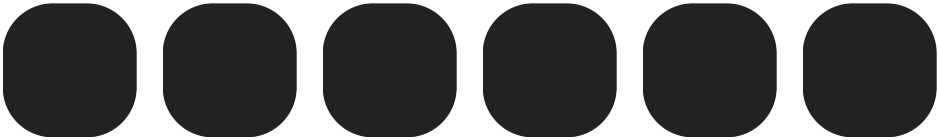
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Pictured are front row Grace Sepulvado, Aysia Corbin, and Ellie Dowdy. Second row are Reece Jones, Kylan Moore, and Molly Simmons. Third row are Seth Teel, Carly Long, Morgan Ryan, and Hannah Summers. Back row is Jamie Sepulvado. Not pictured are Gabrielle Dunivan and Destiny Snell.



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