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Maddie is a freshman at DHS this year, and this will be her first standout role in one of our high school's musicals.

Maddie is a member of the Red Cast, so she will be performing the role of "Jan" on Wednesday and Friday evenings.

Maddie really likes musicals, and she will bring a lot of fun to her role as one of the Pink Ladies.

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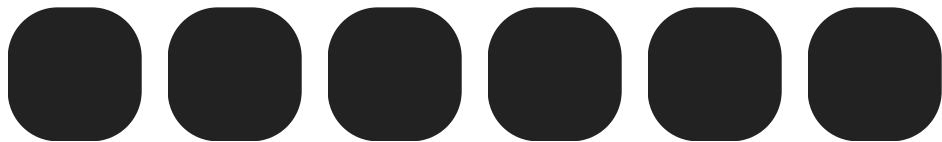
Molly is a freshman, and she will be performing as Miss Lynch with the Red Cast on Wednesday and Friday.

Molly has performed previously in DHS's Beauty and the Beast.

She says that she started getting involved in musicals because her sister, Meg Simmons, was in them.

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Dexter School Board Monthly Meeting Minutes - September 24, 2019

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The Dexter School Board of Education met for their regularly schedule September meeting. Below are the minutes for that meeting submitted by superintendent C.A. Counts.

Regular Board Meeting Minutes for September 24, 2019

Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge The Board President announced the meeting is to begin, ascertains the attendance status of all board members 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:

A. None

New Business:

A. The board approved a resolution for \$4,100,000.00 bond anticipation note to cover construction cost thru December 2019. This note will be paid off with proceeds from the 2020 bonds.

This was due to work progressing faster than expected at the schools according to superintendent C

B. The board approved budget amendment for the 2019-20 school year.

C. The board approved change orders for various items from the construction project.

D. The board approved the district assessment plan for the 2019-20 school year.

Discussion Items:

A. The board was presented the MCE Board Policy Updates that will be approved at the October board meeting.

B. The nurse's report was shared with the board.

C. The principals reports were shared with the board.

D. The superintendent gave his report to the board.

E. The next board meeting was set for October 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

In Closed Session:

1. The board approved the following substitutes for the 2019-20 school year:

Shelly Maddox

Caroline Powers

Peggy McGowan

2. The board approved the following bus driver for the 2019-20 school year:

Ben Beecher

3. The board approved a special circumstance early graduation

Items at the conclusion of Executive Session

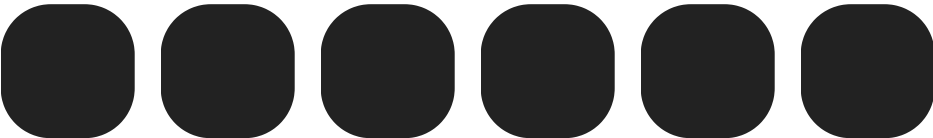
None

Stoddard County Clerk Cecil Weeks approached the Board to discuss the possibility of moving voters of Dexter Wards 1, II, and III to the Bearcat Event Center. If this worked well then he would look to move Dexter rural to the location. There would be elections in March, April, August, and November of 2020. After discussion for safety etc the board told Weeks they were on board with the move. He would proceed with printing of new voter ID cards with the new voting location.

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Greaser of the Week: Seth Teel

Seth, a freshman, is another first-timer to DHS musicals, and he will be performing as “Roger” as a member of the Red Cast on Wednesday and Friday nights.

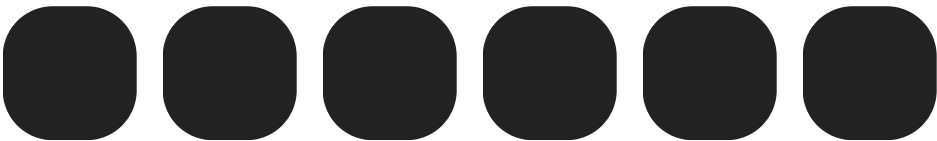
Seth joined the cast because he wanted to experience what it was like to be in a high school musical.

He is a talented singer, and he has represented middle school during Junior Beta Special Talent.

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Middle School Librarian Helps Students Create Online Portfolios

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Poplar Bluff Middle School students are creating eBinders, or online portfolios, designed to preserve their best work so they can reflect on what they have learned throughout their educational careers and ultimately utilize on college applications.

The project is being spearheaded by Media Specialist Michele Carmode, who has served in the repurposed librarian position for grades 4-6 since the 2017/18 school year. She has made arrangements to collaborate with instructional coaches at Junior and Senior High so students can continue submitting their learning artifacts in participating classes.

“It is a way to organize a collection of work, a place to reflect on the learning processes, and finally it is a recollection of what students learned for purposes of sharing or studying,” explained Carmode, upon helping a test group of students create templates and personalize their digital Trapper Keepers on Google Chromebooks last week.

In order to make the knowledge visible and be considered an artifact, an object must be lasting, durable and materially present, for example: a photo taken during an activity, a Google Slide presentation, video, essay or work from another application such as Booksnaps or Flipgrip, Carmode continued. “The creation and display of these artifacts allow students opportunities for engagement, revision and feedback, all hallmarks of quality learning design,” she said.

For sixth grade teacher Krissey Whitlock, her favorite aspect about signing up her class is that the internal websites can be used to track progress during student-led parent-teacher conferences. “Students will be able to take ownership of their own growth much faster,” she said. Artifacts uploaded, guided by instructors, will include a reflection piece either written out, as an infographic, or in video format.

Carmode recently became the first Google for Education Certified Trainer in Poplar Bluff among only a few in the region, she reported. With a tenure that spans over two decades

in public education, Carmode earned her master’s degree in technology and education from the University of Missouri at Columbia.

She is the “real deal” and an asset to the entire district, according to Middle School Principal Dr. Brad Ownings, who led the effort to evolve his librarian post to meet the needs of Generation Z. “There are tons of articles about how librarians have turned into curators of books, and we need to move on to digital literacy, technology integration and makerspaces,” Owings stated.

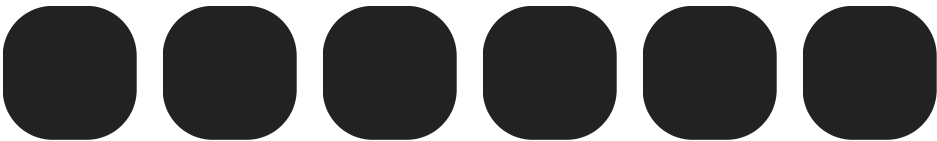
Media Specialist Michele Carmode helps a group of students create eBinder templates to collect educational artifact submissions on Tuesday, Sept. 24, in the Middle School Media Center.

Photo and article by Tim Krakowiak, Communications/Marketing Director, Poplar Bluff R-I School District

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