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## Dexter School Board Meeting Minutes - December 17, 2024 - No-tax-increase bond issue for April Election

DECEMBER 20TH 2024 BY DEE LOFLIN

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### Regular Board Meeting Notes December 17, 2024

#### 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 Mr. Mathis and Mr. Glaus being absent. The Board President leads in the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Consent Agenda: The consent agenda was approved.

5. Public Comments: Kim Waldner and Travis Gibson made comments during this time.

#### 6. Old Business:

A. There was no old business.

#### 7. New Business:

A. The board approved a transfer from Fund 001 to Fund 002 to eliminate any negative balances by December 31st.

B. The board approved the December MCE updates. The updates are as follows:

**Policy-4560-Post Retirement Option**

This update reflects a PSRS rule change increasing the maximum salary for retired certificated employees who are post-retirement hired for non-certificated positions. The change increases the maximum salary from \$15,000 to \$29,685.60.

**Policy and Regulation 6325-Artificial Intelligence**

This is designed to provide guidance to the district in the use of artificial intelligence. I have shared this with all building principals, assistants, the curriculum director, and the IT dept. for input. These individuals are all proponents of the policy.

C. The board approved the deletion of exempt/non-exempt status in regulation 4221.

A Federal court invalidated the administration increase in the salary required to be considered exempt from overtime under the Fair Labor Standards Act. The exempt salary amount went from \$35,558 to \$55,558. The court's decision invalidates this increase. The exempt threshold reverts to \$35,558. We adopted this language in our regulation and it needs to be deleted.

To see the district's full policy listing, please visit the website:

<https://www.moconed.com/district/DexterRXI/district.php>

D. The board approved a bus purchase for the 25-26 school year. The cost of the bus is \$162,168.

E. The board approved a resolution calling for a special bond election to be held on April 8, 2025.

F. The board approved the draft ballot language for the April 8th no-tax-increase bond issue.

Here is the ballot language:

### **Proposition K.I.D.S. 2025**

Shall the Board of Education of the Dexter R-XI School District, Missouri, without an estimated increase in the current debt service property tax levy, borrow money in the amount of Seventeen Million Dollars (\$17,000,000) for the purpose of providing funds to replace roofs District-wide; to increase safety and security with new entrances/lobby areas; to complete athletic facility upgrades including lighting, concession stands, press box, parking, a new soccer field, and new tennis courts; to expand the Southwest Elementary cafeteria; to construct additional classrooms and restrooms; to modernize science labs; to upgrade technology; to the extent funds are available, complete other repairs and improvements to the existing facilities of the District; and issue general obligation bonds for the payment thereof? If this proposition is approved, the adjusted debt service levy of the School District is estimated to remain unchanged at \$0.8312 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of real and personal property.

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

A. The building reports were provided to the board.

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

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C. The SRO report was provided to the board.

D. Payroll for all employees and subs will move to direct deposit beginning July 1, 2025.

E. The next regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21st at 6:00 p.m.

#### **In Closed Session:**

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

**Lori Anderson**

**Katlyn Young**

**Shelby Mayabb**

**Sydney Lawson**

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:

**Shelly Culp-CCE/Broadcasting Teacher at High School, resignation**  
effective at the end of the 24-25 school year.

**Jessica Blake**-Special Services Teacher at Central Elementary, resignation effective at the end of the 24-25 school year.

**Curtis Baisden**-Bus Driver, retirement effective January 31, 2025.

**Marc Thrower** - Assistant Track Coach at Middle School, resignation  
effective at the end of the 24-25 school year.

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

**Morgan Wilkinson**-Bus aide.

5. The following items were discussed with the board:

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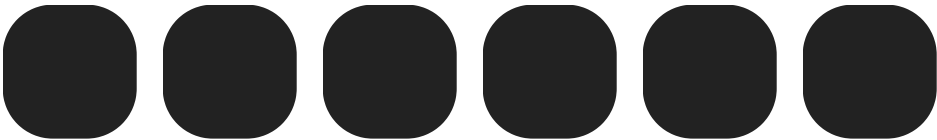
Legal updates.

### **Items at the Conclusion of Executive Session**

A.

There were no items to be considered.

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# Seventeen Poplar Bluff band students earn All-District honors

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Seventeen Poplar Bluff band students earn All-District honors

The Southeast Missouri All-District Band featured a dozen students from Poplar Bluff Schools on Saturday, Nov. 16, at Cape Central High School.

PBHS students who successfully auditioned against districts across the region earlier in the month at Jackson High School included Preston Ethridge, Claire Funke, RJ Hester, Jackson Kennedy, Jazlynn LeGrand, Mylee McClintock, William Montgomery, Aubrea Morrow, Ma’Kayla Oses-Arviso and Bethany Winters. Junior High students selected were Addyson Henson and Kaitlyn Hillis.

“Each student is required to learn and perform a difficult set of musical excerpts in front of a judge and their overall score is pitted against all other students who audition,” explained Stephen Winters, band director. “...They are placed in order by their audition score and then meet at Cape High School to learn an entire concert’s worth of music during one day’s rehearsal.”

Also during the audition held on Tuesday, Nov. 5, the following High School students were chosen to perform in the Southeast Missouri District Jazz Band: Ian Gholson, Brayden Keeling, Wyatt Lindsey, Logan Simpson and Isaac Stork. These students will have the opportunity to showcase their talents during the Jazz Festival on Thursday, Feb. 6, at Three Rivers College.

Kaitlyn Hillis (left) and Addyson Henson, both flute players, recently performed as members of the Southeast Missouri All-District Junior High Band.

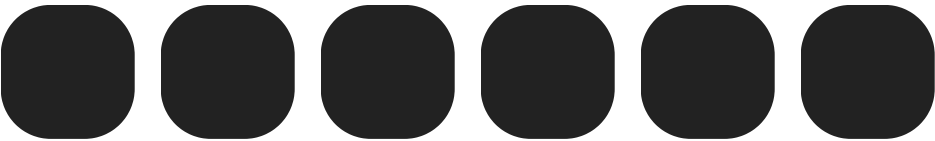
(From left) Ma’Kayla Oses-Arviso, William Montgomery, RJ Hester, Preston Ethridge, Mylee McClintock, Jackson Kennedy, Bethany Winters, Jazlynn LeGrand, Aubrea Morrow and Claire Funke performed as members of the All-District High School Band.

(Left to right) Logan Simpson, Ian Gholson, Brayden Keeling, Wyatt Lindsey and Isaac Stork are slated to perform with the All-District Jazz Band in February.

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# Three Rivers College Students Selected to All-Collegiate Band

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## Three Rivers College Students Selected to All-Collegiate Band

Three Rivers College students Emma Harris and Hannah Winters were recently selected to perform for the All-Collegiate Band and will perform at 9 p.m. January 29 at Margaritaville/Tan-Tar-A Convention Center in Osage Beach, Mo., during the 87th annual Missouri Music Educators Association In-Service Workshop/Conference.

“This is an incredible accomplishment for our students and our music program,” Three Rivers music professor William White said. “The nomination and audition process for the All-Collegiate Band is very competitive and both of our students worked hard to achieve this high honor.”

Both Harris and Winters will perform in a nine-person percussion section. The All-Collegiate Band is comprised of 97 students selected from 26 colleges and universities throughout Missouri.

“We are proud that Emma and Hannah will be almost ¼ of the percussion section,” White said. “This means they are among the finest college percussionists in our state.”

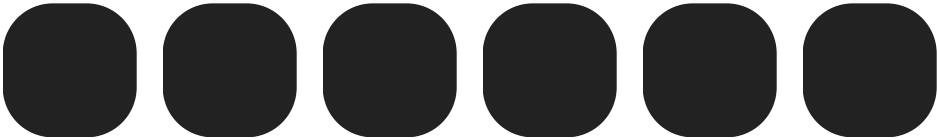
Three Rivers offers an Associate of Arts degree with courses in Music for students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university to major in Music and an Associate of Arts in Teaching – Music Education degree for students who want to transfer into Central Methodist University’s completion program, offered at the Three Rivers College Poplar Bluff campus, to earn a Bachelor of Music Education Degree. Both the AA and AAT degree programs provide an affordable way to fulfill general education requirements and to explore a variety of performance opportunities. Students can specialize in choir or instrumental music. There are courses for ensembles and private instruction. There also are music scholarship opportunities for both music majors and non-majors. Students do not need to major in music to enroll in music ensembles.

For more information about the Three Rivers College Music Department, call 573-840-9639.

Three Rivers College is committed to contributing to the quality of life in Southeast Missouri with quality, affordable higher education opportunities and community services that support and encourage the economic, civic, and cultural vitality of the region. For more information about college and workforce programs and upcoming events, visit [trcc.edu](https://trcc.edu).

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# Dexter School Board Meeting Agenda for December 17th

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Dexter School Board Meeting Agenda for December 17th

## Agenda

Tentative as of 12/13/2024

Regular Board Meeting

December 17, 2024

Regular Meeting 6:00 pm

1.

Call to Order



2.

### **Roll Call**

3.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **4. Consent Agenda**

A.

Approve board agenda.

B.

Approve minutes of November 19th regular board meeting.

C.

Approve payment of bills.

**5. Public Comments** (At this time someone who is pre-registered with the Board Secretary prior to the beginning of the Board meeting to present a position on a specific agenda item or who is pre-registered with the superintendent in writing at least 5 days prior to the beginning of the Board meeting to present a general comment about a non-agenda item will be given time for presentation to the Board of Education. Each speaker is limited to 5 minutes. A maximum of 15 minutes is allowed for this public comment section. Please, just one spokesperson per group; individuals may speak only once per meeting; time regulated by the Board Chairman. Note: Individuals wishing to convey a complaint about procedures, regulations, or personnel will not be scheduled to address the Board until the District's complaint procedure has been exhausted; Complaints directed at specific personnel will not be heard in open session.)

A.

CTA–

B.

Registered requests-

C.

Correspondence–

D.

Recognition of guests-

## **6. Old Business**

A. There is no old business at this time.

## **7. New Business**

A. Approve a transfer from Fund 001 to Fund 002 to eliminate any negative balances by December 31st.

B. Approve December MCE updates.

C. Deletion of Exempt/Non-Exempt Status in Regulation 4221.

D. Approve a bus purchase for the 2025-2026 school year.

E. Approve the draft ballot language for the April 8th no-tax-increase bond issue.

F. Approve a resolution calling for a special school bond election to be held on April 8, 2025.

## **8. Discussion Items**

A. Nurses Report.

- B. Building Reports.
  - C. SRO Report.
  - D. Superintendent's Report & CSIP Update.
  - E. Payroll for all employees will move to direct deposit beginning July 1, 2025.

F. Next Regular Board Meeting is January 21, 2025.

## **9. Motion to Enter Executive Session**

- A. Hiring, firing, disciplining, or promoting particular employees. § 610.021(3), RSMo
- B. Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment. § 610.021(13), RSMo.

## **10. Items to be considered after conclusion of Executive Session**

A.

None.

## **11. Motion to adjourn the meeting.**

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## Bloomfield School Board Meeting Minutes - Monday, December 9, 2024

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### Bloomfield School Board Meeting Minutes - Monday, December 9, 2024

The Bloomfield School Board held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 9, 2024

Middle school house leaders, along with Mrs. Shafer presented information on their recent community and school service projects. They did a great job, and we appreciate the pride they take in our school and community!

#### **In open session, the Board:**

- \* approved the purchase of a new school van.
- \* approved ballot language for Proposition A - a No Tax Increase Bond Extension for the district.
- \* approved Southern Bank for bank depository services.
- \* approved bus driver wait time pay to increase to \$13.75 in January 2025.
- \* reviewed the District's APR scores and report.

Each building principal gave a report.

**In the superintendent report,**

- \* reminded board members of filing dates for board candidates. Filing begins Monday, December 9th and runs to December 31st.
- \* reminded them about our annual board refresher course.
- \* provided a CSIP update.

In Executive Session the Board:

- \* accepted the retirement notice from Angie Wood - effective December 31st.
- \* accepted the retirement notice from Becky Cate - effective end of the school year.
- \* approved the full time employment of Tonya McClelland - bus driver
- \* approved the full time employment of Darrel Allen - bus driver
- \* approved the full time employment of Jayden Fox - custodian
- \* accepted resignation letter from Kelby Hill - effective end of the school year.
- \* approved changes to Bloomfield Christmas Tournament participants. They chose to remove South Pemiscot and Hayti from the tournament and add Risco and East Carter County to the Tournament effective with this year's tournament. The seed meeting will be on Saturday, December 14th at 11 a.m. Bracket will be released on Saturday.

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