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2025 DHS Freshmen Students Earn Top 10% Honors

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Dexter High School held their Top 10% Ceremony on Monday, March 10, 2025 in the auditorium. Each year the Dexter Chamber of Commerce co-hosts the event and provides "goodie" bags for the students.

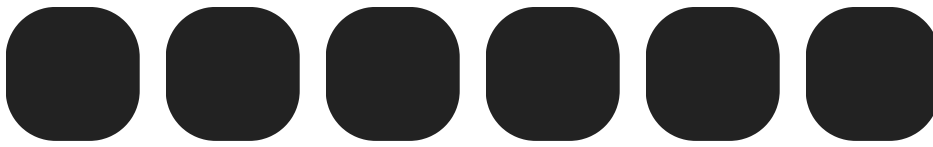
Thanks to the generosity of local businesses, each of the students received a goodie bag filled with tokens of appreciation. Students will enjoy bowling at **Total Pindemonium Dexter Bowl** and items from: **Bank of Advance**, **Chris Brannan - State Farm Agent**, **Delta Realty, LLC**, Domino's Pizza, Rhodes 101 Stops, **Fitness Connection**, and Pepsi Mid-America!

Left to right are the Freshman Top 10% Students: Annslee Ackman, Sidney Booker, Emma Brennan, Katelynn Chappell, Jacob Reece, Fatima Gonzalez, Melody Jarrell, Sadie Long, Lanie Mills, Emily Moore, Adriannah Owens, Rylee Short, Jack Smith, Kyleigh Wilson, and Sophia Wunderlich

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Dexter School Board Meeting Minutes - March 7, 2025

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Dexter School Board Meeting Minutes - March 7, 2025

Regular Board Meeting Notes March 7, 2025

8:00 AM-Special 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. Worley being absent and Mr. Glaus attending by Facetime. The Board President leads in the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Old Business:

A. There was no old business.

5. New Business:

A. There was no new business.

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

A. There were no discussion items.

In Closed Session:

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

Megan Miller-Assistant Principal at Central Elementary, effective at the conclusion of the 24-25 school year.

Kathryn Ashley-Bus Driver and Paraprofessional, effective dates are 2/27/25 and 3/4/2025.

Alex Brotz-Middle School Cheer Coach, effective at the conclusion of the 24-25 school year.

Rob Scott-5th Grade Teacher, effective conclusion of the 24-25 school year.

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

Justin Peden-MS Head Football Coach.

Natalie Gargas-MS Assistant Volleyball Coach.

Amanda Galloway-MS Special Services Teacher.

Rebekah Holt-ECSE Teacher.

Jessica Marston-MS ELA Teacher.

3. The following items were discussed with the board:

*Health Insurance.

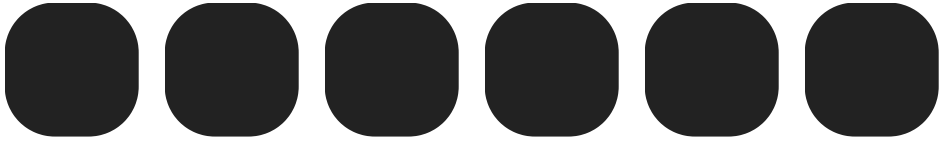
*School will not be in session on April 2, 2025 (Song Makers Performance and HS baseball both at Busch Stadium in St. Louis. An announcement will be made to the District on Monday via the website, Facebook, and Thrillshare.

Items at the Conclusion of Executive Session

A.

There were no items to be considered.

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Bloomfield School Boards Meets, Announces 25-26 Calendar, Resignations and New Hires

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Bloomfield School Boards Meets, Announces 25-26 Calendar, Resignations and New Hires

The Bloomfield School Board held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 10th.

The Board enjoyed History Day presentations from the middle school and high school!

In open session, the board:

- reviewed the list of board candidates for the April election. David Clary and Brooke Hayes will be the two candidates for the two open spots on the board. Since we are running a no tax increase bond extension on the April ballot, the board candidates will be on the same ballot as well.
- approved a resolution for Proposition A press release. This will officially kick off our campaign to pass a NO TAX INCREASE bond extension for the April ballot.
- approved the 2025-26 school calendar.

- approved 2025 summer school dates. Elementary and MS will go from May 19 - June 9, and high school will go from May 19 - June 16.
- approved the changes to the upcoming board meetings. The March board meeting will be held on March 18th at 6:00 pm. The May board meeting will be held on May 12th. A budget work session will begin at 7:00 am, and the regular board meeting will begin at 8:15 am.

The board heard reports from all three building principals.

In the Superintendent's report, Karnes gave an update on the district's CSIP, as well as a legislative update.

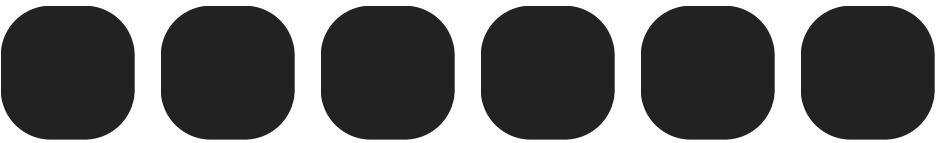
In closed session, the board:

- accepted resignation of Jennifer Bolin, Elementary Principal, effective at the end of the school year.
- hired Katrina Prance as Elementary Principal for the 2025-26 school year.
- hired Maddy Ringer as MS Softball Head coach for this spring.
- hired Summer Crowder for PreK- 12 Librarian for the 2025-26 school year.
- hired Mikayla Harris as MS/HS Math Teacher for the 2025-26 school year.
- extended the contracts of Mr. Keith (HS Principal), Mrs. Karnes (MS Principal), and Mrs. Vaughn (Special Education Director).

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Dexter School District Board of Education Meeting Agenda - Tuesday, 8 a.m.

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Dexter School District Board of Education Meeting Agenda - Tuesday, 8 a.m.

Due to the impending snowfall potential the meeting was moved from the evening to Tuesday morning.

Agenda

Tentative as of 2/14/2025

Regular Board Meeting

February 18, 2025

Regular Meeting 8:00 am

1.

Call to Order

2.

Roll Call

3.

Pledge of Allegiance

4. Consent Agenda

A.

Approve board agenda.

B.

Approve minutes of January 21st 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.

PTO-

C.

Registered requests- 1 Registered Request for Closed Session

D.

Correspondence–

E.

Recognition of guests-

6. Old Business

A. There is no old business at this time.

7. New Business

A. Approve the dates for the 2025 summer session. The dates will be May 22nd-June 19th.

B. Approve a resolution authorizing the redemption of \$300,000 principal amount of the general obligation bond series 2020 and authorizing the publication of notice of redemption.

C. Approve the summer dead period for MSHSAA activities,

August 2-10, 2025.

D. Approve the finalized budget for the 24-25 school year.

8. Discussion Items

A. FBLA-The importance of CTE Programs

B. Data Privacy

C. Nurses Report.

D. Building Reports.

E. SRO Report.

F. Superintendent's Report, Wellness Evaluation, & CSIP Update.

G. Next Regular Board Meeting is March 18, 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.

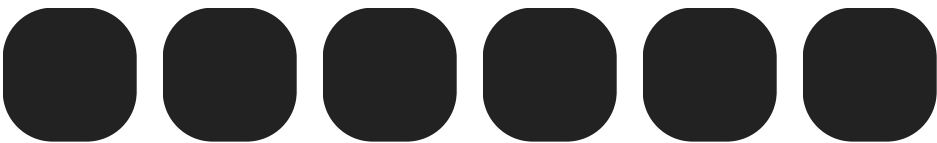
10. Items to be considered after conclusion of Executive Session

A.

None.

11. Motion to adjourn the meeting.

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Three Rivers College Releases Fall 2024 Dean’s List

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Three Rivers College Releases Fall 2024 Dean’s List

Three Rivers College has released its Dean’s List for the Fall 2024 semester. The honor is awarded to students taking 12 or more credit hours in a semester, who achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above. Dean’s List honors are also used at graduation to help determine eligibility for honors or highest honors.

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.

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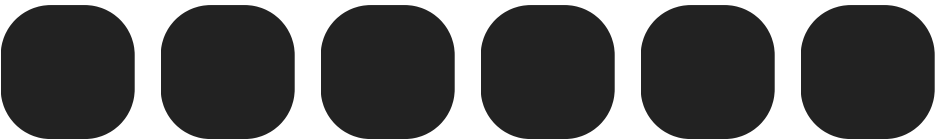
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