

Drexel R-IV School Board of Education
August 18, 2025
Board Meeting – Media Summary

1. Annual Tax Rate Hearing

The Board held its annual tax rate hearing. The assessed valuation for 2025 is \$25,870,436, an increase from \$22,534,069 in 2024. Following discussion, the Board approved the recommended tax levy rates:

- *Operating Levy: \$3.9271*
 - *Debt Service Levy: \$1.2927*
 - *Total Levy: \$5.2198*
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2. Public Participation

Visitors to the meeting included Brenda Hadley and Jennifer Pelton Hawley. They discussed with the board the Coldwater School bell and the bell tower that was removed. Conversations have started on getting a plan in place to incorporate the bell on the school grounds within a safe structure.

3. Consent Agenda Approved

The Board approved the consent agenda, which included:

- *Approval of previous meeting minutes*
 - *Warrant report and payment of bills*
 - *Treasurer's report*
 - *Petty cash and utility reports*
 - *MSBA Board Report*
 - *Graduation Date: Set for May 10, 2026, at 2:00 PM*
 - *2025-2026 Tuition Rate: Set at \$14,450*
 - *Special Education Part B Compliance Plan: Adopted*
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4. Old Business

- *The Board adopted the MSBA 2025 C Policies.*
 - *A construction update was presented to the Board.*
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5. New Business

- *Pro Forma forms were approved and signed. These will be delivered to the County Clerk's office before September 1st.*

- *Discussion was held on the Vocational Enhancement Grant awarded to Mr. Tucker. The grant will reimburse 75% of the cost of approved purchases.*
 - *Approved Purchase: Kubota tractor and loader*
 - *Total Cost: \$29,060.34*
 - *Reimbursement: \$21,795.25*
 - *District Cost: \$7,265.09*
 - *Work Study Program Approvals:*
 - *Miles Wheeler*
 - *Hayden Anthony*
 - *Kadence Seek*
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6. Executive Session Summary

Personnel actions were taken during executive session, including approval of the teacher/substitute employee list and the following resignations and hires:

Resignations:

- *Philip Dean – Head High School Football Coach*
- *Clint Bailey – Junior High Football Coach*

Hires:

- *Jared Jacobs – Junior High Assistant Football Coach*
- *Lori Reed – Bus Driver*
- *Julia Barbarick – Junior High Honor Society Sponsor*
- *Dea Ann Ackermann – Junior High Scholar Bowl Sponsor*
- *Kyle Littrell – Head High School Football Coach*
- *Clint Bailey – Assistant High School Football Coach*
- *Timmy Powell – Junior High Football Coach*
- *Royce Hettinger – Junior High Football Coach*

Respectfully,

Gary French