

Drexel R-IV School Board of Education

February 17, 2025

Board Meeting – Media Summary

The following is a Media Summary of agenda items discussed and/or acted on by the Drexel R-IV School Board of Education during the February, 2025 meeting.

Bond Issue Financials

The Board of Education was presented with a spreadsheet accounting for, and projecting final financials for the 2024 Bond Issue. The BOE has until June of 2027 to expend all proceeds from the Bond election. The Issue was for 1.95 million dollars, with an additional \$74,218 received from premiums on the Bonds sold. Projected interest on the idle funds raised from the Bond Issue is projected to be \$53,320. Expenses to date are \$1,251,365.

2025-2026 School Calendar

The Board of Education reviewed and approved the proposed 2025-2026 School Calendar.

Board Management Software

The Board received information and discussed the advantages of purchasing a Board Management Software program. Simbli, which the district currently uses for Board Policy updates and searches, also has a module for meeting organization, archiving, and presenting at board meetings. After a short discussion the BOE approved the purchase of the software.

Critical Shortage

The Board of Education voted to declare the High School Math Position as a critical shortage. The position had been posted longer than the required 30 days allowing required for a critical shortage declaration. The district currently has no qualified applicants for the position.

HVAC RFP

There was discussion concerning the HVAC issues in the High School area. Budgetary bids were presented. No decisions were made. The Board anticipates award a contract to replace the VRV systems in March.

Mower

The Board approved the purchase of a Hustler Super Z mower for Neal Mfg. The mower will be purchased from a government bid.

Personnel

The Board of Education voted to offer contracts for the 2025-2026 school year to Doug Chisam, Assistant Principal and Jenny Wheeler, Principal. Both votes taken were unanimous. The Board also offered a contract for the 2025-2026 school year to Gary French to serve as superintendent.

Respectfully,

Gary French