

***Drexel R-IV Board of Education
January 19, 2026
Board Meeting Summary***

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the Consent Agenda, which included the December 16 session meeting minutes; warrant report; payment of bills; treasurer's report; petty cash report; MSBA Board Report; utility report; and the current month budget report.

Old Business

- *Board of Education candidate filing concluded on December 30. Six individuals filed for election. The Board of Education election will be held on Tuesday, April 7. Candidates are listed below in the order in which they filed and will appear on the ballot:*
 - *Jennifer Thomas*
 - *Kevin Rockers*
 - *Craig Kimbrough*
 - *Shawna M. Hettinger*
 - *Ashleigh Russell*
 - *Paul "Teddy" Kasper*
- *A revised 2025–2026 district calendar was presented to the Board for review.*

New Business

- *The Board received the first reading of the MSBA 2025E policy update.*
- *The Board approved entering into a cooperative agreement with Miami for baseball.*
- *The Board discussed the replacement of two HVAC units serving the elementary wing and approved the purchase of HVAC units at a cost not to exceed \$30,000.*
- *Superintendent Gary French discussed the State of the State address, including insights related to education and the state budget.*
- *Superintendent French expressed interest in exploring the possibility of operating a small, district-run daycare program.*
- *Superintendent French presented an overview of current district revenues and expenditures.*

Executive Session

- *The Board approved the minutes from the December 16 Executive Session meeting.*
- *A student's request for early graduation was approved.*
- *The Board conducted the superintendent evaluation.*