

Drexel R-IV Board of Education
November 17, 2025
Board Meeting Summary

Consent Agenda

The board approved the consent agenda, which included the October regular session meeting, the warrant report, payment of bills, treasurer's report, petty cash report, MSBA Board Report, utility report, and the current month budget report.

Public Participation

Visitors to the meeting were Jennifer Pelton-Hawley and Jared Hawley. Jennifer Pelton-Hawley discussed with the board ideas for the Coldwater School bell.

Old Business

- *The board approved MSBA 2025D policy update.*
- *The board members that had completed their board refresher training attested their mandatory board training by signing off on the MARE sign off form.*
- *Board filing will begin December 9th and will run until December 30th ending at 5:00 p.m. The election will occur on April 7, 2026. Current BOE members with expiring terms are Jennifer Thomas, Andy Gorsage and Leah Martin.*

New Business:

- *The December Board meeting was rescheduled for Tuesday, December 16th. The time of the meeting will be announced at a later date.*
- *Superintendent, Gary French reviewed with the board the Annual Performance Report (APR) for the district.*
- *Superintendent, Gary French will be attending a meeting Thursday, November 20th to discuss the possible realigning of WEMO conference football.*
- *A rough draft of the 2026-2027 school calendar was discussed.*
- *Superintendent, Gary French shared with the board the financial audit for fiscal year 2025.*
- *The board voted to designate the Assistant Principal as the District's Wellness Coordinator in board policy ADF.*
- *Superintendent, Gary French informed the board that the district is anticipating a premium increase to the property, liability and work comp insurance renewal. The District has not received the renewal invoice at the time of the meeting.*

Executive Session

- *The previous minutes from the October closed session meeting were approved.*
- *The board approved adding Joey Wheeler to the substitute teachers listing pending substitute teaching certificate is issued.*
- *The BOE discuss a possible policy change to provide a partial health insurance benefit to half-time employees.*
- *The board approved the payment of two assistant high school volleyball coaching stipends to David Duncan and Olivia Shipps.*
- *The board heard information on a student matter.*