Drexel R-IV School Board of Education
November 16,2026
Board Meeting – Media Summary

Consent Agenda:

The board approved the consent agenda, which included the minutes of the October 19th regular session meeting, payment of bills, warrant report, petty cash report, utility report, and the MSBA Board Report.

Old Business:

- *School board candidate filing will begin on December 15th. The terms of Brian Faulkner and Jared Jacobs will be expiring.*
- *Board refresher training is underway.*
- *Superintendent, Gary French updated the board on the A-F grade card.*
- *The board voted to approve a lease for a vehicle to help accommodate special education transportation.*

New Business:

The board approved the following items:

- *The December Board meeting will be held on Monday, December 21st, starting at 4:30 p.m.*
- *The board held the first reading of MSBA 2026C policy and procedure updates.*
- *Superintendent, Gary French reviewed with the board the FY2026 audit.*
- *The district property and liability insurance renewal are approaching. The district has not received the renewal information but is anticipating receiving the renewal in the near future.*
- *Superintendent, Gary French reviewed with the board, the impact of health insurance premium increases on the district as a whole and the employees.*
- *The board reviewed a letter received from Drexel EMS. Discussions were held on game coverage and the appreciation the district has for our local EMS and police force.*

Executive Session Summary

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

Substitute Teacher:

- *Rachel McCraley*

Substitute Driver:

- *Beth Kenny*

Appointed:

- *Jared Jacobs – Head Baseball Coach*