

On June 21<sup>st</sup>, the State of Michigan lifted mask orders statewide; from this meeting forward masks will be optional at Board of Education meetings.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE & BOARD UPDATES**

##### **Superintendent Update**

Dr. Timmis announced that summer programming is in full swing with about 1000 kids on campus each day.

In 2012, a change in Michigan Public Employee Retirement System (MPSERS) resulted in districts receiving mixed messages regarding pre- vs. after-tax retirement contributions. Subsequently, W2's in 2012 and 2013 were incorrect and employees may be entitled to a small refund from the IRS. The DCS Business Office has reprinted W2's from these years which may be picked up during regular business hours; if not picked up by October 31, 2021, forms will be mailed to an employee's last address on file. Visit

<https://www.dexterschools.org/departments/business-office> for more information, including info sessions..

Dr. Timmis & Vice President Mara Greatorex expressed their appreciation for President Dr. Julie Schumaker and Secretary Dr. Daryl Kipke, both of whom are retiring from the Board effective June 30<sup>th</sup>. Thanking them for their long terms of service (Schumaker – 18 years; Kipke – 6 ½ years), Timmis shared, "I've worked for a lot of board members, and you are two of the best I've ever worked for."

##### **Board President Update**

In her last Board President update, Dr. Julie Schumaker thanked retiring Board Secretary Daryl Kipke for his 6 ½ years of service on the Board. Schumaker quoted an old commercial, "When E.F. Hutton talks, people listen" to describe Kipke's role, recognizing his calm demeanor and thoughtfulness as significant contributions to group discussions.

Schumaker recognized recent graduate Analisa Shehab, who has served as a student representative the past two years, thanking her for being a voice for DHS and all District students. Additionally, Schumaker expressed appreciation for Hope Vestergaard, liaison to the Board, thanking her for always being helpful, calm and a great resource to the Board.

In closing, Schumaker relayed she has served with twenty-one trustees through her 18-year tenure, and the strength of Dexter's Board is its non-partisanship and continuous endeavor to serve all students in the District. "I am certain this Board is well-suited to moving forward."

##### **Student Representative Update**

Aidan Naughton shared that DHS yearbook pre-orders will begin July 1.

##### **Public Participation**

No one asked to speak during the first opportunity for public comment.

##### **CONSENT ITEMS**

The Board unanimously approved the hiring of Danna Webber (Special Education, Mill Creek), Steven Wincent (History, Mill Creek) and Joanne McGinnis (Speech and Language Therapist, Anchor).

The Board Received the May budget report.

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## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Concrete Bid Approval**

The District had recently bid out a significant concrete repair project of sites around the campus. Trustee Dick Lundy relayed that the facilities committee discussed the project and pricing, determining these repairs are necessary for safety and ADA compliance. Repairs will be funded as part of the 2017 bond. Trustee Jennifer Kangas asked that permeable surfaces be considered for future projects, in order to mitigate and responsibly deal with stormwater. The Board unanimously approved awarding the contract GM & Sons for a total project cost of \$379,500, with the total budget not to exceed \$425,000.

### **Board Candidate Info Night**

The Board opted not to hold a second informational night for potential candidates due to minimal attendance at the Community Chat held prior to this evening's meeting. Community members with questions are encouraged to reach out to Trustees via email. Information about Board service was shared in an email from Dr. Timmis dated [June 23, 2021](#), and will be available on the DCS website on the evening of June 30<sup>th</sup>; the application will go live on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Add Instruction/Central Office Position**

Summarizing discussion from the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, Dr. Timmis shared that Dexter currently spends less than 89% of Michigan school districts on administration and that extra hands are needed to implement newly-launched initiatives (e.g. block scheduling, Early Middle College, Alternative Ed, etc.). The new position was unanimously approved and will take effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **2020-2021 Budget Amendment**

CFO Dr. Sharon Raschke gave highlights from the budget amendment memo included in the Board packet. Citing many unanticipated changes, especially due to COVID, the annual June amendment allows the District to move expenditures to where they need to be charged. Community Education and Athletics will need additional subsidy over what was originally budgeted, but Raschke anticipates a significant revenue over expense at year-end. The Board unanimously approved the budget amendment.

### **2021-2022 Budget Correction**

A second memo from Dr. Raschke corrected a minor error in the student activity fund. The budget correction was unanimously approved.

### **Student Achievement Goals**

The Board's goals for student achievement were revised at the June 14<sup>th</sup> workshop. These revisions were unanimously approved.

### **Reconfirmation of Learning Plan**

Dr. Timmis shared the most current Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan, noting he's not sure it is still required, but wanted it reconfirmed just in case. Overall, school is out, pre-K is in person, every day, and summer programming is in session. The learning plan reconfirmation was unanimously approved.

### **MASB Summer Institute**

MASB is offering a Summer Institute August 6-8. The Board unanimously approved registration fees for up to 8 classes each at the MASB Summer Institute for any interested board members and student representatives.

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## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### Board Candidate Interview Process

Dr. Timmis reviewed the interview process for interested Board candidates. Applications are due July 16<sup>th</sup>, and 10–12-minute interviews will be held on July 21<sup>st</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

### Financial Narrative

Dr. Raschke provided the Board the final quarterly budget update for 2020-2021, noting that she anticipates significant revenue over expense bottom line. Dr. Timmis commented the District has been very purposeful about not spending COVID money superfluously, and thanked Raschke for her forward-thinking in creating COVID-related budget codes to track spending. Several Trustees acknowledged Dr. Raschke's diligence and hard work managing District funds, Trustee Bruderly saying the quarterly reports are a helpful and very detailed tool for Board members (and community members) to closely follow each District dollar spent. Trustee Kangas commented this is the time to consider if additional help is needed to support students recovering academically from Covid learning.

### Second Opportunity for Public Participation

No one asked to speak during the second opportunity for public comment.

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

### Policy Committee

Chair Greatorex shared that the committee met on June 15<sup>th</sup> and will have a new set of policy revisions ready for first reading at an upcoming meeting.

### Facilities Committee

Trustee Lundy said discussion at the last meeting centered around the concrete repair and restoration project. He also updated the Board that the tennis court restoration project is progressing and will be completed before high school tennis practice begins.

## BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Lundy recognized Dr. Schumaker's long-term impact on the District, as well as her contributions to the Dexter community. Lundy also thanked Dr. Kipke for his Board service with special thanks for his thoughtfulness on sensitive issues. Trustee Kipke thanked the Board, the administration and the community for allowing him to serve the District. He shared that he learned a lot, and the Board covered significant ground during his 6 ½-year tenure.

For the full meeting video, as well as the recording of the Board workshop, visit <https://www.dexterschools.org/district/board-of-education/meetings/videos>.

## BOARD CALENDAR

- Wednesday, July 21 – 5:00pm-8:00pm – Special Meeting - Board Candidate Interviews
- Monday, July 26 – 3:00pm-5:30pm – Special Meeting - Board Candidate Interviews
- Monday, July 26 – 7:00pm - Board Meeting - Bates