

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING PACKET

March 6, 2023

7:00pm

Bates Boardroom



Our Vision:

Champion Learning –

Develop, Educate, and Inspire!

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda below. Upon request to the Superintendent the District shall make reasonable accommodation for a person with disabilities to be able to participate in this meeting.

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

- A. **CALL TO ORDER**
 - 1. Roll Call
- B. **MEETING MINUTES** (2/27/2023)
- C. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- D. **SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS**
 - 1. Shining Star
- E. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** (up to ~30 minutes/max 5 per person)
- F. **ADMINISTRATIVE & BOARD UPDATES**
 - 1. Superintendent
 - a. Presentation on DELTA/PLC Process
 - b. Presentation on District Instructional Initiatives
 - 2. Board President
 - 3. Student Representatives
- G. **CONSENT ITEMS – none**
- H. **ACTION ITEMS**
 - 1. Authorize Submission of RFP for Solar Project
 - 2. Mill Creek Roof Repair
 - 3. Juul Settlement
- I. **DISCUSSION ITEMS - none planned**
- J. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** (up to ~15 minutes/max 3 per person)
- K. **BOARD COMMENTS**
- L. **INFORMATION ITEMS**
- M. **CLOSED SESSION - none planned**
- N. **ADJOURNMENT**

CALENDAR

- *March 7 – Science of Reading Presentation at DHS CPA 6pm-8pm
 - *March 9 – Fall 2023 Young 5 & Kindergarten Open House at the DEEC 5pm-7pm
 - *March 20 – Board Meeting - Bates
 - *March 27-31 – Spring Break
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***Public Participation Policy 0167.3:** Those interested in making a public comment will be asked to raise their hands so the time may be divided equally. Each speaker will be asked to announce his/her name and address and indicate if he/she represents any organization or agency. No person may speak more than once on the same subject during a single meeting.*

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A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call.

B. MEETING MINUTES

Your packet includes meeting minutes from 2/27/2023 and 2/28/2023.

- * An appropriate motion might be, "I move that the Board of Education approve the attached meeting minutes as presented/amended."

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Approval of Agenda.

Board policy provides that the Superintendent of Schools shall prepare an agenda for all Board meetings as directed by the President of the Board of Education.

- * An appropriate motion might be, "I move that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented/amended."

D. SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS

1. The District has started a program called *Shining Stars* to recognize exceptional team members. These individuals will be recognized at occasional Board meetings and their name will be added to the star map in the Boardroom. This evening's honoree is student Diego Reyes.

E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (full guidelines at link)

Each speaker is allotted a maximum of 5 minutes for a total of 30 minutes unless otherwise notified. At this point in the meeting, those interested in making a public comment will be asked to raise their hands so the time may be divided equally. Each speaker will be asked to announce their name and district of residence and indicate if they represent any organization or agency. No person may speak more than once on the same subject during a single meeting nor yield their time to another speaker. The Board does not respond to comments during the meeting. Those wishing to receive a personal response from the Board or Superintendent must complete a [public comment form](#) available at the meeting entrance and on our website.

F. ADMINISTRATIVE & BOARD UPDATES

1. Superintendent
 - a. Series II Bond Sales from 2017 Bond
 - b. Mill Creek Roof
2. Board President
3. Student Representatives

G. CONSENT ITEMS – none planned

H. ACTION ITEMS

1. Authorize Submission of RFP for Solar Project

At its February 27, 2023 meeting, the Board of Education reviewed and discussed a developing proposal to build a solar walkway at the bus hub. In order for the project

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to proceed, the Board will need to authorize the District to put out a request for proposals (RFO).

- * An appropriate motion might be, "I move that the Board of Education authorize the administration to submit an RFP for the Walkway to a Sustainable Future project."

2. Mill Creek Roof Repair

Your packet includes a bid tabulation and recommendation letter from Granger for emergency roof repairs. This item was discussed at the February 27, 2023 meeting. The bids closed this afternoon (3/6/23) and have been discussed and tabulated with Granger. The post bid meeting is scheduled for tomorrow. In the event that there is any aspect of the lowest bid that does not meet the criteria, the next lowest bid is only \$750 more. In order to expedite the repair process, it would be reasonable to approve that bid as a back-up, if it is qualified, so there are two motions regarding this item.

- * An appropriate motion might be, "I move that the Board of Education award the Mill Creek Emergency Roof Replacement bid to Quality Roofing, Inc., in the amount of \$328,895 and assign contracts to Granger for management, pending verification of all qualifications at the post bid meeting.

In the event that any qualification issues arise at the post bid meeting, it would be appropriate to award the bid to the next highest qualified bidder.

- * An appropriate motion might be, "In the event that there are qualification issues with the Quality Roofing bid at the post bid meeting, I move that the Board of Education award the Mill Creek Emergency Roof Replacement bid to Duke Roofing, in the amount of \$329,600 and assign contracts to Granger for management, pending verification of all qualifications at a post bid meeting."

3. Juul Settlement

Your packet includes a proposed resolution regarding the Juul lawsuit settlement. Dr. Timmis will explain the considerations and answer questions at tonight's meeting.

- * An appropriate motion might be, "I move that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution for the Juul lawsuit settlement."

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS – none planned

J. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (up to ~ 15 minutes/max 3 per person)

Each speaker is allotted a maximum of 3 minutes for a total of 15 minutes unless otherwise notified. At this point in the meeting, those interested in making a public comment will be asked to raise their hands so the time may be divided equally. Each speaker will be asked to announce their name and district of residence and indicate if they represent any organization or agency. No person may speak more than once on the same subject during a single meeting nor yield their time to another speaker. The Board does not respond to comments during the meeting. Those wishing to receive a personal response from the Board or Superintendent must complete a [public comment form](#) available at the meeting entrance and on our website.

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- K. BOARD COMMENTS**
- L. INFORMATION ITEMS - none**
- M. CLOSED SESSION - none planned**
- N. ADJOURNMENT**

**DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 27, 2023**

A. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00pm

1. Roll Call

Members Present: Daniel Alabré, Brian Arnold (7:12pm), Elise Bruderly, Mara Greateorex, Jennifer Kangas, Dick Lundy, Melanie Szawara; Student Representatives Will O'Haver, Griffin Patel, Mischa Rafferty

Members Absent: none

Administrative & Supervisory Staff: Ryan Bruder, Craig McCalla, Barb Santo, Sharon Raschke, Christopher Timmis, Hope Vestergaard

DEA: Jessica Baese

WWBDMA: Davey LeBlanc

2. Oath of Office

Dr. Timmis administered the oath of office to new student representative Mischa Rafferty, a junior, who will serve the remainder of this year and 2023-2024.

B. MEETING MINUTES

Melanie Szawara made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 2/6/2023 as presented. Elise Bruderly seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (unanimous).**

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Elise Bruderly made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Melanie Szawara seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (unanimous).**

D. SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS

1. Board Recognition Month Library Book Donations.

It is a long-standing tradition for the Dexter Education Association to donate books to each school library in honor of the Board of Education each year. DEA President Jessica Baese shared this year's selection to the Board: The Couch Potato, by Jory John and Pete Oswald (Anchor Elementary); An Elephant & Piggie Biggie Vol. 5 by Mo Willems (Beacon Elementary); White Bird by R.J. Palacio (Wylie Elementary); Key Player by Kelly Yang (Creekside Intermediate); Two Degrees by Alan Gratz (Mill Creek Middle School); Will by Will Smith and Mark Mason (DHS).

E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – none

F. ADMINISTRATIVE & BOARD UPDATES

1. Superintendent Update.

Dr. Timmis:

- a. Shared that the CFO Sharon Raschke conducted a successful bond sale last week;

- b. Noted that recent windstorms and inclement weather have damaged the Mill Creek roof and will necessitate urgent replacement. The roof was already slated to be replaced with bond money; insurance will cover the cost of the repairs

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- caused by the weather damage and the rest will be paid for with bond funds as planned;
- c. Shared that a Juul vaping lawsuit settlement has been proposed; when that is firmed up, it will come before the Board for consideration;
 - d. Reminded everyone that the Science of Reading and What is School For presentations will be March 7th and 9th, respectively, and encouraged everyone to attend.
- 2. Board President Update
President Mara Greatorex read a statement regarding the February 13th gun violence at Michigan State which killed three students and injured four. The Board took a moment of silence in honor of the victims.
 - 3. Student Representatives Update
Griffin Patel notes that Wylie's STEAM night was a huge success and noted that the presence of HS band students is always a highlight and great recruitment tool for younger students; Will O'Haver noted that boys basketball beat Chelsea; Mara Greatorex added that boys swim and dive have been competing at SECs.

G. CONSENT ITEMS

- 1. Budget Report.
Melanie Szawara made a motion that the Board of Education receive the January 2023 budget report. Elise Bruderly seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (unanimous).**

H. ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Coaching Salaries
Mara Greatorex asked Dr. Timmis to explain the varying percentage structure for different sports. Dr. Timmis shared that the percentage depends on factors including the number of students on the team, the frequency of events, and other factors.
Elise Bruderly made a motion that the Board of Education approve the attached salary structure for DHS Athletic coaches, 2023. Dick Lundy supported the motion. **Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried (unanimous).**
- 2. Ratify DEA Letter of Agreement
Elise Bruderly made a motion that the Board of Education ratify the attached letter of agreement with DEA. Dick Lundy seconded the motion. **Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried (unanimous).**
- 3. Superintendent Evaluation Statement
Jennifer Kangas read aloud a written statement summarizing the Board of Education's annual evaluation of Superintendent Timmis. Melanie Szawara made a motion that the Board of Education approve the attached summary statement of Superintendent Dr. Christopher Timmis's 2022 evaluation. Brain Arnold seconded the motion. **Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried (unanimous).**

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I. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Authorize Submission of RFP for Solar Project.

Dr. Timmis shared a presentation about a proposed solar walkway at the bus hub. Initial fundraising and preliminary planning has begun; the next step will be for the District to solicit proposals in order to determine whether to lease or buy the solar panels and to explore design options based on our goals and needs. Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions and share feedback. The Board of Education will need to authorize DCS to put out a Request for Proposals (RFP) for this project at the next meeting.

J. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - none

K. BOARD COMMENTS

1. WASB liaison Elise Bruderly shared notes from the WASB legislative breakfast on 2/27/23. There will be an advocacy training 3/9 and another legislative breakfast on 3/20/2023.
2. Chris Timmis noted that new Senator Sue Shink visited the high school after the breakfast and met with government students.
3. Daniel Alabré shared his thoughts from the legislative breakfast and mentioned that he recently took CBA 257 (school safety).

L. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Science of Reading
2. Young 5/Kindergarten Roundup Information

M. CLOSED SESSION - none

N. ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 8:20pm, President Mara Greatorex adjourned the meeting.

MINUTES/hlv

Jennifer Kangas
Secretary, Board of Education

**DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 28, 2023**

A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:01pm

1. Roll Call

Members Present: Daniel Alabré, Brian Arnold, Elise Bruderly, Mara Greatorex, Dick Lundy,

Members Absent: Jennifer Kangas, Melanie Szawara

Administrative & Supervisory Staff: Christopher Timmis, Hope Vestergaard (left at 6:04)

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dick Lundy made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Brian Arnold seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (unanimous).**

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – none

D. ACTION ITEMS

1. Case #1-2022-2023 Student Disciplinary Hearing

Dick Lundy made a motion that the Board of Education move into closed session per MCL 15.268(b) to conduct the student discipline hearing as requested by the parent/guardian. Daniel Alabré seconded the motion. **Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried (unanimous).**

At approximately 6:04 pm, the Board moved into closed session.

At approximately 7:49pm, the Board returned to open session.

2. Case #1-2022-2023 Student Disciplinary Decision

Dick Lundy made a motion that the Board of Education expel student #1-2022-2023 from Dexter Community Schools for 180 days with the option to petition for reinstatement prior to the start of the 2023-2024 school year. Brian Arnold seconded the motion. **Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried (unanimous).**

J. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - none

K. ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 7:50pm, President Mara Greatorex adjourned the meeting.

MINUTES/hlv

Jennifer Kangas
Secretary, Board of Education

“Walkway to a Sustainable Future”

Solar Panel Project for
Dexter Community Schools



Proposal



It is the recommendation of the Superintendent, CFO, and Principal of Operations that the Dexter Community Schools Board of Education authorize the administration to submit an RFP for the Walkway to a Sustainable Future project.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Solar Panel Walkway around the bus hub drop off loop will provide shade and coverage for students as well as a long-term energy source for Dexter school buildings and new educational opportunities for students of all ages.



A renewable energy source of this scale is a long-term investment in the district and community. The solar panel walkway around the bus hub loop will provide a long-term energy source for Dexter school buildings and new place-based educational opportunities for students of all ages.

BENEFITS OF A SOLAR PANEL WALKWAY

- ❖ There are currently 7,332 K-12 schools using solar power nationwide, making up 5.5% of all K-12 public and private schools in the United States.
- ❖ Since 2014, K-12 schools saw a 139% increase in the amount of solar installed.
- ❖ Today, 5.3 million students attend a school with solar power.
- ❖ Solar-powered school districts can save significantly on energy costs over time. For example, Tucson Unified School District in Arizona expects to save \$43 million over 20 years. In Arkansas, the Batesville School District used energy savings to become the highest-paying school district in the county.

A STUDENT-DRIVEN PROJECT

"When I started this club I hoped to gather a few friends and try to make any kind of change possible within the district. Less than a year later, we have the opportunity to convert the district to green solar energy, protecting not only my generation but generations to come.

This is an opportunity I never thought possible, but with your help, it is."

Robbie Woolson, Class of 2022

"When we first teamed up about a year ago, it was to accomplish the goal of turning our school—and community—more sustainable. Since then, our vision has grown larger than we could have ever imagined. I'm proud to be a part of a community that prioritizes environmental sustainability and supports this project, which will serve as a beacon of progress and education throughout our community and provide a responsible example for our neighboring communities to follow."

Eren Buyukbozkirli, Class of 2022

"I never thought my high school career would end with being a part of a club that's about to do something never seen in this community before. When Robbie and Eren asked me if I wanted to join Green Schools Club, it was a no-brainer, I'm thrilled to be a member of this group. Making a difference in any community is incredible, but what Green Schools Club is doing to better our community for years to come is impeccable."

Maddy Matos, Class of 2022

WHAT EDUCATORS HAVE TO SAY

"What started as a classroom assignment grew into a districtwide initiative, and it all came from students! A group of students had a vision for a more energy-efficient school, and instead of saying, "It would be nice if...", they said, "Let's make this happen," and they are.

The students formed the DHS Green Schools Club because they realize that the world is in need of less talk and more action. They brought up the idea of solar panels for the high school, but when they found out about the possibility of a solar panel walkway for the bus hub they immediately loved the idea and wanted to make it happen.

I'm incredibly proud of these students and the work they are doing to make Dexter Community Schools a national leader in sustainability, innovation, and civic engagement."

Debora Marsh, DHS Educator & AP/IB Coordinator

BY THE NUMBERS



Location	Walkway Canopy plus Ground Mount
Solar Array Estimate	kW - AC 450.0 kW - DC 541.08
Solar Generation, MWh	726
Estimated Energy Savings Per Year	\$60,000 - \$70,000

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

"We've done solar cell projects for many years in our science classes. It would be great to be able to take the kids to our school's solar installation and have them see what they've learned about in action.

We could do various analyses looking at the power output from the panels during different times of day, and different times of the year.

We could analyze the impact of solar panels in terms of the reduction of our use of coal from coal-fired power plants.

We could do calculations of the actual power output from the panels compared to the theoretical maximum efficiency, and investigate the difference between the two.

In short, the panels would let us bring theoretical math and science lessons to life!"

Dever

The Silent Fundraising Phase has already raised \$175,000 toward the project. A public phase is ready to start to raise another \$75,000 toward the project.

100% OF DONATIONS WILL BE AN INVESTMENT IN BUILDING AN EFFICIENT, EFFECTIVE, LONG-TERM, SUSTAINABLE, AND RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCE FOR THE DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS.



The Request

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent, CFO, and Principal of Operations that the Dexter Community Schools Board of Education authorize the administration to submit an RFP for the Walkway to a Sustainable Future project.

March 6, 2023

Dr. Chris Timmis
Superintendent of Schools
Dexter Community Schools
2704 Baker Road
Dexter, MI 48130

Re: Dexter Community Schools 2017 Bond Project
Contract Recommendations
Mill Creek Emergency Roof Replacement

Dear Dr. Timmis:

Bids for the Mill Creek Emergency Roof Replacement work were received on behalf of Dexter Community Schools (DCS) on Monday, March 6, 2023. A tabulation of the bids received is attached for your reference.

We have reviewed the proposals, interviewed the bidders, and are recommending the lowest bidders at the best value to DCS. Please note we are interviewing the low bidders to confirm final scope tomorrow, March 7. This could cause a change in the recommended bidder, but due to the emergency nature of the replacement we are requesting approval to move forward and any changes will be brought to the board at the March 20, 2023 board meeting. These interviews will include DCS staff and you will be notified immediately of any issues that arise as well.

Pending final review of financial and other qualification criteria, Granger recommends that DCS award the subcontracts as indicated below and assign them to Granger for management.

Bid Category	Bidder	Base Bid	Recommended	
			Alternates	Contract
07-01 Roofing	Quality Roofing, Inc.	\$328,895	\$0	\$328,895
			Subtotal	\$328,895

Granger and RTA will conduct post-bid interviews to review the project scope with the recommended contractor to confirm they have the project scope as intended. All work will be performed per the contract documents developed by RTA and Granger.

We request that the Board of Education consider and take action on the contract recommendations above at the meeting scheduled for March 6, 2023.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,
GRANGER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY



Gregory J. Brand, PE
Senior Project Manager

att: Bid Tabulation Forms
cc: S. Raschke, DCS, C. McCalla, DCS, J. Watson, RTA



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BID CATEGORY: 07-01 Roofing

PROJECT #:	1710-00
OWNER:	DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
SITE:	MILL CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL
DELIVERY:	CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT
ARCHITECT:	RTA
BID DATE:	March 6, 2023

APPARENT LOW BIDDER BID AMOUNT:	Base Bid \$328,895	Remarks
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**DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION**

A regular meeting of the Dexter Community Schools (“District”) Board of Education (the “Board”) was held on the 6th day of March, 2023 at the following time: 7:00 p.m. (the “Meeting”).

The meeting was called to order by _____, President

Present:

Absent:

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member _____ and supported by Member _____.

WHEREAS:

1. The District is a plaintiff in a lawsuit against Juul Labs, Inc. (“Juul”) and other vaping product defendants, specifically Case No. 3:19-md-2913-WHO in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California (“Lawsuit”).

2. Certain Lawsuit defendants established a court-supervised settlement program to resolve the Lawsuit against them (“Settlement Program”), specifically Juul and Juul-related parties, as identified in the Settlement Program.

3. Pursuant to the Settlement Program, the District may accept the gross settlement amount reflected in Attachment 1 (“Settlement Amount”), including in exchange for the District releasing its claims against Juul and Juul-related parties (the “Juul Defendants”).

4. If the District fails to accept the Settlement Amount and to sign settlement documents, its claims against the Juul Defendants will continue, which may result in the District expending significant time and costs pursuing its claims, and which may result in no recovery from the Juul Defendants.

5. The District’s claims against the non-Juul Defendants in the Lawsuit will continue notwithstanding a settlement with the Juul Defendants.

6. The Board believes that it is in the District’s best interests to accept the Settlement Amount and to authorize and direct the District Superintendent or designee to sign settlement documents pertaining to the Juul Defendants on behalf of the District and to take such other action as necessary to obtain the Settlement Amount and to settle the Lawsuit against the Juul Defendants, subject to review and approval by the District’s legal counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board accepts the Settlement Amount.

2. The Board authorizes and directs the District Superintendent or designee to sign Lawsuit settlement documents pertaining to the Juul Defendants on behalf of the District and to take such other action as necessary to obtain the Settlement Amount and to settle the Lawsuit against the Juul Defendants, subject to review and approval by the District's legal counsel.

3. The Board waives any applicable Board Policies and Bylaws for purposes of this settlement.

4. All resolutions and parts of resolutions that conflict with the provisions of this resolution are rescinded.

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passed:

Board Secretary

The undersigned duly qualified and acting District Board Secretary hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at the Meeting, the original of which is part of the Board's minutes. The undersigned further certifies that notice of the Meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the "Open Meetings Act" (Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended).

Board Secretary

Date: _____

Attachment 1

Gross Settlement Amount Spreadsheet

Number of Districts:		1,489		16,068,325		27,408		\$435,675,000		78.5%		
State	District	Entity Type	NCES ID	MDL Centrality ID	Filing Category	Filed or Retained on or before 12/6/2022	PFS Submitted	On Exhibit 1	Student Population (PK - 12)	Number Schools (PK -12)	Allocation	% of Total Allocation

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