

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING PACKET

January 8, 2025

6:00pm

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.

MEETING AGENDA

- A. **CALL TO ORDER – Roll Call**
 - 1. Administer Oath of Office
- B. **MEETING MINUTES (12/16/2024)**
- C. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- D. **SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS**
 - 1. Schoolinks
- E. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** (up to ~30 minutes/max 5 per person)
- F. **ADMINISTRATIVE & BOARD UPDATES**
 - 1. Superintendent
 - 2. Board President
 - 3. Student Representatives
- G. **CONSENT ITEMS**
 - 1. Personnel - Retirement
 - 2. ~~November Budget Report~~
- H. **ACTION ITEMS**
 - 1. Approve MASB Course Funding for Trustees
- I. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - 1. Bond Update/Draft Ballot Language
- J. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** (up to ~15 minutes/max 3 per person)
- K. **BOARD COMMENTS**
- L. **INFORMATION ITEMS**
 - 1. Nice Job Notes
 - 2. Finance Minutes
- M. **CLOSED SESSION - per MCL 15.268(h)**
 - 1. Review Updated Emergency Operations Plan
- N. **ADJOURNMENT**

CALENDAR

- *January 27, 2025 - Board Meeting - 7:00 pm Bates Boardroom
 - *February 10, 2025 - Board Workshop - 6:00pm-9:00pm at Bates
 - *February 24, 2025 - Board Meeting - 7:00 pm Bates Boardroom
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Public Participation Policy 2504: *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
2. Administer Ceremonial Oath of Office to Michael Cipolla and Amy Reiser

B. MEETING MINUTES

- * An appropriate motion might be, "I move that the Board of Education approve the attached meeting minutes from December 16, 2024 as presented/amended."

C. 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. Schoolinks
Career Development Facilitator Kaitlyn Nelson will share information about Schoolinks, a comprehensive career and college planning system the District has implemented.

E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (full guidelines at link)

Each speaker is allotted a maximum of 5 minutes for a total of approximately 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
2. Board President
3. Student Representatives

G. CONSENT ITEMS

1. Personnel - Retirement
Your packet includes a retirement letter from Evie Erickson.

- * An appropriate motion might be, "I move that the Board of Education acknowledge Evie Erickson's retirement.

H. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve MASB Course Expenses
The Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) provides training and certification for board members on topics of school funding and governance. The Board typically

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pre-approves trustees to attend up to six MASB board certification classes twice a year. Funding for attendance includes registration, travel, meals and lodging.

- * An appropriate motion might be, "I move that the board approve registration and travel expenses funding for interested trustees to take up to six CBA courses between now and June 30, 2025."

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Bond Update/Ballot Language

Every 8-10 years, Dexter Community Schools conducts a comprehensive facility study that evaluates the current status of DCS facilities along with the usable life of facility elements such as HVAC, carpet, roofing, parking lots, etc. In addition, the current use and future use of facilities to better meet programmatic and community needs is also evaluated.

This process resulted in bond proposals to the DCS voters in 1987 (districtwide improvements), 1993 (construction of Cornerstone and Mill Creek), 1998 (construction of Dexter High School), 2008 (districtwide improvements), 2017 (districtwide improvements and construction of Beacon Elementary). All proposals retained the existing millage rate at the time and this process has provided funding to maintain/improve DCS facilities at the same millage rate for over 40 years.

In the winter of 2024, DCS began the next 10-year facility study engaging community members, staff, and industry professionals to evaluate all DCS facilities and programming. In total, the district owns and maintains nearly 1 million square feet of indoor space, 927,000 square feet of parking lots, 360 acres of land, nearly 100,000 square feet of windows, 640,000 square feet of roofing, 15,000 light fixtures, and over 2300 doors. This comprehensive facility analysis process included inspections of over 1400 rooms throughout the district along with every roof, parking lot, field, and square foot of each DCS building.

A bond steering committee (BSC) was formed after districtwide communications asked for community volunteers. Nearly 50 community members volunteered to be members of the BSC and all were invited to participate in a series of in-person meetings and building tours. On November 4, 2024, the Bond Steering Committee presented their [recommendations](#) to the DCS Board of Education. Their recommendation was to present a comprehensive facility improvement bond proposal to the DCS voters that maintained the current millage rate that has been in effect for nearly 40 years to fund a comprehensive maintenance and improvement plan for DCS facilities for students and the community.

The DSC plan includes no increase to the existing millage rate and the following major projects:

- Critical infrastructure improvements throughout the entire district in all district properties;
- Significant security enhancements throughout the district;

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- Technology, Furniture, Musical Instruments, and Buses;
- Renovations to every building in the district;
- Creating a Young 5 - 6 campus on the east side of Baker Road and moving all 7-12 students west of Baker Road via:
 - Modern major additions/renovations to Wylie Elementary School (built in 1965);
 - Renovations to the Dexter Early Elementary Complex and Mill Creek with 5th and 6th grade moving to Mill Creek after completion of Creekside Renovations;
 - Major renovations to Creekside (built in 1956) that maintains key components of the original building (i.e., gym, offices, front entrance, etc) while adding a two-story modern structure for 7th-8th graders including new music rooms and a 300+ attendee capacity theater.
- Renovations and modernization to Dexter High School that include a new secure front entrance and separate entrance to the gym, additions of over 60,000 square feet of indoor athletic space, a larger weight/fitness room, renovation of all science classrooms, renovation of all other classrooms, and creation of new career technical education classrooms.
- Updates to all Theater, Arts, Music, and Athletic Spaces;
- New playground structures for all preschool and elementary schools;
- Allocation for long-term maintenance needs of the new Dexter Senior Center;
- Updates/upgrades to Jenkins Early Childhood Learning Center including a new secure entrance and playground;
- Site enhancement to address the series of separate parking lots, driveways, and roads at the Bates School entrance on Baker Road and the Dexter Senior Center and Wellness Center properties to create increased parking for afterschool events and safer traffic flow.

The entire proposal totals \$241,865,000 and maintains the current millage rate. The timeline under consideration is the May of 2025 election.

The scope of projects outlined above must be approved by the Department of Treasury, the Dexter Board of Education, and the Dexter Community Schools voters prior to any funding becoming available. Upon approvals, staff and students will be engaged in the design phase of the projects to make the projects outlined a reality for students and staff members.

Your packet contains a draft resolution to submit the school improvement bond proposal for the May 6th ballot, as well as the ballot language. These items were previously discussed at the December 16, 2024 meeting and are presented for discussion again this evening. The Board will need to act on this item at the January 27, 2025 meeting.

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

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K. BOARD COMMENTS

M. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Nice Job Notes - November 2024
2. Finance Committee Minutes 12/6/2024

N. CLOSED SESSION - *per MCL 15.268(h)*

* An appropriate motion might be, "I move that the Board of Education move into closed session for the purpose of discussing material that is exempt from disclosure."

1. Review Updated Emergency Operations Plan

O. ADJOURNMENT

**DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 2024**

A. CALL TO ORDER – 7:05pm

1. Roll Call

Members Present: Daniel Alabré, Brian Arnold, Elise Bruderly, Mara Greatorex, Jennifer Kangas, Dick Lundy, Melanie Szawara; Student Representatives Marty Watson and Claire Beneteau

Members Absent: none

Administrative & Supervisory Staff: Ryan Bruder, Barb Leonard, Craig McCalla, Melanie Nowak, Chris Timmis, Hope Vestergaard

DEA: Jessica Baese

Guests: Dawn Gilbert and family, Sharon and Gary Raschke, Amy Reiser, Mike Cipolla, Jennifer Conlin, Georgia Frost, Peter Lundy, Jerry Brand, Greg Brand, Elena Lundy, Jordan Sorkin, Dave Larson, Elizabeth Orlowski

B. MEETING MINUTES

Melanie Szawara made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 11/18/2024 as presented. Jennifer Kangas seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (unanimous).**

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mara Greatorex made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Melanie Szawara seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (unanimous).**

D. SCHOOL PRESENTATION

1. Board Member Recognition

- a. Dr. Timmis thanked Mara for her six years of service and leadership on the Board and gave her a crystal board service recognition award.
- b. Dr. Timmis thanked Dick for his long and effective service to the District and highlighted some of his achievements. He gave Dick a crystal board service recognition award, and noted that the District had installed a plaque in Mr. Lundy's honor in the Boardroom to recognize his 45+ year tenure. He also noted that Mr. Lundy is the longest serving locally elected school board member in state history.
- c. US representative Debbie Dingell's field representative Georgia Frost (a DHS alumna) presented Dick with a Congressional Record plaque from the US House of Representatives.
- d. Michigan 48th District Representative Jennifer Conlin presented Dick with a state proclamation signed by Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Representative Conlin, 47th District Representative Carrie Rheingans, and State Senator Sue Shink.
- e. Elise Bruderly read remarks and well wishes from the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB), former DCS Superintendent Evelyn Shirk, and former BOE trustee Julie Schumaker. MASB also provided a framed certificate of recognition.
- f. Former CFO and current Senior Project Manager Sharon Raschke read a personal statement highlighting Dick's work on behalf of the district and community as well as her personal thanks.

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E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Jerry Brand congratulated Dick Lundy on his retirement.
2. Jennifer Conlin thanked Mara Greatorex for her service and board leadership.
3. Mike Cipolla congratulated Mara and Dick on their retirements

F. ADMINISTRATIVE & BOARD UPDATES

1. Superintendent Update

- a. Tuesday there will be a combined Band, Orchestra & Choir concert at DHS. This is only the second time in DCS history that this will happen.

2. Board President Update – none

3. Student Representatives Update

Claire Beneteau and Marty Watson thanked Dick and Mara for their service; noted that winter sports are going well, especially hockey; Claire shared that she placed 3rd in the state for Debate; all the HS students are hunkering down for tests.

G. CONSENT ITEMS – none

H. ACTION ITEMS

1. Resolution to for Preliminary Qualification to Issue Bonds

Jennifer Kangas made a motion that the Board of Education approve the attached Resolution for Preliminary Qualification to Issue Bonds. Melanie Szawara seconded the motion. **Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried (unanimous)**

2. November Budget Amendment

Melanie Szawara made a motion that the 2024-2025 Budget Amendment Resolutions for the General Fund, Community Service Fund, Student/School Activity Fund, Food Services Fund, and Cooperative Activities Fund be adopted. Mara Greatorex seconded the motion. **Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried (unanimous)**

3. Schools of Choice for 2025-2026

Melanie Szawara made a motion that the Board of Education offer thirty slots for the DHS IB Diploma Programme (ten in 9th grade, ten in 10th grade, and ten in 11th grade) plus a minimum of ten students in each grade level from Young 5 through 8th grade, as well as at least one slot for the Virtual School and one slot for the Early Middle College for the 2025-2026 school year. Brian Arnold seconded the motion. **Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried (unanimous).**

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4. Mandarin III Course Proposal

Melanie Szawara made a motion that the Board of Education approve the attached Mandarin III proposal. Daniel Alabré seconded the motion. **Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried (unanimous)**

5. Course Title Alignment

Melanie Szawara made a motion that the Board of Education approve the attached clerical adjustments to DHS course titles. Mara Greatorex seconded the motion. **Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried (unanimous)**

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Financial Update and Narratives

The Board discussed the financial update provided by CFO Christie Bueche as well as the financial narratives from the buildings and departments. Trustees discussed possibly adjusting the current financial update schedule so that the first update happens after the November Budget Amendment to ensure accurate assessments.

2. Bond Update/Draft Ballot Language

The Board discussed the attached draft documents associated with putting a construction bond proposal on the May 6th ballot. Following this evening's resolution to submit the preliminary qualifying application to the State, the State will have until January 20th to make a decision. If it is approved, the next step will be for the Board to pass a resolution to submit the proposal for the May 6, 2025 election at the January 27th board meeting. They will also need to approve the official ballot language at that time. These items will return for discussion at the January 8, 2024 meeting.

J. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – none

K. BOARD COMMENTS

1. Mara Greatorex said that it has been a pleasure serving the District and working with the Board. She complimented Dick on his invaluable service to the District and thanked him for his warm welcome and collaboration when she was elected six years ago.
2. Daniel Alabré wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
3. Brian Arnold wished the student representatives good luck with their tests.
4. Dick Lundy commented that he felt the evening's recognition was as close as a person could get to attending their own funeral...he very much appreciated hearing people's kind tributes.

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L. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Committees Roster
2. Multigenerational Committee Minutes 11/19/2024
3. WASB Bylaws
4. Nice Job Notes - October

M. CLOSED SESSION

At approximately 8:27pm, Melanie Szawara made a motion that the Board move into closed session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's evaluation, following a five-minute break.

At approximately 9:18pm, the Board returned to open session.

Jennifer Kangas made a motion that the Board approve the evaluation of Dr. Christopher Timmis with a rating of *Effective*, the highest rating available. Melanie Szawara seconded the motion. **Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried (unanimous)**

N. ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 9:20pm, President Elise Bruderly adjourned the meeting.

MINUTES/hlv

Daniel Alabré
Secretary, Board of Education

Evelyn Erickson
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[REDACTED]

January 3, 2025

Board of Education
Dexter Community Schools
2704 Baker Rd.
Dexter, MI 48130

Dear Members of the Board of Education,

I am writing to formally announce my retirement from my position as Media Specialist for the Dexter Early Elementary Complex, effective June 30, 2025. After much consideration, I have made the decision to step away from my role after 20 rewarding years of service in education, the last 12 with Dexter Community Schools.

It has been an incredible privilege to work alongside such dedicated and passionate educators, administrators, and support staff. During my time as a Media Specialist, I have been fortunate to witness the growth and development of our youngest learners as they begin their academic journey. The relationships I have built with students, staff, and volunteers will remain some of the most cherished memories of my career.

As an educator, I have always been committed to fostering a love of reading, libraries, and technology, and I am proud of the progress we have made in making Anchor and Beacon Media Centers a vibrant hub of learning. I am deeply grateful for the opportunities I have had to support students in their growth and curiosity, and I have been continually inspired by their enthusiasm and potential.

I am also thankful for the ongoing support of the Board of Education, which has been instrumental in providing the resources necessary to implement innovative programs and enrich the educational experiences of all students.

Though I am excited for the next chapter in my life, I will certainly miss the daily interactions with the students, staff, and the entire school community. Please know that I am committed to ensuring a smooth transition, and I will work closely with my colleagues to ensure the continuity of services in the media centers.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as a staff member of Dexter Community Schools. I treasure the years I spent as a media specialist and the lasting impact this role has had on my life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Evelyn K. Erickson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Evelyn K. Erickson

Media Specialist

Dexter Early Elementary Complex

**DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
COUNTIES OF WASHTENAW AND LIVINGSTON
STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSAL
(MAY 6, 2025 ELECTION DATE)**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the Dexter Community Schools, Counties of Washtenaw and Livingston, State of Michigan (the “School District”), held in the School District on January 27, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern time.

PRESENT: Members _____

ABSENT: Members _____

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

WHEREAS, the Board determines that it is necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the School District for the purpose of erecting additions to school buildings and other facilities and remodeling, equipping and reequipping, furnishing and refurnishing school buildings, additions, playgrounds, athletic fields and facilities and other facilities, including for secure entryways, modernizing instructional, fine arts, theater, music, weight and fitness spaces; erecting, equipping and furnishing school facilities, athletic and other facilities, including for an indoor athletic facility and maintenance building; acquiring, preparing, developing and improving sites for school buildings, including athletic fields, playgrounds and other facilities and the purchase of school buses; and acquiring and installing technology equipment and technology infrastructure, in school buildings and other facilities (collectively, the “Projects”), a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the School District is of the opinion that in order to finance the Projects, a school improvement bond proposition, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A (the “Bond Proposal”), should be submitted to the electors at the school election to be held May 6, 2025; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable for the School District to borrow the sum of not to exceed Two Hundred Forty-One Million Eight Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$241,865,000) pursuant to the Bond Proposal, and if authorized by the qualified electors of the School District, issue bonds of the School District in multiple series, for the purpose of defraying the cost of the Projects, including costs of issuing such bonds; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable to submit the Bond Proposal to the School District’s electors on May 6, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in order for the Bond Proposal to be submitted to the School District's electors on May 6, 2025, it is necessary for the Board of Education to certify the wording of the Bond Proposal to the Clerk of the County of Washtenaw (the "School District Election Coordinator"), as required by Act 116, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Bond Proposal is hereby certified to the School District Election Coordinator for submission to the School District's electors on May 6, 2025. The Superintendent or his designee, on behalf of the Secretary of the Board of Education, is hereby authorized and directed to file this resolution and/or complete any such forms, certificates or documents as may be required by the School District Election Coordinator to evidence the foregoing certification and/or submission by no later than 4:00 p.m. on February 11, 2025.

2. The School District Election Coordinator is hereby authorized and directed to: (a) post and publish notice of last day of registration and notice of election for the May 6, 2025 election; and (b) have prepared and printed ballots for submitting the Bond Proposal at the May 6, 2025 election, which ballots shall be in the form appearing in Exhibit A, or the propositions shall be stated as proposals on the voting machines, which ballots may include other matters presented to the electorate on the same date.

3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

AYES: Members _____

NAYS: Members _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Daniel Alabré
Secretary, Board of Education

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the Dexter Community Schools, Counties of Washtenaw and Livingston, at a regular meeting held on January 27, 2025, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Daniel Alabré
Secretary, Board of Education

EXHIBIT A

**DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
COUNTIES OF WASHTENAW AND LIVINGSTON
STATE OF MICHIGAN**

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSITION

Shall the Dexter Community Schools, Counties of Washtenaw and Livingston, State of Michigan, borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Two Hundred Forty-One Million Eight Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$241,865,000) and issue its unlimited tax general obligation bonds, in one or more series, to pay the cost of the following projects to create a modern learning environment for students and for health, safety, security, energy conservation and other purposes:

- Erecting additions to school buildings and other facilities and remodeling, equipping and reequipping, furnishing and refurbishing school buildings, additions, playgrounds, athletic fields and facilities and other facilities, including for secure entryways, modernizing instructional, fine arts, theater, music, weight and fitness spaces;
- Erecting, equipping and furnishing school facilities, athletic and other facilities, including for an indoor athletic facility and maintenance building;
- Acquiring, preparing, developing and improving sites for school buildings, including athletic fields, playgrounds and other facilities and the purchase of school buses;
- Acquiring and installing technology equipment and technology infrastructure, in school buildings and other facilities?

YES

NO

The annual debt millage required to retire all bonds of the School District currently outstanding and proposed pursuant to this ballot is expected to remain at or below 8.5 mills which is an estimated -0- mill increase from the debt millage levied in 2024. The estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year is 1.55 mills (\$1.55 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire each series of the bonds is 4.18 mills annually (\$4.18 per \$1,000 of taxable value). The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is not more than thirty (30) years.

If approved by the voters, the repayment of the bonds will be guaranteed by the State under the School Bond Qualification and Loan Program (the "Program"). The School District currently has \$77,320,000 of qualified bonds outstanding and \$651,119 of qualified loans outstanding under the Program. The School District expects to borrow from the Program to pay debt service on these bonds. The estimated total principal amount of the additional borrowing is \$6,687,504 and the estimated total interest thereon is \$1,686,616. The estimated duration of the millage levy associated with that borrowing is 9 years. The estimated computed millage rate required to be levied to pay the proposed bonds may change in the future based on changes in certain circumstances.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for teacher, administrator or employee salaries, repair or maintenance costs or other operating expenses.)

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**DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
COUNTIES OF WASHTENAW AND LIVINGSTON
STATE OF MICHIGAN**

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Dexter Community Schools

Nice Job Notes

NOVEMBER 2024

Babicki & Team
Julie Acton
Angela Anderson
Elaine Barbieri
Betsy Bluhm (2)
Eleanor Budd
Courtney Burk (2)
Kirsten Butler
Autumn Campbell
Brian Check
Erin Cobler Penn
Jill Covington
Cheryl Darnton
Kristie Doyle
Crystal Duan
Rob Dubay
Morgan Dubey
Krista Early
Antwan Ficklen
Dalton Fietzer
Tim Ford
Kelli Gatecliff (2)
Brook Gillum
Patrick Glynn
Sue Gowen (2)
Molly Hampsey
Katie Heikkila
Rachel Hervey
John Heuser
Megan Hinkle (3)
Ruthie Hockey (4)
Tori Hoffman (2)
Phil Jacobs
Melissa Joling
Melissa Karrick
Susan Karsch
Stacey Keeler (2)
Maureen Kline

Kellison Kohler (2)
Pam Krebs
Chris Kurtz
Seana Larson
Nicole Leonard (2)
Jennifer Lewis
Andrea Lindback
Kristen Linn (2)
Becky Lyons (3)
Sarah Mahatzke (5)
Michael McHugh
Coach McHugh
John McKaig
Anne Nakon
Theresa Nelligan
Kelli Nowaczck (2)
Erin Palmer
Hollie Pastorino
Katie Prall
Katey Robinson
Laura Sayers
Anna Schaedler
Margaret Scheurer (2)
Rory Schmidt
Betsy Schmidt
Janie Schultz
Maureen Service
Anna Shaedler
Michelle Sherman
Caitlin Smith
Jennifer Steele
Patti Steinbrecher
Hannah Stewart (4)
Dennis Stockwell
NHS Students
Sarah Sugg
Stacey Sutton (3)
Launch Teachers

Amy Thomas (2)
Wilbur Tong
Amy Vimawalla
Kelly Wagner
Mike Wagner
Thomas Watts
Danna Webber
Cheyanne Weber
Chris Whittaker
Dale Willett
Brittany Willig (3)
Steve Wincent
David Yon
Mira Young

NOVEMBER = 120

**POSTCARD
CONNECTORS = 141**

RUNNING TOTAL = 42810

**Dexter Community Schools
Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2024**

Board Committee Members Present – Daniel Alabre (Board), Jennifer Kangas, (Board) Dick Lundy (Board, Chair), Jessica Baese (DEA), John Heuser (DEA)
Staff Committee Members Present – Christie Bueche, Chris Timmis
Others Present – Amy Reiser

Meeting convened at 1:35 pm.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Daniel Alabre to approve the finance committee meeting minutes of October 21, 2024. Jessica Baese seconded the motion. Motion Carried (unanimous).

Audience Participation

None

Discussion Items:

1. 2024-25 Budget Amendment

The Committee reviewed and discussed the 2024-25 budget amendment. A motion was made by Daniel Alabre that the Finance Committee recommends the revisions to the budget (with minor adjustments as discussed) be approved by the Board. John Heuser seconded the motion. Motion Carried (unanimous). The budget revision will be presented to the Board on December 16.

Meeting adjourned at 2:36 pm.