BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING PACKET

January 27, 2025

7:00pm

Bates Boardroom

DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.
BATES BOARDROOM
2704 BAKER RD. DEXTER MI 48130
734-424-4100

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

B. MEETING MINUTES (1/8/2025)

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D. SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS
1. Board of Education Recognition Month
2. AI Update

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 - Retirements
2. November Budget Report
3. December Budget Report

H. ACTION ITEMS
1. Truck Purchase
2. Al Ritt Scoreboard and Sound System Purchase
3. Buses Purchase
4. Buildings & Grounds Equipment Purchase
5. Skid Steer Purchase
6. Gator Purchase
7. School Improvement Bond Proposal

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS
1. Trap Team Conversion to School Sport

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

K. BOARD COMMENTS

L. INFORMATION ITEMS
1. Facilities Minutes
2. Staff Symposium Recognition
3. Detroit News AI article
4. The Evolution of DCS

M. CLOSED SESSION - *per MCL 15.268(h)*
1. Review Updated Emergency Operations Plan

N. EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

O. ADJOURNMENT

CALENDAR
*February 10, 2025 - Board Workshop - 6:00pm-9:00pm at Bates
*February 24, 2025 - Board Meeting - 7:00 pm Bates Boardroom

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.*

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING NOTES
JANUARY 27, 2025

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call

B. MEETING MINUTES

* An appropriate motion might be, "I move that the Board of Education approve the attached meeting minutes from January 8, 2025 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. Board of Education Recognition Month
2. AI Update

Executive Director of Instruction Ryan Bruder will share a quick update on the District's work with AI with students in grades 7-12. There is also a Detroit News article featuring Dexter's work with AI included as an information item.

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

Consent items are typically approved in bulk.

* An appropriate motion might be, "I move that the Board of Education approve the consent items in bulk."

1. Personnel - Retirements

Your packet includes retirement letters from Lisa Burgess, Janine Comella, Jason Elmy, Melania Ferradas-Magda, Jill Fyke, Jennifer Johnson, Ken Koenig, Craig McCalla, and Al Snider.

* If separated, an appropriate motion might be, "I move that the Board of Education acknowledge the retirements of Lisa Burgess, Janine Comella, Jason Elmy, Melania Ferradas-Magda, Jill Fyke, Jennifer Johnson, Ken Koenig, Craig McCalla, and Al Snider."

2. November Budget Report
3. December Budget Report

* If separated, an appropriate motion might be, "I move that the Board of Education receive the November 2024 and December 2024 budget reports.

H. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve 2025 Chevrolet 2500HD Silverado Purchase

The current Building and Grounds trucks are in need of staggered replacement. The trucks are nearly 20 years old and essential for district operations. We have records of repairs to our current pick-up trucks since 2008. Monies have been spent on labor and parts to keep our current trucks running. This is the second truck in line. The price is based on the Municipal discount from State of Michigan contract #MA240000001191 which enables us to purchase the Chevrolet 2500HD Silverado at a discounted rate. Your packet includes a recommendation letter from Principal for Operations Craig McCalla. Funds for this purchase will come from the designated reserve from fund balance Committed - Facilities, Equipment, & Maintenance account.

* An appropriate motion might be, "I move that the Board of Education approve an amount not to exceed $53,854.00 to be allocated from the Committed Fund Balance – Facilities, Equipment, & Maintenance – for the purchase of one one 2025 Chevrolet 2500HD Silverado (CK20903) from Berger Chevrolet Inc., from Grand Rapids, Michigan."

2. Purchase of Outdoor Video and Scoreboard

The 2017 bond included updates to scoreboards. The current Al Ritt Scoreboard is nearing its end of life and replacement parts are not readily available. Your packet includes a recommendation to purchase a video and scoreboard display with sound for Al Ritt Stadium.

The Daktronics Live Video & Scoreboard Display will be 18'5" H x 32' 11" W x 0' 11" D and includes a new sound system, wireless access for on-field communication, and a 5-year warranty for parts. This purchase falls under Board Policy 6320 and we will be using a cooperative bulk purchasing program. Bid requirements are met through Omnia Partners. The Omnia Partners Contract enables us to purchase the Daktronic Live Video & Scoreboard Display at a 10% discount on standard catalog scoreboards, electronic signs, accessories, and audio products. Our Daktronic representative is giving us a 15% discount. The costs will also include installation, electrical drawings, and running additional power and a15% contingency. The expenditures were a planned expense of the 2017 Bond.

* An appropriate motion might be, "I move that the Board of Education approve the purchase of one Live Video & Scoreboard Display from Daktronics, including installation, electrical drawings, running additional power, and a 15% contingency, for a total amount not to exceed $469,945.20, with funds allocated from the 2017 Bond monies."

3. Purchase 4 Buses

The 2017 bond included purchasing new buses for our fleet. The replacements need to be staggered. Your packet includes a recommendation to purchase two Special Education buses with wheelchair lifts and two 77-passenger buses with luggage racks.

The district has an increasing number of students who require transportation on these specialized units. At this time, both of our current Special Education buses have higher mileage, and the ability to have a spare specialized bus available in the case of a breakdown would be extraordinarily helpful. The athletic and music departments benefit from the luggage rack buses, as they often request these for their larger equipment. Our current luggage rack buses are at a stage where we prefer not to send them on any long-distance journeys.

* An appropriate motion might be, "I move that the Board of Education approve an the purchase of two Conventional 77 passenger lifts with slide-and-click buses and two Conventional 77 passengers with luggage racks buses from Midwest Transit for a total amount not to exceed $679,996.00, with funds allocated from the 2017 Bond monies."

4. Purchase of B&G Equipment

The B&G department is in need of new equipment and to create a staggered replacement of equipment. Our current skid steer was purchased in 2001, the tractor we use for salt was purchased in 2001, our oldest Gator was purchased in 2001, our oldest mower was purchased in 2003, and our oldest small utility toolcat was purchased in 2012. Maintaining and having a working fleet of equipment for Buildings and Grounds is essential to the functionality of our district. This evening's packet includes purchase recommendations for a Skid Steer and Gator. Additional equipment that doesn't meet the bid threshold is still being priced out so this allocation will allow purchase of those additional items within that budgeted amount.

An appropriate motion might be, "I move that the Board of Education approve an amount not to exceed $150,000 for the purchase of equipment for buildings and grounds with funds allocated from the 2017 Bond."

5. Purchase of Skid Steer Loader

(Pending approval of $150,000 allocation for B&G equipment earlier in the meeting)
The current B&G Skid Steer is in need of staggered replacement. The skid steer is 24 years old and essential for district operations. Your packet includes a recommendation to purchase a JS66 T4 Bobcat Skid Steer Loader for snow removal, hauling, and salting

around the district. The funds will come from the approved $150,000 board motion for the purchase of equipment for buildings and grounds.

* An appropriate motion might be, "I move that the Board of Education approve the purchase of one S66 T4 Bobcat Skid Steer Loader for a total amount not to exceed $52,988.72."

6. Purchase of Gator

(Pending approval of $150,000 allocation for B&G equipment earlier in the meeting) The current Building and Grounds gators are in need of staggered replacement. The gators are nearly 20 years old and essential for district operations. Your packet includes a recommendation to purchase a John Deere Gator HPX815E for B&G and Athletic purposes. The funds will come from the approved $150,000 board motion for the purchase of equipment for buildings and grounds.

An appropriate motion might be, "I move that the Board of Education approve the purchase of one John Deere Gator HPX815E for an amount not to exceed an amount not to exceed $15,909.99."

7. School Improvement Bond Proposal

In the winter of 2024, DCS began the next 10-year facility study and engaged community members, staff, and industry professionals to evaluate all DCS facilities and programming. 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. [Potential projects are outlined in the Bond Steering Committee's 11/4/2025 board presentation.] The DSC plan includes no increase to the existing millage rate; the entire proposal totals $241,865,000.

The scope of projects outlined in the presentation linked 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. The Treasury Department approved the District's Preliminary Qualifying Application on January 22, 2025.

Your packet contains a 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 and January 8, 2025 meetings and are presented for action this evening.

* An appropriate motion might be, "I move that the Board of Education adopt the attached resolution to Submit the School Improvement Bond Proposal for the May 6, 2025 ballot. "

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Trap Team Conversion to School Sport
Your packet includes a recommendation from Superintendent Timmis and Athletic Director Mike Bavineau to convert the DHS Trap Team from a club to a self-funded sport. This item is presented for discussion only this evening.

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.

K. BOARD COMMENTS

M. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Facilities Minutes 1/8/2025
2. Staff Symposium Recognition
3. Detroit News Article on AI in Schools (1/22/2025)
4. The Evolution of Dexter Community Schools

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

* An appropriate motion might be, "I move that the Board of Education approve the revised Emergency Operations Plan."

O. ADJOURNMENT

DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 8, 2025

A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:00pm

1. Roll Call

Members Present: Daniel Alabré, Brian Arnold, Elise Bruderly, Michael Cipolla, Jennifer Kangas, Amy Reiser, Melanie Szawara; Student Representative Claire Beneteau
Members Absent: Student Representative Marty Watson
Administrative & Supervisory Staff: Ryan Bruder, Barb Leonard, Craig McCalla, Melanie Nowak, Chris Timmis, Hope Vestergaard
Guests: Kaitlyn Nelson, Dana Cipolla, Georgia Frost

Dr. Timmis administered ceremonial oaths of office to new trustees Amy Reiser and Michael Cipolla.

B. MEETING MINUTES

Melanie Szawara made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 12/16/2024 as presented. Brian Arnold seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (unanimous).**

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

D. SCHOOL PRESENTATION

1. Schoolinks

Career Development Facilitator Kaitlyn Nelson shared information about Schoolinks, a comprehensive career and college planning system designed to help students discover their interests and strengths, explore colleges and careers, and create individualized academic and career plans that align with their post-secondary goals. Nelson showed the Board various Schoolinks modules from a parent and student perspective and highlighted some of the most useful features including filtered college searching, career exploration, and individualized course planning based on post-secondary goals. The full presentation is posted with the packet.

E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – none

F. ADMINISTRATIVE & BOARD UPDATES

1. Superintendent Update

Dr. Timmis noted that school has been back in session for three days without a snow day yet; the end of the semester is coming up; the District is "rolling!"

2. Board President Update – none

3. Student Representatives Update

Claire Beneteau shared that Schoolinks is exciting to use with lots to offer; the amount of things the platform can do can be overwhelming and she thinks it

would be helpful if advisory teachers could provide some guidance about what to prioritize in Schoolinks; she also noted that counselors are providing a lot of support for juniors with one-on-one meetings; exams are coming up; winter sports are in process; DHS will host a powerlifting meet soon.

G. CONSENT ITEMS

1. Personnel - Retirement
   The Board of Education acknowledged Evie Erickson's retirement [at the end of this school year].

   [The November Budget report was included on the consent agenda in error.]

H. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve MASB Course Funding for Trustees
   Melanie Szawara made a motion that theBoard of Education approve registration and travel expenses funding for interested trustees to take up to six CBA courses between now and June 30, 2025. Daniel Alabré seconded the motion. **Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried (unanimous)**

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Bond Update/Draft Ballot Language
   The Board discussed the attached draft documents associated with putting a construction bond proposal on the May 6th ballot. These were previously discussed at the December 16, 2024 meeting. The State will have until January 20th to make a decision regarding the preliminary bond proposal. These items will return for action at the January 27, 2025 meeting.

J. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – none

K. BOARD COMMENTS

1. Daniel Alabré welcomed the new trustees and encouraged them to take MASB classes.
2. Jennifer Kangas noted that student spirits were high at DHS after returning from break, which she felt was a positive sign.

L. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

M. CLOSED SESSION *per MCL 15.268(h)*

At approximately 6:55pm, Melanie Szawara made a motion that the Board move into closed session for the purpose of reviewing material exempt from disclosure. Jennifer Kangas seconded the motion. **Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried (unanimous)**

At approximately 7:16pm, the Board returned to open session.

N. ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 7:17pm, President Elise Bruderly adjourned the meeting.

MINUTES/hlv

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Daniel Alabré
Secretary, Board of Education

Lisa Burgess
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1/13/2025

Dear Ken, Barb, and the Dexter Board of Education,

After much reflection, I have made the decision to retire from my position as a teacher at Mill Creek, effective 6/30/2025. It is with mixed emotions that I share this news, as the past 25 years of teaching have been some of the most rewarding and fulfilling of my life.

Throughout my career, I have been fortunate to work with incredibly dedicated and passionate individuals. It has been an honor to witness the growth and development of so many students over the years, and I am proud to have contributed to their education. I am immensely grateful for the opportunities I've had to learn, teach, and grow alongside such wonderful colleagues.

I want to thank you all - school board, administration, fellow teachers, staff, and students—for your support, friendship, and dedication over the years.

With heartfelt appreciation and best wishes for the future,

Sincerely,



Lisa Burgess
Teacher

January 10, 2025

Dear Barb Leonard,

It is with a deep sense of gratitude and reflection that I write to formally announce my retirement from Dexter Community Schools, effective October 10, 2025.

It has been a privilege to be a part of Dexter Community Schools.

Sincerely,

Janine Comella

Janine Comella

Barb Leonard
Executive Director of Human Resources, Compliance Officer
Dexter Community Schools

Dear Barb,

I am writing to formally announce my retirement from my position at Dexter Community Schools, effective June 30th, 2025.

After 25 years with the Dexter Community Schools, I have made the decision to start a new chapter in my life, focusing on personal interests and spending more time with my family. My time at Dexter and particularly at Mill Creek has been incredibly rewarding, and I am truly grateful for the opportunities I've had to grow both personally and professionally.

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to my colleagues for all the support, encouragement, and friendship throughout the years. It has been a privilege to work alongside such talented individuals, and I will carry those memories with me into retirement.

Warm regards,

Jason Elmy

Jason Elmy

Dear Mrs. Barb Leonard;

As a teacher there's nothing more gratifying than to run into a former student who tells me that I made a difference in their life. As an educator at Dexter High School, making a positive impact on my students is what I strive for. It is with mixed emotions that I am announcing my retirement; sadness in leaving a profession that I love, and joy in looking forward to the next chapter of my life. I thank the district and the community that I call home for giving me the opportunity to work in such a welcoming and innovative environment. I especially want to thank my colleagues for the support they've given me throughout my career.

In 1988, at the age of 19, with nothing more than hope and faith in myself, I emigrated from Lima, Peru to this country. I took advantage of the opportunities afforded me as an American and pursued a teaching certificate. Learning English as I attended college helped me understand what my students would go through to learn Spanish. As I continued my education with a master's degree, I was grateful every day that I was able to achieve my childhood dream of becoming a professional teacher in the United States of America.

In retirement I plan to continue my passion for travel with my husband, Draganel, who is an immigrant from the former Yugoslavia, who had a dream to become a car designer. He has recently retired so we hope to enjoy our hobbies and spend more time with our grandson, Charlie. I hope that he will be bilingual and I can teach him my native language, Spanish.

Thank you for the past 25 years, they've been wonderful. I am planning to retire at the end of this school year June 30th, 2025

Sincerely,

Melania Ferradas-Magda
Spanish Teacher

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Brett Pedersen
Assistant Principal
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January 18, 2025

Dear Dr. Timmis, Barb Leonard, and DCS School Board Members,

It is with bittersweet notice, I am announcing my retirement from Dexter Community Schools, effective November 1, 2025. My last day of work will be October 1, 2025.

While I could write a novel-length memoir filled with crazy and memorable "Mrs. Fyke stories" (and probably will), I'd like to use this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to this district for allowing me to serve my entire teaching career in Dexter.

I owe deep thanks to my Mill Creek teammates and family who have sustained me daily with their patience, kindness, and laughter; thank you to the DCS administrators and colleagues in every building who supported me when I was facing new assignments or experiencing life challenges; and mostly, thank you to my over 3,000 students, with whom I was gifted a short amount of time as their English teacher. Each of you has helped me grow, exponentially, as both a professional and a human being. I treasure the relationships we've fostered, and I can only hope I have reciprocated in some small way over the years.

Twenty-four years ago, Ev Shirk and Sara Dansky told a 35-year old, second-career, business administration major/marketing minor turned 8th grade English teacher that she was what they called "a good hire." With my whole heart, I hope I made them proud.

Sincerely yours,

Jill Fyke
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English Department Co-Chair
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Jennifer Johnson
3rd Grade Teacher
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January 14, 2025

Dear Dexter Board of Education,

After much thought and reflection, I am writing to formally announce my retirement from teaching effective June 30, 2025. It is with a mix of emotions- gratitude, joy, and some sadness- that I take this step, as it marks the end of a 29-year career as an elementary educator.

I have been truly fortunate to work alongside such talented colleagues, supportive staff, and most importantly, the wonderful students who have walked through my classroom doors over the years. Each year, each class, and each individual has left a lasting impression on my heart. It has been an honor to witness their growth, help them discover new things, and guide them through important educational milestones.

I feel incredibly blessed to have had the opportunity to work in a profession that I have loved for so long. The lessons I have learned from my students, fellow teachers, and the entire school community will stay with me forever. Together, we have created a school environment where curiosity, kindness, and the joy of learning are fostered, and for that, I will always be grateful.

As I move on to the next chapter of my life, I will cherish the memories of my time here and the relationships I have built. Thank you for your support, encouragement, and dedication to creating a nurturing environment for all students. I am proud of all that we have accomplished together. I will miss you all dearly and will always carry with me the experiences and lessons from my incredible journey in education.

With heartfelt gratitude and warmest wishes,
Jennifer Johnson

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To: Dr. Christopher Timmis

From: Kenneth J. Koenig, Mill Creek Middle School Principal

cc: Barbara Leonard

Date: January 8, 2025

Re: Announcement of Retirement

Please accept this letter as an official notice of my retirement from Dexter Community Schools effective June 30, 2025. I cannot thank DCS and the community of Dexter enough for allowing me to be an integral part of young people's lives in our community. The opportunities and friendships I was afforded as a result of being a teacher, coach, and administrator at Dexter High School, Dexter Alternative School, and Mill Creek Middle School are tremendously appreciated and have shaped me and my family. It'll be my pleasure to onboard the next Principal before my final day, so please feel free to reach out if needed. I'll miss working for DCS. Thank you and #Dreadstrong!

Kenneth J. Koenig
Principal
Mill Creek Middle School

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1/21/25

Dear Dexter Community Schools Board and Colleagues,

After much thought and reflection, I am writing to formally announce my retirement, effective July 1st, 2025, after twenty wonderful years of service with Dexter Community Schools. It has truly been an honor to be part of such a dedicated, talented, and compassionate team.

During my time here, I've had the privilege of witnessing the growth and development of not only the students but also the school system as a whole. Dexter Community Schools has been more than just a place of employment; it has felt like a second family, and I am incredibly grateful for the support, camaraderie, and trust I have received throughout my career.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to the school board, fellow administrators and directors, the DCS staff, and all of the students and families I've had the pleasure of working with. Together, we've worked to create an environment where learning, growth, and community are at the heart of everything we do. I will forever cherish the relationships I have built and the memories we've created along the way.

As I transition into this new chapter of life, I leave with a deep sense of pride in all that we've accomplished together and a hopeful optimism for the future. Dexter Community Schools holds a special place in my heart, and I have no doubt that the district will continue to thrive and prosper in the years to come.

Thank you for the opportunity to be part of this exceptional school community. I look forward to seeing the continued success of Dexter Community Schools and will always support and cheer on the amazing work that lies ahead. Go Dreads!

With appreciation and gratitude,

Craig McCalla

Craig McCalla
Principal for Operations

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January 23, 2025

To: Dr. Chris Timmis (Superintendent of Schools)
Barb Leonard (Director of Human Resources)

Please consider this letter as my formal resignation from my position as a teacher at Dexter Community Schools, effective June 30, 2025. This resignation indicates my intent to retire on July 1, 2025 in accordance with Office of Retirement Services and is consistent with receiving the negotiated terms and benefits with Dexter Community Schools and its local union.

It has been a pleasure to work with and support our students over the past 32 years. I have enjoyed working with my colleagues and would not change a thing. Having graduated as a student from Dexter Community Schools, I have seen Dexter transition from a small farming community to a growing transitional community and it has been satisfying to watch the community and district change and develop. After a 35-year teaching career, it is time for my wife and I to begin writing the next chapter of our lives.

Again, I would like to sincerely thank Dexter Community Schools for each opportunity and support I have received over my professional teaching career.

Best Regards,

Al Snider

CC: Melanie Nowack
Jessica Baese
John Heuser

Board Monthly Financial Report

Fiscal Year to Date 11/30/24

Sub Function Code	Adopted Budget	Current Month Actual	Actual FYTD	Adopted Budget - Actual	Encumbrances	% Rec'd/Spent	Prior Year FYTD
Fund(COA) **11 - General Fund**							
Account Type **Revenue**							
Function Code **R100 - Local Sources - 100**							
	6,247,643.00	88,847.55	373,930.05	5,873,712.95	.00	6	317,423.57
Function Code **R100 - Local Sources - 100** Totals	$6,247,643.00	$88,847.55	$373,930.05	$5,873,712.95	$0.00	6%	$317,423.57
Function Code **R200 - Non-Education Sources - 200**							
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Function Code **R200 - Non-Education Sources - 200** Totals	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	+++	$0.00
Function Code **R300 - State Sources - 300**							
	38,182,074.00	4,082,891.51	8,326,632.07	29,855,441.93	.00	22	7,314,019.28
Function Code **R300 - State Sources - 300** Totals	$38,182,074.00	$4,082,891.51	$8,326,632.07	$29,855,441.93	$0.00	22%	$7,314,019.28
Function Code **R400 - Federal Sources - 400**							
	1,099,130.00	.00	32,993.52	1,066,136.48	.00	3	900.00
Function Code **R400 - Federal Sources - 400** Totals	$1,099,130.00	$0.00	$32,993.52	$1,066,136.48	$0.00	3%	$900.00
Function Code **R500 - ISD / Other Sources - 500**							
	7,941,816.00	523.79	1,222,298.89	6,719,517.11	.00	15	1,019,878.68
Function Code **R500 - ISD / Other Sources - 500** Totals	$7,941,816.00	$523.79	$1,222,298.89	$6,719,517.11	$0.00	15%	$1,019,878.68
Function Code **R600 - In from other Funds - 600**							
	437,064.00	132,200.67	135,391.35	301,672.65	.00	31	152,534.78
Function Code **R600 - In from other Funds - 600** Totals	$437,064.00	$132,200.67	$135,391.35	$301,672.65	$0.00	31%	$152,534.78
Account Type **Revenue** Totals	$53,907,727.00	$4,304,463.52	$10,091,245.88	$43,816,481.12	$0.00	19%	$8,804,756.31
Account Type **Expense**							
Function Code **100 - Instruction**							
Sub Function Code 110 - Basic Functions - 110	25,711,155.00	1,907,761.67	5,544,462.83	20,166,692.17	5,162.70	22	5,648,207.81
Sub Function Code 120 - Added Needs - 120	6,862,173.00	644,893.44	1,619,960.68	5,242,212.32	10,733.00	24	1,666,089.36
Function Code **100 - Instruction** Totals	$32,573,328.00	$2,552,655.11	$7,164,423.51	$25,408,904.49	$15,895.70	22%	$7,314,297.17
Function Code **200 - Supporting Services**							
Sub Function Code 210 - Support Services-Pupil - 210	6,393,947.00	469,078.77	1,386,431.95	5,007,515.05	178,214.35	22	1,303,755.02
Sub Function Code 220 - Support Services-Instructional - 220	2,988,313.00	272,367.15	1,231,812.94	1,756,500.06	38,756.70	41	1,116,295.37
Sub Function Code 230 - Support Services-Administration - 230	925,668.00	39,306.13	373,134.03	552,533.97	9,245.00	40	272,119.82
Sub Function Code 240 - Support Services-School Admin - 240	3,003,294.00	195,017.32	863,172.76	2,140,121.24	.00	29	847,289.55
Sub Function Code 250 - Support Services-Business - 250	780,504.00	46,223.79	243,025.61	537,478.39	1,434.87	31	248,899.96
Sub Function Code 260 - Operations and Maintenance - 260	5,133,160.00	256,221.14	1,826,141.30	3,307,018.70	281,026.56	36	2,036,394.68
Sub Function Code 270 - Pupil Transportation - 270	1,801,565.00	159,178.52	576,536.27	1,225,028.73	30,722.27	32	546,097.12
Sub Function Code 280 - Support Services-Central - 280	663,736.00	38,506.07	214,529.32	449,206.68	.00	32	218,261.85
Function Code **200 - Supporting Services** Totals	$21,690,187.00	$1,475,898.89	$6,714,784.18	$14,975,402.82	$539,399.75	31%	$6,589,113.37
Function Code **300 - Community Services**							
Sub Function Code 320 - Community Recreation - 320	214,268.00	16,665.51	76,297.17	137,970.83	15,906.53	36	106,160.06
Sub Function Code 330 - Community Activities - 330	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
Sub Function Code 350 - Care of Children - 350	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
Sub Function Code 360 - Welfare Activities - 360	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
Sub Function Code 370 - Non Public School Pupils - 370	7,844.00	1,182.00	1,182.00	6,662.00	.00	15	.00
Sub Function Code 390 - Other Community Services - 390	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
Function Code **300 - Community Services** Totals	$222,112.00	$17,847.51	$77,479.17	$144,632.83	$15,906.53	35%	$106,160.06
Function Code **400 - Facilities Construction & Other Payments or Adjustments**							
Sub Function Code 400 - Other Government Agencies - 400	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
Function Code **400 - Facilities Construction & Other Payments or Adjustments** Totals	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	+++	$0.00
Function Code **500-600 - Other Financing Uses**							

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Sub Function Code 500 - Debt Service - 500	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
Sub Function Code 600 - Fund Modifications - 600	1,416,530.00	.00	.00	1,416,530.00	.00	0	.00
Function Code **500-600 - Other Financing Uses** Totals	$1,416,530.00	$0.00	$0.00	$1,416,530.00	$0.00	0%	$0.00
Account Type **Expense** Totals	$55,902,157.00	$4,046,401.51	$13,956,686.86	$41,945,470.14	$571,201.98	25%	$14,009,570.60
Fund(COA) **11 - General Fund** Totals	($1,994,430.00)	$258,062.01	($3,865,440.98)	$1,871,010.98	($571,201.98)	194%	($5,204,814.29)

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Sub Function Code	Adopted Budget	Current Month Actual	Actual FYTD	Adopted Budget - Actual	Encumbrances	% Rec'd/Spent	Prior Year FYTD
Fund(COA) **23 - Community Service Fund**							
Account Type **Revenue**							
Function Code **R100 - Local Sources - 100**							
	2,990,830.00	206,944.55	1,412,978.80	1,577,851.20	.00	47	1,399,315.78
Function Code **R100 - Local Sources - 100** Totals	$2,990,830.00	$206,944.55	$1,412,978.80	$1,577,851.20	$0.00	47%	$1,399,315.78
Function Code **R300 - State Sources - 300**							
	58,457.00	(302.00)	907.00	57,550.00	.00	2	365.00
Function Code **R300 - State Sources - 300** Totals	$58,457.00	($302.00)	$907.00	$57,550.00	$0.00	2%	$365.00
Function Code **R400 - Federal Sources - 400**							
	.00	13,035.78	48,133.26	(48,133.26)	.00	+++	.00
Function Code **R400 - Federal Sources - 400** Totals	$0.00	$13,035.78	$48,133.26	($48,133.26)	$0.00	+++	$0.00
Function Code **R500 - ISD / Other Sources - 500**							
	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
Function Code **R500 - ISD / Other Sources - 500** Totals	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	+++	$0.00
Function Code **R600 - In from other Funds - 600**							
	307,120.00	.00	.00	307,120.00	.00	0	.00
Function Code **R600 - In from other Funds - 600** Totals	$307,120.00	$0.00	$0.00	$307,120.00	$0.00	0%	$0.00
Account Type **Revenue** Totals	$3,356,407.00	$219,678.33	$1,462,019.06	$1,894,387.94	$0.00	44%	$1,399,680.78
Account Type **Expense**							
Function Code **100 - Instruction**							
Sub Function Code 110 - Basic Functions - 110	163,830.00	16,006.92	54,022.18	109,807.82	.00	33	52,854.89
Function Code **100 - Instruction** Totals	$163,830.00	$16,006.92	$54,022.18	$109,807.82	$0.00	33%	$52,854.89
Function Code **200 - Supporting Services**							
Sub Function Code 220 - Support Services-Instructional - 220	11,993.00	.00	.00	11,993.00	.00	0	.00
Sub Function Code 240 - Support Services-School Admin - 240	2,767.00	.00	.00	2,767.00	.00	0	.00
Sub Function Code 250 - Support Services-Business - 250	2,256.00	.00	12.06	2,243.94	.00	1	.00
Sub Function Code 260 - Operations and Maintenance - 260	62,550.00	8,850.96	34,452.08	28,097.92	2,677.12	55	48,778.43
Sub Function Code 270 - Pupil Transportation - 270	.00	674.86	674.86	(674.86)	.00	+++	.00
Sub Function Code 290 - Support Services-Other - 290	1,774,262.00	355,902.68	749,091.68	1,025,170.32	93,344.20	42	631,672.53
Function Code **200 - Supporting Services** Totals	$1,853,828.00	$365,428.50	$784,230.68	$1,069,597.32	$96,021.32	42%	$680,450.96
Function Code **300 - Community Services**							
Sub Function Code 310 - Community Services Direction - 310	307,121.00	17,603.14	93,439.64	213,681.36	.00	30	97,000.47
Sub Function Code 320 - Community Recreation - 320	227,161.00	6,998.64	77,483.33	149,677.67	25,542.45	34	111,203.42
Sub Function Code 350 - Care of Children - 350	1,034,254.00	82,315.64	471,269.92	562,984.08	92.00	46	471,109.06
Sub Function Code 390 - Other Community Services - 390	.00	.00	43,758.20	(43,758.20)	.00	+++	54,364.72
Function Code **300 - Community Services** Totals	$1,568,536.00	$106,917.42	$685,951.09	$882,584.91	$25,634.45	44%	$733,677.67
Function Code **500-600 - Other Financing Uses**							
Sub Function Code 600 - Fund Modifications - 600	179,695.00	69,577.68	73,952.74	105,742.26	.00	41	75,140.07
Function Code **500-600 - Other Financing Uses** Totals	$179,695.00	$69,577.68	$73,952.74	$105,742.26	$0.00	41%	$75,140.07
Account Type **Expense** Totals	$3,765,889.00	$557,930.52	$1,598,156.69	$2,167,732.31	$121,655.77	42%	$1,542,123.59
Fund(COA) **23 - Community Service Fund** Totals	($409,482.00)	($338,252.19)	($136,137.63)	($273,344.37)	($121,655.77)	33%	($142,442.81)

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Fund(COA) **25 - School Lunch Fund**							
Account Type **Revenue**							
Function Code **R100 - Local Sources - 100**							
	407,906.00	32,706.55	136,236.22	271,669.78	.00	33	154,770.66
Function Code **R100 - Local Sources - 100** Totals	$407,906.00	$32,706.55	$136,236.22	$271,669.78	$0.00	33%	$154,770.66
Function Code **R300 - State Sources - 300**							
	1,368,709.00	5,393.60	10,594.20	1,358,114.80	.00	1	162,335.12
Function Code **R300 - State Sources - 300** Totals	$1,368,709.00	$5,393.60	$10,594.20	$1,358,114.80	$0.00	1%	$162,335.12
Function Code **R400 - Federal Sources - 400**							
	745,640.00	98,077.76	98,077.76	647,562.24	.00	13	187,952.08
Function Code **R400 - Federal Sources - 400** Totals	$745,640.00	$98,077.76	$98,077.76	$647,562.24	$0.00	13%	$187,952.08
Function Code **R500 - ISD / Other Sources - 500**							
	168,534.00	.00	.00	168,534.00	.00	0	.00
Function Code **R500 - ISD / Other Sources - 500** Totals	$168,534.00	$0.00	$0.00	$168,534.00	$0.00	0%	$0.00
Account Type **Revenue** Totals	$2,690,789.00	$136,177.91	$244,908.18	$2,445,880.82	$0.00	9%	$505,057.86
Account Type **Expense**							
Function Code **200 - Supporting Services**							
Sub Function Code 210 - Support Services-Pupil - 210	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
Sub Function Code 260 - Operations and Maintenance - 260	3,730.00	732.00	2,761.44	968.56	.00	74	1,919.12
Sub Function Code 290 - Support Services-Other - 290	2,569,957.00	203,633.73	652,436.52	1,917,520.48	789,104.20	25	772,077.74
Function Code **200 - Supporting Services** Totals	$2,573,687.00	$204,365.73	$655,197.96	$1,918,489.04	$789,104.20	25%	$773,996.86
Function Code **500-600 - Other Financing Uses**							
Sub Function Code 600 - Fund Modifications - 600	257,369.00	61,438.61	61,438.61	195,930.39	.00	24	77,394.71
Function Code **500-600 - Other Financing Uses** Totals	$257,369.00	$61,438.61	$61,438.61	$195,930.39	$0.00	24%	$77,394.71
Account Type **Expense** Totals	$2,831,056.00	$265,804.34	$716,636.57	$2,114,419.43	$789,104.20	25%	$851,391.57
Fund(COA) **25 - School Lunch Fund** Totals	($140,267.00)	($129,626.43)	($471,728.39)	$331,461.39	($789,104.20)	336%	($346,333.71)



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Fund(COA) **27 - Cooperative Activities Fund**							
Account Type **Revenue**							
Function Code **R100 - Local Sources - 100**							
	2,500,000.00	183,170.90	750,209.66	1,749,790.34	.00	30	372.88
Function Code **R100 - Local Sources - 100** Totals	$2,500,000.00	$183,170.90	$750,209.66	$1,749,790.34	$0.00	30%	$372.88
Function Code **R200 - Non-Education Sources - 200**							
	754,812.00	2,284.17	2,284.17	752,527.83	.00	0	.00
Function Code **R200 - Non-Education Sources - 200** Totals	$754,812.00	$2,284.17	$2,284.17	$752,527.83	$0.00	0%	$0.00
Function Code **R300 - State Sources - 300**							
	8,500,000.00	.00	.00	8,500,000.00	.00	0	.00
Function Code **R300 - State Sources - 300** Totals	$8,500,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$8,500,000.00	$0.00	0%	$0.00
Function Code **R400 - Federal Sources - 400**							
	850,000.00	45,800.00	45,800.00	804,200.00	.00	5	.00
Function Code **R400 - Federal Sources - 400** Totals	$850,000.00	$45,800.00	$45,800.00	$804,200.00	$0.00	5%	$0.00
Function Code **R600 - In from other Funds - 600**							
	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
Function Code **R600 - In from other Funds - 600** Totals	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	+++	$0.00
Account Type **Revenue** Totals	$12,604,812.00	$231,255.07	$798,293.83	$11,806,518.17	$0.00	6%	$372.88
Account Type **Expense**							
Function Code **300 - Community Services**							
Sub Function Code 300 - Community Services - 300	3,005,000.00	243,383.07	912,767.38	2,092,232.62	18,055.00	30	562.40
Sub Function Code 390 - Other Community Services - 390	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
Function Code **300 - Community Services** Totals	$3,005,000.00	$243,383.07	$912,767.38	$2,092,232.62	$18,055.00	30%	$562.40
Function Code **400 - Facilities Construction & Other Payments or Adjustments**							
Sub Function Code 400 - Other Government Agencies - 400	9,599,812.00	.00	7,100.00	9,592,712.00	17,230.84	0	6,450.00
Function Code **400 - Facilities Construction & Other Payments or Adjustments** Totals	$9,599,812.00	$0.00	$7,100.00	$9,592,712.00	$17,230.84	0%	$6,450.00
Function Code **500-600 - Other Financing Uses**							
Sub Function Code 600 - Fund Modifications - 600	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
Function Code **500-600 - Other Financing Uses** Totals	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	+++	$0.00
Account Type **Expense** Totals	$12,604,812.00	$243,383.07	$919,867.38	$11,684,944.62	$35,285.84	7%	$7,012.40
Fund(COA) **27 - Cooperative Activities Fund** Totals	$0.00	($12,128.00)	($121,573.55)	$121,573.55	($35,285.84)	+++	($6,639.52)



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Sub Function Code	Adopted Budget	Current Month Actual	Actual FYTD	Adopted Budget - Actual	Encumbrances	% Rec'd/Spent	Prior Year FYTD
Fund(COA) **29 - Student/School Activity Fund**							
Account Type **Revenue**							
Function Code **<N/A> - <No Function defined>**							
	.00	.00	500.00	(500.00)	.00	+++	.00
Function Code **<N/A> - <No Function defined>** Totals	$0.00	$0.00	$500.00	($500.00)	$0.00	+++	$0.00
Function Code **R100 - Local Sources - 100**							
	2,289,598.00	98,908.29	490,704.63	1,798,893.37	.00	21	525,367.10
Function Code **R100 - Local Sources - 100** Totals	$2,289,598.00	$98,908.29	$490,704.63	$1,798,893.37	$0.00	21%	$525,367.10
Account Type **Revenue** Totals	$2,289,598.00	$98,908.29	$491,204.63	$1,798,393.37	$0.00	21%	$525,367.10
Account Type **Expense**							
Function Code **R100 - Local Sources - 100**							
	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
Function Code **R100 - Local Sources - 100** Totals	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	+++	$0.00
Function Code **200 - Supporting Services**							
Sub Function Code 290 - Support Services-Other - 290	2,289,598.00	102,916.97	348,666.58	1,940,931.42	28,955.97	15	208,381.21
Function Code **200 - Supporting Services** Totals	$2,289,598.00	$102,916.97	$348,666.58	$1,940,931.42	$28,955.97	15%	$208,381.21
Account Type **Expense** Totals	$2,289,598.00	$102,916.97	$348,666.58	$1,940,931.42	$28,955.97	15%	$208,381.21
Fund(COA) **29 - Student/School Activity Fund** Totals	$0.00	($4,008.68)	$142,538.05	($142,538.05)	($28,955.97)	+++	$316,985.89
Grand Totals	($2,544,179.00)	($225,953.29)	($4,452,342.50)	$1,908,163.50	($1,546,203.76)	175%	($5,383,244.44)

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Sub Function Code	Amended Budget	Current Month Actual	Actual FYTD	Encumbrances	Budget - Actual	Prior Year FYTD	% Rec'd/Spent
Fund(COA) **11 - General Fund**							
Account Type **Revenue**							
Function Code **R100 - Local Sources - 100**							
	6,680,120.00	134,068.73	507,998.78	.00	6,172,121.22	495,411.36	8
Function Code **R100 - Local Sources - 100** Totals	$6,680,120.00	$134,068.73	$507,998.78	$0.00	$6,172,121.22	$495,411.36	8%
Function Code **R200 - Non-Education Sources - 200**							
	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++
Function Code **R200 - Non-Education Sources - 200** Totals	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	+++
Function Code **R300 - State Sources - 300**							
	37,694,198.00	3,264,798.10	11,591,430.17	.00	26,102,767.83	10,573,385.09	31
Function Code **R300 - State Sources - 300** Totals	$37,694,198.00	$3,264,798.10	$11,591,430.17	$0.00	$26,102,767.83	$10,573,385.09	31%
Function Code **R400 - Federal Sources - 400**							
	994,250.00	.00	32,993.52	.00	961,256.48	900.00	3
Function Code **R400 - Federal Sources - 400** Totals	$994,250.00	$0.00	$32,993.52	$0.00	$961,256.48	$900.00	3%
Function Code **R500 - ISD / Other Sources - 500**							
	8,848,303.00	2,927,675.38	4,149,974.27	.00	4,698,328.73	3,070,571.50	47
Function Code **R500 - ISD / Other Sources - 500** Totals	$8,848,303.00	$2,927,675.38	$4,149,974.27	$0.00	$4,698,328.73	$3,070,571.50	47%
Function Code **R600 - In from other Funds - 600**							
	487,108.00	.00	135,391.35	.00	351,716.65	158,042.18	28
Function Code **R600 - In from other Funds - 600** Totals	$487,108.00	$0.00	$135,391.35	$0.00	$351,716.65	$158,042.18	28%
Account Type **Revenue** Totals	$54,703,979.00	$6,326,542.21	$16,417,788.09	$0.00	$38,286,190.91	$14,298,310.13	30%
Account Type **Expense**							
Function Code **100 - Instruction**							
Sub Function Code 110 - Basic Functions - 110	25,758,493.00	3,112,573.73	8,657,036.56	4,562.70	17,101,456.44	9,901,377.97	34
Sub Function Code 120 - Added Needs - 120	7,859,771.00	743,920.36	2,363,881.04	10,316.00	5,495,889.96	2,596,774.72	30
Function Code **100 - Instruction** Totals	$33,618,264.00	$3,856,494.09	$11,020,917.60	$14,878.70	$22,597,346.40	$12,498,152.69	33%
Function Code **200 - Supporting Services**							
Sub Function Code 210 - Support Services-Pupil - 210	6,394,796.00	763,173.51	2,149,605.46	159,240.15	4,245,190.54	2,328,886.35	34
Sub Function Code 220 - Support Services-Instructional - 220	3,704,146.00	325,069.85	1,556,882.79	34,361.41	2,147,263.21	1,504,567.13	42
Sub Function Code 230 - Support Services-Administration - 230	914,415.00	76,357.95	449,491.98	9,245.00	464,923.02	364,618.80	49
Sub Function Code 240 - Support Services-School Admin - 240	2,908,168.00	350,594.83	1,213,767.59	.00	1,694,400.41	1,358,169.07	42
Sub Function Code 250 - Support Services-Business - 250	881,974.00	80,652.48	323,678.09	956.58	558,295.91	483,177.64	37
Sub Function Code 260 - Operations and Maintenance - 260	5,613,381.00	596,562.09	2,422,703.39	233,849.24	3,190,677.61	2,815,634.84	43
Sub Function Code 270 - Pupil Transportation - 270	2,103,388.00	225,603.85	802,140.12	29,777.15	1,301,247.88	863,662.27	38
Sub Function Code 280 - Support Services-Central - 280	686,369.00	61,706.22	276,235.54	.00	410,133.46	314,505.51	40
Function Code **200 - Supporting Services** Totals	$23,206,637.00	$2,479,720.78	$9,194,504.96	$467,429.53	$14,012,132.04	$10,033,221.61	40%
Function Code **300 - Community Services**							
Sub Function Code 320 - Community Recreation - 320	258,500.00	22,158.10	98,455.27	15,117.53	160,044.73	139,161.14	38
Sub Function Code 330 - Community Activities - 330	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++
Sub Function Code 350 - Care of Children - 350	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++
Sub Function Code 360 - Welfare Activities - 360	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++
Sub Function Code 370 - Non Public School Pupils - 370	7,735.00	.00	1,182.00	.00	6,553.00	950.00	15
Sub Function Code 390 - Other Community Services - 390	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++
Function Code **300 - Community Services** Totals	$266,235.00	$22,158.10	$99,637.27	$15,117.53	$166,597.73	$140,111.14	37%
Function Code **400 - Facilities Construction & Other Payments or Adjustments**							
Sub Function Code 400 - Other Government Agencies - 400	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++
Function Code **400 - Facilities Construction & Other Payments or Adjustments** Totals	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	+++
Function Code **500-600 - Other Financing Uses**							

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Sub Function Code 500 - Debt Service - 500	25,750.00	.00	.00	.00	25,750.00	.00	0
Sub Function Code 600 - Fund Modifications - 600	336,385.00	.00	.00	.00	336,385.00	.00	0
Function Code **500-600 - Other Financing Uses** Totals	$362,135.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$362,135.00	$0.00	0%
Account Type **Expense** Totals	$57,453,271.00	$6,358,372.97	$20,315,059.83	$497,425.76	$37,138,211.17	$22,671,485.44	35%
Fund(COA) **11 - General Fund** Totals	($2,749,292.00)	($31,830.76)	($3,897,271.74)	($497,425.76)	$1,147,979.74	($8,373,175.31)	142%

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Sub Function Code	Amended Budget	Current Month Actual	Actual FYTD	Encumbrances	Budget - Actual	Prior Year FYTD	% Rec'd/Spent
Fund(COA) **23 - Community Service Fund**							
Account Type **Revenue**							
Function Code **R100 - Local Sources - 100**							
	2,794,338.00	239,145.12	1,652,123.92	.00	1,142,214.08	1,610,880.18	59
Function Code **R100 - Local Sources - 100** Totals	$2,794,338.00	$239,145.12	$1,652,123.92	$0.00	$1,142,214.08	$1,610,880.18	59%
Function Code **R300 - State Sources - 300**							
	116,992.00	.00	907.00	.00	116,085.00	365.00	1
Function Code **R300 - State Sources - 300** Totals	$116,992.00	$0.00	$907.00	$0.00	$116,085.00	$365.00	1%
Function Code **R400 - Federal Sources - 400**							
	.00	.00	48,133.26	.00	(48,133.26)	55,074.08	+++
Function Code **R400 - Federal Sources - 400** Totals	$0.00	$0.00	$48,133.26	$0.00	($48,133.26)	$55,074.08	+++
Function Code **R500 - ISD / Other Sources - 500**							
	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++
Function Code **R500 - ISD / Other Sources - 500** Totals	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	+++
Function Code **R600 - In from other Funds - 600**							
	336,385.00	.00	.00	.00	336,385.00	.00	0
Function Code **R600 - In from other Funds - 600** Totals	$336,385.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$336,385.00	$0.00	0%
Account Type **Revenue** Totals	$3,247,715.00	$239,145.12	$1,701,164.18	$0.00	$1,546,550.82	$1,666,319.26	52%
Account Type **Expense**							
Function Code **100 - Instruction**							
Sub Function Code 110 - Basic Functions - 110	205,337.00	14,874.24	68,896.42	203.77	136,440.58	69,417.00	34
Function Code **100 - Instruction** Totals	$205,337.00	$14,874.24	$68,896.42	$203.77	$136,440.58	$69,417.00	34%
Function Code **200 - Supporting Services**							
Sub Function Code 220 - Support Services-Instructional - 220	17,568.00	.00	.00	.00	17,568.00	.00	0
Sub Function Code 240 - Support Services-School Admin - 240	4,362.00	.00	.00	.00	4,362.00	.00	0
Sub Function Code 250 - Support Services-Business - 250	1,478.00	.00	12.06	.00	1,465.94	.00	1
Sub Function Code 260 - Operations and Maintenance - 260	61,800.00	2,008.76	36,460.84	2,648.32	25,339.16	69,436.40	59
Sub Function Code 270 - Pupil Transportation - 270	1.00	.00	674.86	.00	(673.86)	.00	67,486
Sub Function Code 290 - Support Services-Other - 290	1,793,511.00	120,028.05	869,119.73	222,361.70	924,391.27	770,545.69	48
Function Code **200 - Supporting Services** Totals	$1,878,720.00	$122,036.81	$906,267.49	$225,010.02	$972,452.51	$839,982.09	48%
Function Code **300 - Community Services**							
Sub Function Code 310 - Community Services Direction - 310	309,192.00	34,474.16	127,913.80	.00	181,278.20	144,489.41	41
Sub Function Code 320 - Community Recreation - 320	227,154.00	38,844.67	116,328.00	10,286.23	110,826.00	130,656.70	51
Sub Function Code 350 - Care of Children - 350	1,088,053.00	99,279.94	570,549.86	92.00	517,503.14	576,865.19	52
Sub Function Code 390 - Other Community Services - 390	.00	.00	43,758.20	.00	(43,758.20)	74,180.05	+++
Function Code **300 - Community Services** Totals	$1,624,399.00	$172,598.77	$858,549.86	$10,378.23	$765,849.14	$926,191.35	53%
Function Code **500-600 - Other Financing Uses**							
Sub Function Code 600 - Fund Modifications - 600	189,995.00	.00	73,952.74	.00	116,042.26	80,647.47	39
Function Code **500-600 - Other Financing Uses** Totals	$189,995.00	$0.00	$73,952.74	$0.00	$116,042.26	$80,647.47	39%
Account Type **Expense** Totals	$3,898,451.00	$309,509.82	$1,907,666.51	$235,592.02	$1,990,784.49	$1,916,237.91	49%
Fund(COA) **23 - Community Service Fund** Totals	($650,736.00)	($70,364.70)	($206,502.33)	($235,592.02)	($444,233.67)	($249,918.65)	32%

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Fund(COA) **25 - School Lunch Fund**							
Account Type **Revenue**							
Function Code **R100 - Local Sources - 100**							
	360,707.00	30,969.20	167,205.42	.00	193,501.58	183,078.52	46
Function Code **R100 - Local Sources - 100** Totals	$360,707.00	$30,969.20	$167,205.42	$0.00	$193,501.58	$183,078.52	46%
Function Code **R300 - State Sources - 300**							
	1,522,139.00	473,483.62	484,077.82	.00	1,038,061.18	472,023.69	32
Function Code **R300 - State Sources - 300** Totals	$1,522,139.00	$473,483.62	$484,077.82	$0.00	$1,038,061.18	$472,023.69	32%
Function Code **R400 - Federal Sources - 400**							
	592,730.00	.00	98,077.76	.00	494,652.24	227,311.49	17
Function Code **R400 - Federal Sources - 400** Totals	$592,730.00	$0.00	$98,077.76	$0.00	$494,652.24	$227,311.49	17%
Function Code **R500 - ISD / Other Sources - 500**							
	250,000.00	76,155.06	76,155.06	.00	173,844.94	38,791.10	30
Function Code **R500 - ISD / Other Sources - 500** Totals	$250,000.00	$76,155.06	$76,155.06	$0.00	$173,844.94	$38,791.10	30%
Account Type **Revenue** Totals	$2,725,576.00	$580,607.88	$825,516.06	$0.00	$1,900,059.94	$921,204.80	30%
Account Type **Expense**							
Function Code **200 - Supporting Services**							
Sub Function Code 210 - Support Services-Pupil - 210	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++
Sub Function Code 260 - Operations and Maintenance - 260	4,830.00	.00	2,761.44	.00	2,068.56	1,919.12	57
Sub Function Code 290 - Support Services-Other - 290	2,852,674.00	215,303.56	867,740.08	703,633.03	1,984,933.92	1,050,743.88	30
Function Code **200 - Supporting Services** Totals	$2,857,504.00	$215,303.56	$870,501.52	$703,633.03	$1,987,002.48	$1,052,663.00	30%
Function Code **500-600 - Other Financing Uses**							
Sub Function Code 600 - Fund Modifications - 600	285,750.00	.00	61,438.61	.00	224,311.39	77,394.71	22
Function Code **500-600 - Other Financing Uses** Totals	$285,750.00	$0.00	$61,438.61	$0.00	$224,311.39	$77,394.71	22%
Account Type **Expense** Totals	$3,143,254.00	$215,303.56	$931,940.13	$703,633.03	$2,211,313.87	$1,130,057.71	30%
Fund(COA) **25 - School Lunch Fund** Totals	($417,678.00)	$365,304.32	($106,424.07)	($703,633.03)	($311,253.93)	($208,852.91)	25%



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Fund(COA) **27 - Cooperative Activities Fund**							
Account Type **Revenue**							
Function Code **R100 - Local Sources - 100**							
	2,361,462.00	4,040.13	754,249.79	.00	1,607,212.21	751.61	32
Function Code **R100 - Local Sources - 100** Totals	$2,361,462.00	$4,040.13	$754,249.79	$0.00	$1,607,212.21	$751.61	32%
Function Code **R200 - Non-Education Sources - 200**							
	155,708.00	.00	2,284.17	.00	153,423.83	.00	1
Function Code **R200 - Non-Education Sources - 200** Totals	$155,708.00	$0.00	$2,284.17	$0.00	$153,423.83	$0.00	1%
Function Code **R300 - State Sources - 300**							
	8,500,000.00	2,466,663.38	2,466,663.38	.00	6,033,336.62	.00	29
Function Code **R300 - State Sources - 300** Totals	$8,500,000.00	$2,466,663.38	$2,466,663.38	$0.00	$6,033,336.62	$0.00	29%
Function Code **R400 - Federal Sources - 400**							
	1,050,000.00	.00	45,800.00	.00	1,004,200.00	.00	4
Function Code **R400 - Federal Sources - 400** Totals	$1,050,000.00	$0.00	$45,800.00	$0.00	$1,004,200.00	$0.00	4%
Function Code **R600 - In from other Funds - 600**							
	127,500.00	31,327.59	31,327.59	.00	96,172.41	.00	25
Function Code **R600 - In from other Funds - 600** Totals	$127,500.00	$31,327.59	$31,327.59	$0.00	$96,172.41	$0.00	25%
Account Type **Revenue** Totals	$12,194,670.00	$2,502,031.10	$3,300,324.93	$0.00	$8,894,345.07	$751.61	27%
Account Type **Expense**							
Function Code **300 - Community Services**							
Sub Function Code 300 - Community Services - 300	2,865,768.00	(68,478.38)	844,289.00	18,055.00	2,021,479.00	893.40	29
Sub Function Code 390 - Other Community Services - 390	716,060.00	208,298.08	208,298.08	.00	507,761.92	.00	29
Function Code **300 - Community Services** Totals	$3,581,828.00	$139,819.70	$1,052,587.08	$18,055.00	$2,529,240.92	$893.40	29%
Function Code **400 - Facilities Construction & Other Payments or Adjustments**							
Sub Function Code 400 - Other Government Agencies - 400	8,357,842.00	2,447,639.04	2,454,739.04	19,180.84	5,903,102.96	10,175.00	29
Function Code **400 - Facilities Construction & Other Payments or Adjustments** Totals	$8,357,842.00	$2,447,639.04	$2,454,739.04	$19,180.84	$5,903,102.96	$10,175.00	29%
Function Code **500-600 - Other Financing Uses**							
Sub Function Code 600 - Fund Modifications - 600	127,500.00	31,327.59	31,327.59	.00	96,172.41	.00	25
Function Code **500-600 - Other Financing Uses** Totals	$127,500.00	$31,327.59	$31,327.59	$0.00	$96,172.41	$0.00	25%
Account Type **Expense** Totals	$12,067,170.00	$2,618,786.33	$3,538,653.71	$37,235.84	$8,528,516.29	$11,068.40	29%
Fund(COA) **27 - Cooperative Activities Fund** Totals	$127,500.00	($116,755.23)	($238,328.78)	($37,235.84)	$365,828.78	($10,316.79)	-187%

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Fund(COA) **29 - Student/School Activity Fund**							
Account Type **Revenue**							
Function Code **<N/A> - <No Function defined>**							
	.00	472.00	972.00	.00	(972.00)	.00	+++
Function Code **<N/A> - <No Function defined>** Totals	$0.00	$472.00	$972.00	$0.00	($972.00)	$0.00	+++
Function Code **R100 - Local Sources - 100**							
	2,086,831.00	87,190.13	577,894.76	.00	1,508,936.24	631,919.00	28
Function Code **R100 - Local Sources - 100** Totals	$2,086,831.00	$87,190.13	$577,894.76	$0.00	$1,508,936.24	$631,919.00	28%
Account Type **Revenue** Totals	$2,086,831.00	$87,662.13	$578,866.76	$0.00	$1,507,964.24	$631,919.00	28%
Account Type **Expense**							
Function Code **R100 - Local Sources - 100**							
	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++
Function Code **R100 - Local Sources - 100** Totals	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	+++
Function Code **200 - Supporting Services**							
Sub Function Code 290 - Support Services-Other - 290	2,086,831.00	46,751.16	395,417.74	27,124.49	1,691,413.26	306,535.33	19
Function Code **200 - Supporting Services** Totals	$2,086,831.00	$46,751.16	$395,417.74	$27,124.49	$1,691,413.26	$306,535.33	19%
Account Type **Expense** Totals	$2,086,831.00	$46,751.16	$395,417.74	$27,124.49	$1,691,413.26	$306,535.33	19%
Fund(COA) **29 - Student/School Activity Fund** Totals	$0.00	$40,910.97	$183,449.02	($27,124.49)	($183,449.02)	$325,383.67	+++
Grand Totals	($3,690,206.00)	$187,264.60	($4,265,077.90)	($1,501,011.14)	$574,871.90	($8,516,879.99)	116%

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Christie Bueche, CFO

From: Craig McCalla, Principal for Operations

Date: January 6, 2025

RE: Purchase of Replacement B&G Equipment – Chevrolet 2500HD Silverado

The current Building and Grounds trucks are in need of staggered replacement. The trucks are nearly 20 years old and essential for district operations. The recommendation is to purchase a 2025 Chevrolet 2500HD Silverado (CK20903) for plowing, salting, and general hauling around the district.

Purchasing equipment falls under Board Policy 6320. Competitive bids are not required for items purchased through cooperative bulk purchasing programs. Bid requirements are met by the respective consortium. We have a consortium membership through Mi-Deal.

The price is based on the Municipal discount from State of Michigan contract #MA240000001191 enables us to purchase the Chevrolet 2500HD Silverado (CK20903) at a discounted rate. The Mi-Deal pricing is $53,854.00. The price includes title, fees and delivery.

It is recommended to purchase one Chevrolet 2500HD Silverado (CK20903) for a total cost of $53,854.00 from Berger Chevrolet Inc., from Grand Rapids, Michigan from the designated fund balance Committed - Facilities, Equipment, & Maintenance account.

Attached is the quote and associated materials.

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From: Craig McCalla, Principal for Operations

Date: December 16, 2024

RE: Replacement of Al Ritt Scoreboard and Sound System

The 2017 bond included updates to scoreboards. This recommendation is to purchase one Daktronics Live Video & Scoreboard Display for Al Ritt Stadium. The Live Video & Scoreboard Display will be 18'5" H x 32'11" W x 0'11" D and includes a new sound system, wireless access for on-field communication, and a 5 year warranty for parts. The current Al Ritt Scoreboard is nearing its end of life and replacement parts are not readily available.

Purchasing the Live Video & Scoreboard Display falls under Board Policy 6320. Competitive bids are not required for items purchased through cooperative bulk purchasing programs. Bid requirements are met by the respective consortium. We have a consortium membership through Omnia Partners. The Omnia Partners contract number for this purchase is #R220601. The Omnia Partners Contract enables us to purchase the Daktronic Live Video & Scoreboard Display at a 10% discount on standard catalog scoreboards, electronic signs, accessories, and audio products. Our Daktronic representative is giving us a 15% discount.

We were required to bid out the installation of the Live Video & Scoreboard Display because services are not included on a consortium bid due to site-specific needs. We obtained three quotes. The first quote is from AJ Signs & Installation. The quote is for $65,000. The second quote is from Hardy & Sons Sign Service. The quote is for $79,900. The third quote is from National Sign Company. The quote is for $74.625.00. The recommendation is to engage the lowest responsible bidder, AJ Signs & Installation, for $65,000.

Due to the modern requirements for scoreboards compared to the initial installation of the current Al Ritt scoreboard, additional power is required. This project requires drawings by a licensed electrical engineer. The plans will be drawn up and certified through the state by Peter Basso and Associates at a cost of $8,800. The quotes for running the additional power are coming after the plans are engineered. The goal is to order the Live Video & Scoreboard Display and secure installation prior to the DHS Commencement ceremony on May 30th, 2025.

The recommendation is to purchase one Live Video & Scoreboard Display from Daktronics for $343,648.00 and approve AJ Signs & Installation for the installation of the board for $65,000 with a total contingency of 15% ($61,297.20) for a not to exceed amount of $469,945.20 from the 2017 bond funds.

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From: Deneen Smith, Transportation Director

Date: January 22, 2025

RE: Purchase 2 Conventional 77 passenger lifts with slide-and-click buses, and 2 Conventional 77 passengers with luggage racks buses.

The 2017 bond included purchasing new buses for our fleet. The replacements need to be staggered. This recommendation is to purchase two Special Education buses with wheelchair lifts, and two 77-passenger buses with luggage racks.

The district has an increasing number of students who require transportation on these specialized units. At this time, both of our current Special Education buses have higher mileage, and the ability to have a spare specialized bus available in the case of a breakdown would be extraordinarily helpful. The athletic and music departments benefit from the luggage rack buses, as they request these often for their larger equipment. Our current luggage rack buses are at a stage where we prefer not to send them on any long-distance journeys.

We sought out competitive bids using consortium pricing through the Michigan Bus Purchasing program. We received bids from three dealers. They were Hoekstra, Holland, and Midwest Transit.

The breakdown of the quote is as follows:
Midwest Transit: Conventional Special Education 77-passenger lift with slide-and-click bus - $177,772.00/each
Hoekstra: Conventional Special Education 77-passenger lift with slide-and-click bus - $180,782.00/each
Holland: Conventional Special Education 77-passenger lift with slide-and-click bus $179,371.00/each

Midwest Transit: Conventional 77-passenger with luggage rack bus - $162,226.00/each
Hoekstra: Conventional 77-passenger with luggage rack bus - $161,257.00/each
Holland: Conventional 77-passenger with luggage rack bus - $163,248..00/each

It is recommended to purchase two conventional 77-passenger lifts with slide-and-click buses and two conventional 77-passenger with luggage racks buses for a cost not to exceed $679,996.00. The expenditures were a planned expense of the 2017 bond.

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Dexter Community Schools
Bids Received for 2 Conventional 77 passenger lifts with slide-and-click buses, and 2 Conventional 77 passengers with luggage racks buses
January 22, 2025

Bidder	Consortium Pricing	Consortium Group	Bus Type	Base Bid
Hoekstra	Yes	Michigan Bus Purchasing Program	**Conventional Special Education 77-passenger lift with slide-and-click bus**	**$180,782.00/each**
Holland	Yes	Michigan Bus Purchasing Program	**Conventional Special Education 77-passenger lift with slide-and-click bus**	**$179,371.00/each**
Midwest Transit	Yes	Michigan Bus Purchasing Program	**Conventional Special Education 77-passenger lift with slide-and-click bus**	**$177,772.00/each**
Hoekstra	Yes	Michigan Bus Purchasing Program	**Conventional 77-passenger with luggage rack bus**	**$161,257.00/each**
Holland	Yes	Michigan Bus Purchasing Program	**Conventional 77-passenger with luggage rack bus**	**$163,248.00/each**
Midwest Transit	Yes	Michigan Bus Purchasing Program	**Conventional 77-passenger with luggage rack bus**	**$162,226.00/each**

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To: Chris Timmis, Superintendent
Christie Bueche, CFO

From: Craig McCalla, Principal for Operations

Date: January 22, 2025

RE: Purchase of B&G Equipment – 2017 Bond – JOHN DEERE GATOR HPX815E

The current Building and Grounds gators are in need of staggered replacement. The gators are nearly 20 years old and essential for district operations. The recommendation is to purchase a John Deere Gator HPX815E for B&G and Athletic purposes. The funds will come from the approved $150,000 board motion for the purchase of equipment for buildings and grounds.

Purchasing equipment falls under Board Policy 6320. We received three quotes:

1. Napoleon Lawn and Leisure for a total of $16,094.99. They used consortium pricing contract: MI Ag, Grounds, and Roadside 240000000161 (PG 3W CG 22)
2. Tri County Equipment, Inc. for a total of $16,534.50. They used consortium pricing contract: MI Ag, Grounds, and Roadside 240000000161 (PG 3W CG 22).
3. Revels Turf and Tractor, LLC for a total of $15,909.99. They used consortium pricing contract: Sourcewell Grounds Maintenance 031121-DAC (PG NB CG 70).

It is recommended to purchase one John Deere Gator HPX815E, for a total cost of $15,909.99. The dealer will be Revels Turf and Tractor, LLC. located in Brighton, Michigan. The expenditures were a planned expense of the 2017 Bond.

Attached are the quotes and associated materials.

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Dexter Community Schools
Bids Received for John Deere Gator HPX815E
January 22, 2025

Bidder	Consortium Pricing	Consortium Group	Base Bid
Napoleon Lawn and Leisure	Yes	MI Ag, Grounds, and Roadside 240000000161 (PG 3W CG 22)	$16,094.99
Tri County Equipment, Inc	Yes	MI Ag, Grounds, and Roadside 240000000161 (PG 3W CG 22)	$16,534.50
Revels Turf and Tractor, LLC	Yes	Sourcewell Grounds Maintenance 031121-DAC (PG NB CG 70)	$15,909.99

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Christie Bueche, CFO

From: Craig McCalla, Principal for Operations

Date: January 22, 2025

RE: Purchase of B&G Equipment – 2017 Bond – S66 T4 Bobcat Skid Steer Loader

The current Building and Grounds Skid Steer is in need of staggered replacement. The skid steer is 24 years old and essential for district operations. The recommendation is to purchase a JS66 T4 Bobcat Skid Steer Loader for snow removal, hauling, and salting around the district. The funds will come from the approved $150,000 board motion for the purchase of equipment for buildings and grounds.

Purchasing equipment falls under Board Policy 6320. We received four quotes:
Bobcat of Lansing, Jackson, MI for a total of $54,388.72. Prices per the Sourcewell Contract #020223-CEC.
Bobcat of Lansing, Jackson, MI for a total of $60,146.16. Prices per the Michigan State MiDeal Contract # 250000000021.
Diuble Equipment Inc, Ann Arbor, MI for a total of $52,988.72. Prices per the Sourcewell Contract #020223-CEC.
Carleton Bobcat of Motor City, Howell, MI for a total of $79,545.01. They did not offer consortium pricing.

It is recommended to purchase one S66 T4 Bobcat Skid Steer Loader, for a total cost of $52,988.72. The dealer will be Diuble Equipment, Inc. based out of Ann Arbor, Michigan. The expenditures were a planned expense of the 2017 Bond.

Attached are the quotes and associated materials.

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Dexter Community Schools
Bids Received for S66 T4 Bobcat Skid Steer Loader
January 22, 2025

Bidder	Consortium Pricing	Consortium Group	Base Bid
Bobcat of Lansing	Yes	Sourcewell Contract #020223-CEC	$54,388.72
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RACHAEL EUBANKS
STATE TREASURER

January 22, 2025

Mr. Christopher Timmis, Ed.D, Superintendent
Dexter Community Schools
2704 Baker Rd.
Dexter, MI 48130

Dear Mr. Timmis:

In accordance with Act No. 92 of the Public Acts of 2005, I am hereby authorizing preliminary qualification of the district's bond issue as described in the application numbered SBL/81-050-4-K12-19-01 dated December 16, 2024 covering the attached ballot proposition.

Michigan Compiled Laws 211.24f, 380.1361 and 388.1928 require ballot propositions for new bonding proposals to include certain mandatory information. We encourage your district to also provide taxpayers in your school district with information about the school district's participation in the Michigan School Bond Qualification and Loan Program.

This preliminary qualification is hereby authorized for an election to be held on May 6, 2025. The authorization is based on the current interest maturity schedule included in the bond application.

Sincerely,

Rachael Eubanks
State Treasurer

Attachment

cc: Alan D. Szuma, Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C.

Mr. Christopher Timmis, Ed.D., Superintendent
Attachment
January 22, 2025

OFFICIAL BALLOT

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 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;
- 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.)

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

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Dexter Community Schools
Board of Education
Executive Summary and Recommendation

Purpose

To approve the DHS Trap Team as a self-funded sport.

Explanation

The Dexter Trap Club started in 2017 as a student club. At one point, the club grew to over 40 students and participated in the USA Clays program. Since its inception as a student club, it has morphed into a sport and has been functioning more as a sport than a student-directed club. A 501(c)3 parent-led board currently exists to facilitate associated costs and activities. In structure, the club functions very similar to hockey, equestrian, and dance which are all DHS self-funded sports. The recommendation is to approve the DHS Trap Team as a high school self-funded sport that follows the same structure as hockey, equestrian, and dance.

Currently, our athletic program supports several self-funded sports where the team is fully-funded by the students, families, and external groups due to the cost of specific complexity of the sport. Most of these programs require specialized facilities not owned by the district (i.e., hockey rink, horses, etc) and/or national travel to compete (i.e., dance). Trap shooting teams are growing throughout the State of Michigan and are fully insured through USA Clays. Moving the Dexter Trap Club from a DHS student club to a DHS self-funded sport would allow the team to formally operate under athletics, raise money for paid coach(es), and follow the same process as any other sport (i.e., physicals, registration through the school systems, grade checks, etc). This structure provides a long-term structure to support a student activity of interest to our students.

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Athletic Director that the Board of Education approve adding the DHS Trap Team as a self-funded sport starting in the spring of 2025.

DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Facilities Committee Minutes

Date: **Thursday, January 9th, 2025**
Project: **Dexter Community Schools 2017 Bond Program and District Projects**
Location: Bates School, Boardroom
Time: **11:15am**

Attendees:
Board Committee Members: Elise Bruderly, Brian Arnold, Mike Cipolla
Staff Committee Members: Christie Bueche, Chris Timmis, Craig McCalla
Community Committee Members: Jerry Brand, Dick Lundy, Mara Greatorex
Others Present: Greg Brand

A. Call to Order: 11:17am

B. Approve Agenda:

a. Motion - Moved by Elise Bruderly. Second by Brian Arnold; Motion passed

C. Approve Minutes:

a. Motion - Moved by Elise Bruderly. Second by Mike Cipolla; Motion passed

D. Public Participation: NA

E. Action/Discussion:

a. Review allocation of funds and progress of projects from the Dexter Community Schools 2017 Bond Program - reviewed a memorandum for allocation of remaining 2017 bond funds. Jerry Brand moved and Brian Arnold seconded to approve the use of some remaining bond funds from these projects to support allowable bond-funded projects for any currently owned school district-owned property or building. The motion passed unanimously. The recommendation will go to the full board for approval.

b. Discuss upcoming proposed projects

   i. The committee reviewed costs for a new truck for Building and Grounds, new grounds equipment for Building and Grounds, a new scoreboard for Al Ritt Stadium, and new buses.

   ii. The facility committee is recommending to the board to approve the purchase of one Chevrolet 2500HD Silverado (CK20903) for a cost not to exceed $54,000. Funds will come from the designated reserve from fund balance Committed - Facilities, Equipment, & Maintenance account. Moved by Jerry Brand. Second by Brian Arnold; Motion passed unanimously

iii. The facility committee is recommending to the board to approve the purchase of one Outdoor Video and Scoreboard, with sound for Al Ritt Stadium, three 77 passenger school buses and one special education bus based on consortium pricing. The expenditures were a planned expense of the 2017 Bond. Moved by Brian Arnold. Second by Jerry Brand; Motion passed

iv. The facility committee is recommending to the board to approve an amount not to exceed number of $150,000 to purchase equipment for buildings and grounds. The expenditures were a planned expense of the 2017 Bond. Moved by Dick Lundy. Second by Brian Arnold; Motion passed

c. Senior Center - discussion of procedures for maintaining the building
d. Review 2025 bond proposal
e. Other

F. Public Participation: NA

G. Adjournment: 12:25pm

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To: Dexter Community Schools Board of Education
From: Ryan Bruder, Executive Director of Instruction
Date: January 27th, 2025
Subject: Recognition of Staff Leadership at the Inaugural DCS Teacher Symposium

It is with great pride that I share the success of our first-ever Dexter Community Schools Teacher Symposium, held on Friday, December 13th. This event was a significant milestone for our district, as it provided an opportunity for staff to come together to share expertise, collaborate, and grow professionally.

I want to take a moment to acknowledge and commend the incredible efforts of our staff members who not only prepared but also delivered high-quality professional development sessions during this event. These individuals demonstrated a commitment to their colleagues and to our district's mission of fostering continuous improvement and personalized learning.

Their presentations covered a wide range of topics, all of which contributed to the professional growth of our teachers and the enrichment of our classrooms. Their leadership, dedication, and expertise were evident in every session, and their work has set the standard for future events.

On behalf of the district, I extend heartfelt thanks to the following staff members:

Ryan Baese
Jim Barnes
Britnie Bell
Haley Breedveld
Ryan Bruder
Courtney Burk
Janine Comella
Jenni Davis
Denise Dutcher
Adrian Edwards
Megan Esposito
Kelli Gatecliff
Stacey Keeler
Beau Kimmey
Maureen Kline
Pam Krebs
Mary Leach
Barb Leonard
Kristen Linn
Craig McCalla
Jane Montero
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Cheri Sing
Chris Timmis
Hope Vestergaard
Danna Webber
Chris Whittaker
Steven Wincent
Emily Xu
Mira Young
Members of the DCS ELO PLC

Their contributions to the symposium are a testament to the exceptional talent and collaborative spirit within Dexter Community Schools. I look forward to seeing the positive impact of their efforts in our classrooms and beyond.

Thank you for recognizing their work and celebrating this important accomplishment with us.

Sincerely,
Ryan Bruder
Executive Director of Instruction

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EDUCATION

Here come the bots: How Michigan schools are leaping into artificial intelligence



Jennifer Chambers
The Detroit News

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Dexter — After creating its own artificial intelligence system last fall, Dexter Community Schools needed some savvy users to take a run at testing the untrained bot.

The Michigan school district turned loose a dozen advanced-coding high school students on DeeDee, the name given to its own large language model AI system, like a ChatGPT but designed for students, telling them not to hold back in a field test last month. The DeeDee bot is designed to interact with students who pose questions and offer conversational, human-like responses. It provides support, not answers, school officials said.

"We gave them permission to use DeeDee with the understanding that we wanted them to see what it could do and if they could break it," said Ryan Bruder, Dexter's executive director of instruction. "These are kids that understand technology, and they were really interested in the idea of seeing if they could make it do things that it shouldn't."

The teens could not break DeeDee, Bruder said. But the test did identify ways for the district's technology leaders to make changes in data storage and user experience ahead of a rollout this week for students in grades 7-12.

More: Michigan schools are rethinking artificial intelligence in the classroom

Dexter is among a small group of Michigan school districts crossing over into using artificial intelligence ahead of the larger educational community, which mostly remains hesitant to dive into the fast-moving technology that is changing the way learning and work is done across the globe.

The nonprofit Michigan Virtual is leading efforts to promote AI exploration by school districts.

Aaron Baughman is one of three AI strategists at Michigan Virtual leading discussions on AI integration initiatives, including policy rollouts, piloting AI school designed for schools and the necessary professional development. He said he is building networks of school districts across Michigan in the

virtual world, calling it a "Community of Collaboration around AI." It started with a statewide AI work group and is now branching out across the state.

So far, about 30 of Michigan's 840 school districts, including Dexter and Northville, have signed up to be part of the AI community work group and learn more about how to bring AI into their district.

"These are going to be the real change makers. These people to go into school districts and say: Here's what's happening, here's what we're trying next, here's what we think we can do, and moving this work forward at a much faster pace," said Baughman, the former assistant superintendent of instructional services at Northville Community Schools. "And I'm going to tell you, open communication is huge. If you are in senior leadership, especially, your message has to be it's OK to try."

Much of the work for Baughman amounts to handholding nervous school administrators who are unfamiliar with AI's applications in a K-12 setting and uncertain where to begin. He is crisscrossing the state, meeting with superintendents and middle school leaders from Grand Rapids to Wayne County to Hartland. An AI conference put on by Michigan Virtual in December drew 800 people, a mix of teachers, tech staff and central administrators.

"While there is a lot of resistance in the mainstream, we're finding that we're slowly building kind of a groundswell of people, and that's what we're going to continue to do," Baughman said. "We did a middle school innovation conference where we had 75 teachers and principals there. These are people who want to do this work, and so we're just continuing to pull them out. While there are generally some apprehensions ... we are trying to help them see the value."

Aware that AI is here to stay, Dexter school officials said they built their own system to keep the district's long-term costs low and install guardrails to ensure a safe online experience for students and protect student data privacy. The closed system, meaning it is not connected to the internet, might be the first one built by a school district in Michigan, Dexter instruction leader Bruder said.

"It's the equivalent of us having our own ChatGPT," he said. "It would look, feel and act pretty much like any of the big AI solutions right now."

Starting this week, teachers of students in grades 7-12 in Dexter Community Schools will dictate at what level students may use the district's AI tool. Students must cite their AI use, and educators can use DeeDee to view chat logs and chat histories to see how students interact with AI.

Beau Kimmey, an instructional coach at Dexter Community Schools, said the district has been sending out one to two AI tips a week to the staff to build familiarity and comfort with AI. Some teachers are already using it, others are not.

"Teachers find that students are already using AI. So they are bringing in their own tools and using them without any instruction," Kimmey said. "To offset this, we are able to use our local tool and really

find out what the teacher's expected outcomes would be and (what) suppports students and parents would be looking for."

The public understands generative AI — which creates original content such as text, images and other media — but Dexter is working toward instructional AI, which has a different purpose, he said.

"Not to give students answers but provide them co-intelligence to help them through the thought process," Kimmey said. "Not do the work for you but offer you assistance."

Northville dives into AI

Northville Public Schools stands out as a district that isn't afraid of embracing artificial intelligence in its classrooms.

Located in north Wayne County, the district of 7,000 students has wrapped its arms around AI, training hundreds of staffers in the uses of the advanced technology, giving teachers the freedom to experiment with AI in learning and teaching and attaching guardrails to student applications.

More than 600 Northville educators, administrators and support staff this school year have attended at two rounds of AI professional development. The district has approved 10 AI tools for the staff and students to use. These are tools designed to be used in K-12 schools and do not include ChatGPT but models such as Snorkl, Magic School and schoolai.

The developments have positioned Northville schools to be a leader in using tools that are changing the way students are learning and educators are teaching and spending time in their classrooms. Even the tools themselves are changing — sometimes in a matter of months.

"I would say that our staff and students probably have more access to paid versions of (AI) tools than anybody else that I've heard of," said middle school principal Bill Jones. "Think about the kid who comes here and speaks Korean and doesn't speak in English. So now we can give them curriculum materials in Korean. We can create chat bots so that they can engage with the content in their native language and provide feedback back to the teacher in their native language."

Jones said his staff took the AI training and saw the writing on the wall.

"This isn't going to go away. We can't just pretend it doesn't exist. So, let's start figuring out how we're going to teach kids how to use it. And now it's everywhere," Jones said.

The rate of change is accelerating.

"I felt like two years ago, I was on the cutting edge," Jones said. "Man, I was like a top user — and that lasted about three months."

Northville educators view their approach as teaching kids how to use existing tools correctly and ethically because those skills will be needed when they go off into the world. Some teachers have posted

AI expectations for students in the classroom, with a green, yellow and right light guide for general use and prohibited use.

"And I don't want them to hit high school or college or the workplace before somebody says, 'Hey, we need you to be able to do this,' and that's the first time they've ever seen it," Jones said.

Teaching how to problem-solve

Fourth-grade students last week paid attention to teacher Jessica Crachiola as she instructed them on multiplication and division at Thornton Creek Elementary School, part of Northville Community Schools.

Crachiola finished her formal lesson and prepared the students for another teacher — someone who comes in only during intervention time, a period when students are asked to show mastery or understanding of a skill on their computer.

Each student was working on a different question, at their own pace, trying different approaches and getting individualized feedback, all thanks to an artificial intelligence program the district has approved and made accessible to students and staff.

"It is a tool that gives them the encouragement to keep trying and have a growth mindset when things are tough," Crachiola said about of AI. "Snorkl is not a way for them to cheat. It is a way for them to think deeply about problem-solving and when they're faced with the problem, how can they think differently? How can they think in a unique and creative way to solve the problem as well?"

More: As artificial intelligence enters the classroom, Novi High boot camp explores ethics, improving the world

Students, such as Evie Krogman, were trying to solve a problem and were using SnorklAI to get feedback as they worked toward a solution. During class, the 10-year-old sat in front of a laptop with a yellow notebook and pencil resting to her left, deciding how much money a pizza store made for the day based on how many medium and large pizzas they sold.

Evie used her finger to write out the math problem on the screen of her computer, which is like a whiteboard. When she was done with the calculation, she hit the submit button for Snorkl to review and waited for feedback.

Snorkl complimented Evie on her approach but asked her how she arrived at a calculation that appeared to be off. Evie said the computer read her writing incorrectly and she rewrote that portion on the whiteboard and solved the question.

"It helps you because it's only positive, and it doesn't give you like 'terrible' and stuff, and it shows you what you can work," Evie said. "It says, 'To make your work easier to follow next time, try writing the numbers in a more organized way. Can you think about how this might prevent population errors?'

"I was excited for it because you don't normally get to talk to a computer, yeah, and like, have it give you feedback and stuff like that," the fourth-grader said.

Getting teachers up to speed

Any Michigan school interested in AI should start by creating a policy about its use, said Wendy Zdeb, executive director at the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals.

"Something we've advised with our members is they set up a committee within their building, like their AI committee, that meets monthly because this is going to be such an evolving situation," Zdeb said. "Then your next step is working with staff and providing like 'scenario training' for them, like if this happens or that happens, is this cheating? Is this not cheating?"

Having updated conversations with students about academic integrity is necessary, she said.

"You know the internet started that whole concept of really needing to talk about academic integrity, but this (AI) takes academic integrity a whole other level ... it's a teaching point too," Zdeb said. "This is one of those times where a lot of kids probably do know more about various apps and artificial intelligent features than some of the adults."

Zdeb said if she could wave a magic wand, she would recommend an auto industry-like shutdown for schools on AI so they can retool, giving teachers, secretaries, paraprofessionals and administrators the time to use and understand AI and its applications.

"We need to be able to teach students appropriate use and it's hard to do that if you're not knowledgeable and using it yourself," Zdeb said. "Teachers do need time to learn this stuff, and you can't just play around with it by yourself for a half hour and figure it out."

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