

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DECATUR TOWNSHIP  
MARION COUNTY, INDIANA**

The Metropolitan School District of Decatur Township School Board convened at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administrative Offices of the School Corporation, 5275 Kentucky Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana on July 11, 2023.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mrs. Judith Collins  
Mr. Larry Taylor  
Mrs. Estella Vandeventer  
Mr. Dale Henson  
Mr. Chase Lyday

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:**

Dr. Matthew Prusiecki, Superintendent  
Dr. Stephanie Hofer, Assistant Superintendent  
Mr. Kirk Farmer, Chief Financial Officer  
Dr. Kenneth Folks, Director of Operations  
Mr. Michael Nehring, Director of Human Resources

**REGULAR MEETING**

**1. OPENING ITEMS**

- 1.01 Mrs. Collins, Board President, called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All five board members were present.
- 1.02 Mrs. Collins led in the pledge of allegiance.
- 1.03 There were no patron comments.

**2. ACTION ITEMS**

- 2.01 Mr. Taylor moved that the minutes for the June 5, 2023 regular meeting and executive session be approved. Mr. Henson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 2.02 Mr. Nehring presented the staff report and addendum for approval. Mr. Henson made a motion to approve the staff report and addendum as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 2.03 Mr. Farmer presented claims in the amount of \$12,620,086.51 and payrolls in the amount of \$4,068,508.90 for approval. Mr. Taylor made a motion that the claims and payrolls be accepted as listed. Mrs. Vandeventer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 2.04 Mr. Farmer presented bids for the Valley Mills Elementary renovation for approval. He recommended the Board accept the base bid in the amount of \$4,413,542 plus Alternates #1, #2, #3, #5 and #8 for a Guaranteed Maximum Price totaling \$4,909,006. Mr. Henson made a motion that the bids be awarded as presented. Mr. Lyday seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 2.05 Mr. Farmer presented bids to upgrade the audio/visual production setting of the broadcast studio at DCHS for approval. He stated that one bidder, Conference Technologies, Inc. (CTI) responded and met all criteria required to provide contracted services. Two other contractors

were invited to submit bids, but both declined. He recommended the Board accept the lowest, most responsive bid from Conference Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$640,688.37. Mr. Taylor made a motion that the bid be awarded to Conference Technologies, Inc. as presented. Mrs. Vandevanter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2.06 Mr. Farmer presented a Support Staff Salary Resolution for approval. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the Support Staff Salary Resolution as presented. Mr. Lyday seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2.07 Dr. Folks presented the 2023-24 Transportation Handbook for approval. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the 2023-24 Transportation Handbook as presented. Mr. Lyday seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **3. REPORT**

3.01 Mr. Farmer presented a financial report for the Education Fund, Referendum Fund, Debt Service Fund, Operations Fund, and Rainy Day Fund.

### **4. OTHER**

4.01 No items.

### **5. CLOSING ITEMS**

5.01 Dr. Prusiecki thanked everyone for attending and looks forward to the start of school. He thanked the School Board members for their support. He congratulated the following individuals approved on tonight's Staff Report:

- Phil Shults, Decatur Middle School Principal, committed to the School Board and community that he will do whatever it takes to focus on student achievement and safety as well as being a partner with families to focus on the social, emotional, and academic growth of our students. Everyone in his life is excited him and he thanked everyone for this opportunity. He is Decatur Proud.
- Kate Andrews, Decatur Township School for Excellence Principal, thanked the School Board, Dr. Prusiecki, and Dr. Hofer. She is very excited about this opportunity and thanked her family for their support. She is Decatur Proud and will give her all every day. She is ready to get the school year started.
- Kyle Swafford, Decatur Township School for Excellence Assistant Principal, was very excited to accept this position and thanked the School Board, Dr. Prusiecki, and Dr. Hofer for the opportunity. He is pleased to join the Decatur family.
- Amanda Neal, District Parent Liaison K-6, thanked Dr. Prusiecki, Dr. Hofer, and the School Board. She is very excited to begin her "dream job." She will be housed at Lynwood Elementary, but will be very active throughout the community. She expressed her appreciation for this new opportunity.

Chief of Police Terance Smith administered the Oath of Office for School Resource Officer to Kentrell Harris.

Kentrell Harris, School Resource Officer, thanked everyone for allowing him to be part of the Decatur Township School Police Department and he is anxious to get started.

5.02 Mr. Lyday stated that Indianapolis recently hosted the National School Safety Conference with more than 1,500 school resource officers from around the country. He was pleased that our officers served during the entire event. Chief Smith spoke at one of the sessions and received incredible reviews and also served on the honor guard during the opening ceremonies. Officer Emenaker presented on our vaping program and what we're doing to help students stop vaping. He congratulated Chief Smith and his team for doing a great job of performing on this national stage. He congratulated and welcomed Officer Harris to the team. He invited everyone to the Decatur Township Drug Free Coalition's Community Day on Saturday, 11:00am-2:00pm. He welcomed Mr. Shults and Mr. Swafford to the District and congratulated Mrs. Andrews on her new position. He congratulated Mrs. Neal on her new role and stated her passion was contagious. He shared that they have a School Board and administration that support them.

Mr. Henson welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed his appreciation to our newly hired staff members for accepting their positions in Decatur Township. As Mr. Lyday stated, the School Board is working hard to do the right things to give them the tools necessary to do their jobs. He reminded everyone of the District's School Supplies Giveaway at the Blue & Gold Academies on Saturday at 10:00am and encouraged everyone to come early. He thanked Dr. Prusiecki and his team for their work.

Mrs. Vandeventer congratulated and welcomed our new team members, as she is so excited and Decatur Proud to have them join our team. She offered congratulations to those appointed to new positions within the District.

Mr. Taylor thanked everyone for attending and welcomed the new members of our team. He stated the North/South football game will be played at Decatur on Friday. He expressed his appreciation to Dr. Prusiecki and his team for their hard work

Mrs. Collins offered congratulations to our newly hired staff members and is Decatur Proud to have them here. She thanked everyone for attending and thanked Dr. Prusiecki and his team for all their work. She encouraged everyone to attend the football game on Friday and the Coalition event on Saturday.

5.03 Mrs. Vandeventer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Henson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Mrs. Judith Collins, President

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Mr. Larry Taylor, Vice President

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Mrs. Estella Vandeventer, Secretary

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Mr. Dale Henson, Member

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Mr. Chase Lyday, Member