

**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 7:03 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administrative Offices of the School Corporation, 5275 Kentucky Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana on February 14, 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 7:03 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. DECATUR PROUD**

- 2.01 Dr. Hofer invited the following individuals to come forward: Coach Conner Smith, Coach Nick Canavan, and players: LaVell Love, Blake Williams, Quintyn Voltz, Sam Akintomide, Brayden Cravens, Eli Stevens, and Xavier Couch. She stated our DMS 7th grade boys basketball team had a fantastic season, finishing 18-3 and losing only one conference game! These boys came to work and improved every day, with each player showing tremendous growth both individually and as a team. They capped the season off strong with a dominating performance in the conference tournament, including a blowout win in the conference championship game. She was Decatur Proud to offer congratulations to our DMS 7th grade boys basketball Junior Mid-State Conference Champions and stated she was proud of what these players are doing both on and off the court.

Dr. Hofer invited the following individuals to come forward: Head Coach Jill Meerman, Assistant Coach Chad Ison, and players: Makeil Baker, Hunter Harvey, Colton Ison, Avery Mourer , Eli Swain, Nash Sigmund, Julian Martinez, Steven Campbell, and Maurkice Carter. She stated our DMS 8th grade boys basketball team finished the season at 13-8. The improvement and growth of these players this year was phenomenal. They played their best basketball at the end of the season, which says a lot. Winning their last five games was quite an accomplishment. She was Decatur Proud to congratulate our DMS 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball team for winning the Junior Mid-State Conference Championship and looks forward to following their athletic careers.

Dr. Hofer invited the following individuals to come forward: Justin “JD” Dixon, DCHS Athletic Director; Derrek Staton, DCHS Assistant Athletic Director; and Missy Harvey, DMS Athletic Director. She was Decatur Proud to recognize Mr. Dixon and our DCHS Athletic Program for being named a 2022 recipient of the NIAAA Quality Program Award at the Exemplary Level by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. This award is presented in an effort to recognize and commend excellence in the implementation and administration of outstanding high school athletic programs in order to encourage measurement, planning, and goal setting aimed at continuous improvement. To qualify for this recognition, Mr. Dixon successfully completed the required training and presented evidence of existing policies, practices and procedures that met the suggested criteria within ten Quality Program assessment categories. She congratulated Mr. Dixon and our DCHS Athletic Program for receiving this national honor.

Mr. Dixon stated this was a team award and thanked Mr. Staton and Ms. Harvey for their hard work. He thanked all our elementary school administrators for allowing the use of their facilities for youth programming. He expressed his appreciation for the support of Mr. Criswell, Mr. Wachnicki, the School Board, and Central Office administrators. He is very proud to be the first school district in Indiana to achieve this national award.

### **3. ACTION ITEMS**

- 3.01 Mr. Taylor moved that the minutes for the January 10, 2023 reorganization/regular meeting, executive session, and Board of Finance meeting and February 1 and 9, 2023 work sessions be approved. Mr. Henson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.02 Mr. Nehring presented the staff report and addendum for approval. Mrs. Vandeventer made a motion to approve the staff report and addendum as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.03 Mr. Farmer presented claims in the amount of \$6,389,676.12 and payrolls in the amount of \$3,866,587.11 for approval. Mr. Henson made a motion that the claims and payrolls be accepted as listed. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.04 Mr. Farmer asked Board authorization to write off outstanding checks more than two years old. Mr. Taylor made a motion to authorize writing off checks as listed. Mrs. Vandeventer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.05 Dr. Folks asked approval of an out-of-state/overnight trip request by DMS 8<sup>th</sup> grade to Washington, DC on May 31-June 4, 2023 and an out-of-state trip request by DMS 7<sup>th</sup> grade to Chicago, Illinois on June 1, 2023. Mr. Lyday made a motion to approve the trip requests as presented. Mr. Henson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.06 Dr. Prusiecki presented the 2023 Board Goals for approval. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the Board Goals as presented. Mrs. Vandeventer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **4. REPORT**

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

#### **5. OTHER**

5.01 No items.

#### **6. CLOSING ITEMS**

6.01 Dr. Prusiecki wished everyone Happy Valentine's Day. He thanked everyone for attending and for their commitment to our students and their performance in the classroom. He was pleased to recognize our DMS 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball teams as Junior Mid-State Conference Champions and to see our DCHS Athletic Program earn this national recognition. He congratulated the following individuals approved on tonight's Staff Report:

- Myles Koenig, DCHS Head Girls Soccer Coach, thanked Mr. Dixon and everyone involved in the interview process and thanked the School Board and Dr. Prusiecki for approving his appointment. He looks forward to developing a great girls soccer program and thanked his family for their support.
- Tandace Joseph, DCHS Head Volleyball Coach, stated it was a great honor and privilege to take on this position. She thanked Dr. Prusiecki, the School Board, Mr. Dixon, and Ms. Harvey for providing this opportunity for her.

6.02 Mr. Lyday congratulated our DMS basketball teams and was excited to see the success of these two classes. He is pleased to see students that he coached return and give back by coaching as well. He is proud of our DCHS Athletic Program for receiving the national award that they worked so hard to earn.

Mr. Henson welcomed everyone to the meeting. He congratulated our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Mid-State champions and congratulated Mr. Dixon and his team for their national award. He welcomed our new coaches. He wished everyone Happy Valentine's Day. He stated the DTEF will host it's annual golf outing on Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mrs. Vandeventer congratulated our DMS 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades basketball teams and congratulated Mr. Dixon on earning the national recognition. She congratulated and welcomed our new coaches. She offered congratulations to Dr. Prusiecki and his daughter on her state championship in diving.

Mr. Taylor thanked everyone for attending. He congratulated the basketball teams for a job well done and congratulated Mr. Dixon for earning the national award. He welcomed our new coaches and wished everyone Happy Valentine's Day.

Mrs. Collins wished everyone Happy Valentine's Day. She offered congratulations to those recognized this evening and welcomed our new coaches. She stated the DTSA will host a dine-to-donate at Jack's Donuts on Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, with 20% of proceeds supporting scholarships.

6.03 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