

**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 7:04 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administrative Offices of the School Corporation, 5275 Kentucky Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana on April 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 7:04 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 was Decatur Proud to recognize our DCHS Expressions Show Choir. Individuals in attendance included: Mrs. Amanda Harrison, Director of DCHS Innovation Academy; Ms. Jennifer Pollard, DCHS Choir Accompanist/Assistant; and student leaders: Kyleigh Brown, Co-President; Julie Arteaga, Head Dance Captain; Gabriella Molina, Assistant Dance Captain; and Josephine Guerrero, Assistant Dance Captain. She stated Expressions is an advanced show choir ensemble that features 38 singers/dancers, a 17-person backup band (11 of them being students), and a 3-person stage crew. This co-curricular class meets during the school day, after school twice weekly during competitive season, and most Saturdays in January-March. They are directed by Mr. Scott Archer and accompanied by Ms. Jennifer Pollard. This year's show entitled "Stronger" was about finding strength in yourself through hard times. The students' hard work this season allowed them to successfully compete against some other amazing schools at several competitions and they made the state finals competition for the first time in Decatur Central history! She congratulated our DCHS Expression Show Choir on their successful season.

Dr. Hofer was Decatur Proud to recognize the following third grade students from Blue Academy: Lucas Burgan, Malia Selah Gilbert, Ke'Shawn House, and Deenah Shodeinde; from Decatur High Ability Academy: Kevin Gomez, Logan Giffin-Pierce, Graham Williams, Eva Leffler, Noah McFarland, and Elodie Lenz; from Gold Academy: Addelyn Clark; from Stephen Decatur Elementary: Ariya Hale, Tanner Hooker, Carter Hudson, and Adalynn Pettit; and from West Newton Elementary: Oladipupo Joseph, Kolesyn Mould, and

Romoluwa Ogunmoyero. She stated that in March our district completed the spring window for the Indiana Reading Evaluation and Determination assessment, known as IREAD-3. This assessment was developed in accordance with state legislation to measure the proficiency of foundational reading skills in vocabulary, non-fiction, and literature by the end of third grade. As a result, these 18 students were identified as demonstrating mastery of these skills by achieving a total score of 650 points, the highest score possible on the assessment! She was Decatur Proud to recognize each of these students for earning an IREAD-3 perfect score.

Dr. Hofer invited the following individuals to come forward: DMS Wrestling Head Coach Josh Kyner and wrestlers: Jayden Osborn and Daniel Adjahli. She was Decatur Proud to offer congratulations to our two Junior Mid-State Conference Wrestling Champions: Jayden Osborn (182 lb. weight class) and Daniel Adjahli (160 lb. weight class) and thanked Coach Kyner for his leadership.

3. ACTION ITEMS

- 3.01 Mr. Henson moved that the minutes for the March 14, 2023 regular meeting and executive session be approved. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.02 Mr. Nehring presented the staff report for approval as presented in the packet and as discussed in Executive Session. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the staff report as presented. Mrs. Vandevanter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.03 Mr. Farmer presented claims in the amount of \$6,238,956.05 and payrolls in the amount of \$4,098,920.59 for approval. Mr. Henson made a motion that the claims and payrolls be accepted as listed. Mr. Lyday seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.04 Mr. Farmer presented DCHS tennis court resurfacing bids for consideration. He stated that three bidders, Ace Paving, HSC Paving, and Howard Companies, responded and recommended the Board accept the lowest, most responsive bid from Howard Companies in the amount of \$238,219. Mr. Taylor made a motion that the bid be awarded to Howard Companies as presented. Mr. Henson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.05 Dr. Folks asked approval of new/revised/rejected NEOLA Board Policies that presented for first reading at the March meeting. Mrs. Vandevanter made a motion to approve the policies upon second reading as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.06 Dr. Hofer presented the 2023-24 K-12 textbook rental and fees for approval. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the textbook rental and fees as presented. Mrs. Vandevanter 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 Dr. Prusiecki stated that due to scheduling conflicts, the June Board meeting will be moved to Monday, June 5, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

6. CLOSING ITEMS

6.01 Dr. Prusiecki thanked everyone for attending. He was pleased to recognize the success of our Expressions Show Choir, students with perfect IREAD scores, and DMS Mid-State Champion wrestlers. He thanked everyone in attendance for their hard work and thanked the School Board for their support. He congratulated the following individual approved on tonight's Staff Report:

- Jack Birmingham, Valley Mills Elementary School Principal effective July 1, 2023, thanked Dr. Prusiecki, Dr. Hofer, the School Board, and Cabinet members. He is honored and blessed to be entrusted to lead Valley Mills Elementary and is pleased to be a part of the administrative team. He hopes to make Valley Mills even more Decatur Proud than it already is.

6.02 Mr. Lyday was excited about the Expressions Show Choir advancing to the State Finals, our third graders with perfect IREAD scores, and our DMS wrestlers winning the Mid-State Conference. He enjoys seeing success and celebrating at our meetings.

Mr. Henson welcomed everyone to the meeting. He was pleased to recognize our Expressions Show Choir for making it to State Finals, our third graders with perfect IREAD scores, and our DMS Wrestling Mid-State Conference Champions. He congratulated Mr. Birmingham and thanked Dr. Prusiecki and his team for their work.

Mrs. Vandeventer congratulated Mr. Birmingham and welcomed him to his new position. She was pleased to celebrate our Expressions Show Choir and our DMS Mid-State Conference Champions. She was excited to see how many third graders earned perfect scores on the IREAD test and hopes to add to that number next year. She thanked everyone for the work they do.

Mr. Taylor thanked everyone for attending. He congratulated our 18 third graders with perfect IREAD scores, the Expressions Show Choir, and our DMS wrestlers.

Mrs. Collins thanked everyone for attending. She was pleased to recognize these great students for their accomplishments. She welcomed Mr. Birmingham to his new position.

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

Mrs. Judith Collins, President

Mr. Larry Taylor, Vice President

Mrs. Estella Vandeventer, Secretary

Mr. Dale Henson, Member

Mr. Chase Lyday, Member