

**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 May 9, 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. DECATUR PROUD

- 2.01 Dr. Hofer was Decatur Proud to recognize Joy Ayers, DCHS Athletics Secretary, for being awarded the 2023 Indiana Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association District 3 Charles Maas Distinguished Service Award. This award is presented to an individual whose primary duties during his/her career have been in education-based athletics and who has made significant contributions to interscholastic athletics at the local and state level. She offered congratulations to Joy Ayers on her well-deserved recognition by the IIAAA.

Dr. Hofer was Decatur Proud to recognize: Amanda Burch, ELL Teacher at West Newton Elementary; Christie Burck, Speech-Language Pathologist at West Newton Elementary; Jessica Green, 3rd Grade Teacher at West Newton Elementary; and Angela Perkins, 3rd Grade Teacher at the Decatur High Ability Academy. She stated that in March our district completed the Indiana Reading Evaluation and Determination (IREAD-3) assessment, which measured the proficiency of foundational reading skills in vocabulary, non-fiction, and literature of our third-grade students. She was Decatur Proud to recognize these teachers for having 100% of their students pass the IREAD-3 assessment this spring. She expressed her appreciation to these teachers for their dedication to our students and their success.

3. ACTION ITEMS

3.01 Mr. Taylor moved that the minutes for the April 11, 2023 regular meeting and executive session be approved. Mrs. Vandevanter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3.02 Mr. Nehring presented the staff report and addendum (removing Rebecca Collins to a separate report) for approval. Mrs. Vandevanter made a motion to approve the staff report and addendum (removing Rebecca Collins to a separate report) as presented. Mr. Henson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Vandevanter made a motion to approve the transfer of Rebecca Collins to a Custodial Floater at Stephen Decatur Elementary and Operations as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-1, with Mrs. Collins abstaining.

3.03 Mr. Farmer presented claims in the amount of \$5,398,400.69 and payrolls in the amount of \$3,918,317.58 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 Dr. Folks asked approval of an overnight trip request by DCHS FFA to Purdue University on June 19-21, 2023 and out-of-state/overnight trip requests by DCHS wrestling to Orlando, Florida on June 18-24, 2023 and DCHS choirs to Nashville, Tennessee on October 8-11, 2023. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the trip requests as presented. Mr. Lyday seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3.05 Dr. Hofer presented the 2023-24 Elementary, Decatur Middle School, and Decatur Central High School/Decatur Township School for Excellence Student Handbooks for approval. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the Elementary and Secondary Student Handbooks as presented. Mrs. Vandevanter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3.06 Dr. Hofer presented the 2023-24 MSD Decatur Township Athletics: Coaches Handbook, Parent-Guardian Handbook, Student-Athlete Handbook, and Athletic Training & Sports Medicine Manual for approval. Mr. Henson made a motion to approve the 2023-24 MSD Decatur Township Athletics Handbooks and Manual as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3.07 Dr. Prusiecki asked approval of Elementary Athletics for the 2023-24 school year. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve Elementary Athletics for the 2023-24 school year as presented. Mrs. Vandevanter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3.08 Dr. Prusiecki asked approval of the Clear Backpack Policy for all K-12 students beginning the 2023-24 school year with the District providing backpacks for all students the inaugural year. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the Clear Backpack Policy as presented. Mr. Lyday 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 reminded everyone that next month's Board meeting was moved to Monday, June 5, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. He was pleased to recognize Joy Ayers for her work and our teachers for helping their students excel with IREAD. He thanked everyone for attending. He thanked the Board members for their support and thanked our administrators, teachers, and classified staff for working together for our students. He reminded everyone of Graduation on Thursday, May 25th, at the Indiana Convention Center.
- 6.02 Mr. Lyday, in celebration of Teacher Appreciation Week, expressed his gratitude to our teachers who sacrifice their time, effort, and energy to educate our kids. He stated education is the most important profession in the world because all professions flow through education and thanked everyone for their service to our students.

Mr. Henson welcomed everyone to the meeting. He offered congratulations to Joy Ayers and thanked our teachers for helping our students pass the IREAD assessment. He stated DTEF held a very successful Teacher Appreciation Carnation Sale and thanked everyone for their assistance. He reminded everyone of the DTEF Golf Outing on June 2nd which will be a great event including 36 teams and nearly 50 sponsors. He expressed his appreciation to all who are participating in order to support our teachers.

Mrs. Vandeventer thanked everyone for attending and thanked Dr. Prusiecki and his team for their hard work. She thanked Mr. Dixon for his work with Athletics and was very pleased to recognize Joy Ayers and stated the District is blessed to have her here. She is Decatur Proud of our teachers for helping our students with the IREAD assessment.

Mr. Taylor thanked everyone for attending and expressed his appreciation to Joy Ayers.

Mrs. Collins thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She expressed her appreciation to everyone who attended the DTSA Afternoon of Recognition and stated 61 scholarships (\$1,100 each) were distributed to Decatur Township students. This would not be possible without everyone's support and she looks forward to doing it again next year.

- 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