

**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 January 9, 2018.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Dale Henson
Mrs. Judith Collins
Mr. Larry Taylor
Mrs. Estella Vandeventer
Mr. Jimmy Ray

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Matthew Prusiecki, Superintendent
Mr. Nate Davis, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Kirk Farmer, Chief Financial Officer
Mrs. Lisa Cook, Human Resources Director
Mr. Tony Burchett, Chief Operating Officer
Mr. Jeff McMahon, Chief Information Officer

REORGANIZATION

1. REORGANIZATION

0.01 Mr. Henson announced the first order of business would be the election of a Board President and asked for nominations. Mr. Ray nominated Mrs. Collins for the office of President and Mr. Henson seconded the nomination. The Board voted unanimously to approve Mrs. Collins as President.

0.02 As the newly elected President, Mrs. Collins asked for nominations for Vice President. Mr. Ray nominated Mr. Taylor and Mr. Henson seconded the nomination. The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Taylor as Vice President.

0.03 Mrs. Collins asked for nominations for Secretary. Mr. Taylor nominated Mr. Ray as Secretary and Mrs. Vandeventer seconded the nomination. The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Ray as Secretary.

0.04 Mrs. Collins said the next order of business would be action on the following recommendations: Mr. Kirk Farmer as Treasurer, Mrs. Dawn Lee as Deputy Treasurer, Mr. Taylor as Legislative Liaison, Mrs. Collins as Southside Special Services of Marion County representative, and Mr. Henson as the Education Foundation representative. Recommendations were also made that the regular monthly meetings continue to be scheduled the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., work sessions be scheduled on an as needed basis, board member compensation remain the same, and board member conflict of interests be declared.

Mr. Henson made a motion that Mr. Kirk Farmer serve as Treasurer and Mrs. Dawn Lee as Deputy Treasurer. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ray made a motion that Mr. Taylor serve as Legislative Liaison. Mr. Henson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Taylor made a motion that Mrs. Collins serve as the South Side Services of Marion County representative. Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Vandeventer made a motion that Mr. Henson serve as the Education Foundation representative. Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Henson made a motion that the regular monthly meetings continue to be scheduled the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00p.m., work sessions be scheduled on an as needed basis, and board member compensation remain the same. Mrs. Vandeventer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Collins acknowledged conflict of interest statements for Mrs. Collins and Mr. Taylor and stated those documents would be signed.

REGULAR MEETING

1. OPENING ITEMS

1.01 Mrs. Collins, Board President called the regular meeting to order at 7:10 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 Decatur Central School Police Officers: Paul Tutsie and James Sheroan presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Hailey Payne, Decatur Central High School (DCHS) senior, for reporting thefts in progress which resulted in apprehension of those individuals. Mr. Davis recognized DCHS students: Jessica Frosch, Emma Hart, Lilia Martin, and Mackenzie Tetrick and Decatur Township School of Excellence students: Eden Austin, Andrew Fisher, and Jakob Whiteman who were named to the Rising Stars of Indiana Class of 2019 by the Indiana Association of School Principals. Mr. Davis then recognized Mr. Tim Cox, DCHS Band Director, for being named to the 2017 Class of "50 Directors Who Make a Difference" by *School Band and Orchestra* magazine.

3. ACTION ITEMS

3.01 Mr. Taylor moved that the December 12, 2017 regular meeting and executive session minutes be approved as presented. Mrs. Vandeventer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3.02 Mrs. Cook presented the staff report and addendum for Board approval. Mr. Henson made a motion to approve the staff report and addendum as presented. Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3.03 Mr. Farmer presented claims in the total amount of \$11,794,208.87 for approval. Mr. Taylor made a motion that the claims be accepted as listed. Mr. Henson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.04 Mr. Farmer presented Year End Appropriation Transfers for approval. Mrs. Vandeventer made a motion to approve the Year End Appropriation Transfers as presented. Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.05 Mr. Farmer presented a Resolution to Authorize Transfer of Funds for approval. Mr. Henson made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.06 Mr. Burchett presented recommended NEOLA Board Policy for first reading.

4. REPORTS

- 4.01 Mr. Farmer presented a financial report for the General Fund, Referendum Fund, Debt Service Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Transportation Fund, Bus Replacement Fund, and Rainy Day Fund.

5. OTHER

- 5.01 Dr. Prusiecki presented a resolution to affirm Board Policy 8750 in regard to written assurance of indemnification and defense of board members and employees as stated in NEOLA board policy. Mr. Henson made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Collins stated the need to schedule a working session on Facilities Strategic Planning. Mr. Taylor moved that a working session be scheduled Monday, February 5, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Henson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. CLOSING ITEMS

- 6.01 Dr. Prusiecki wished everyone Happy New Year and thanked them for attending the meeting. He looks forward to a good 2018 and to a successful completion of the 2017-18 school year.

- 6.02 Mrs. Vandeventer congratulated Mr. Cox, Hailey Payne, and the Rising Stars.

Mr. Ray thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He congratulated Mr. Cox and stated his percussion ensemble will perform this weekend in the Indiana Music Education Association All-State Percussion Ensemble. He congratulated the Rising Stars.

Mr. Taylor thanked everyone for staying for the duration of the meeting. He thanked Hailey Payne, the Rising Stars, and Mr. Cox for representing Decatur Township Schools so well. He thanked his fellow Board members and the Central Office administrators for a great 2017.

Mrs. Collins stated that she enjoys Decatur's great band program. She congratulated Hailey Payne and the Rising Stars for doing a wonderful job.

Mr. Henson welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished everyone Happy New Year. He congratulated Hailey Payne, the Rising Stars, and Mr. Cox on their awards and recognitions. He enjoyed the band's holiday celebration. He thanked Dr. Prusiecki and the central office administrators for a great 2017.

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

Mrs. Judith Collins, President

Mr. Larry Taylor, Vice President

Mr. Jimmy Ray, Secretary

Mrs. Estella Vandeventer, Member

Mr. Dale Henson, Member