

**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 February 13, 2018.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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

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 Mr. Davis recognized Patrick Powell, Liberty Early Elementary student, for his act of kindness in which he made a gift for each of his fellow classmates. Mr. Davis also recognized Tyrone Tracy, DCHS senior, for being named 2017-18 Gatorade Indiana Football Player of the Year. Members of Decatur Select (Decatur Middle School after-school choir) sang the *National Anthem* and *Something Told the Wild Geese*.

3. ACTION ITEMS

- 3.01 Mr. Taylor moved that the minutes for the January 9, 2018 executive session, reorganization/regular meeting, and Board of Finance meeting and the February 5, 2018 working session be approved. Mr. Henson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.02 Mrs. Cook presented the staff report for approval. Mr. Ray made a motion to approve the staff report as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.03 Mr. Farmer presented claims in the total amount of \$4,932,149.02 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 asked Board authorization to write off outstanding checks more than two years old. Mr. Henson made a motion to authorize writing off the checks as listed. Mrs. Vandeventer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.05 Mr. Farmer presented farm land rental bids for approval. He stated that two bidders, Bangel Farms, Inc. and Mills Family Farms, LLC, responded. Based on Indiana law the bid goes to the highest and most responsive bidder which is Mills Family Farms, LLC at \$225 per acre. Mr. Taylor made a motion that the bid be awarded to Mills Family Farms, LLC for the 2018, 2019 and 2020 crop years. Mrs. Vandeventer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.06 Mr. Burchett asked approval of the recommended NEOLA Board Policy that presented for first reading at the January meeting. Mrs. Vandeventer made a motion to approve the policies upon second reading as presented. Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.07 Mr. Burchett presented an overnight trip request for the DCHS baseball team to travel to Evansville North High School for board consideration. Mr. Ray made a motion to approve the trip request. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.08 Dr. Prusiecki presented sports performance facility improvements at DCHS and DMS for approval. Mr. Henson made a motion to approve the sports performance facility improvements at DCHS, repurpose the old weight equipment and floor to the DMS wrestling room and add APC (Advanced Physical Conditioning) to the DMS curriculum for the next school year. Mrs. Vandeventer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. REPORTS

- 4.01 Dr. Duzenbery presented the February College and Career Readiness Report.
- 4.02 Mr. Farmer presented a financial report for the General Fund, Referendum Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Transportation Fund, and Rainy Day Fund.

5. OTHER

- 5.01 No items.

6. CLOSING ITEMS

- 6.01 Dr. Prusiecki thanked Patrick Powell for the gift and acknowledged his kindness, congratulated Tyrone Tracy and thanked him for what he's done for Decatur, and stated the Decatur Select did a wonderful job. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He stated the district began a "Why I Am Decatur Proud" postcard project to gather input from school patrons and community members and asked Mr. Davis to read some of the comments.

Mr. Davis read the following comments received regarding West Newton Elementary: My children are flourishing; the staff cares about their students; I am a life-long resident, both I and my children attended school here and I'm also an employee; and families step up to support each other in times of need. He then read the following comments received

regarding Liberty Early Elementary: My child is enthusiastic about attending school each day, my child's kindergarten experience has been very smooth, the environment is conducive to learning, and I receive communication from the teachers.

- 6.02 Mr. Henson offered accolades to Patrick Powell, Tyrone Tracy and the Decatur Select. He stated the Board approved facility enhancements for all our athletes and he looks forward to seeing those changes. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Mrs. Vandeventer congratulated and thanked Patrick Powell, Tyrone Tracy and the Decatur Select. She thanked the administrators for starting the "Why I Am Decatur Proud" postcard recognition in order to gather feedback from our patrons and community members.

Mr. Ray congratulated Patrick Powell and Tyrone Tracy for their accomplishments and thanked the Decatur Select for their performance. He congratulated the Varsity Winter Guard for earning 1st place in Class A at the contest in Ft. Wayne and congratulated the Varsity Boys' Basketball team for winning a co-championship in the Mid-State Conference. He stated that the middle school and high school bands did a wonderful job performing at the recent varsity basketball game.

Mr. Taylor thanked Patrick Powell for the gift. He congratulated Tyrone Tracy and stated the Decatur Select did a wonderful job. He thanked those who stayed for the duration of the meeting.

Mrs. Collins stated it is a privilege to present scholarships and this year the Decatur Township Education Foundation will provide 47 \$1,000 scholarships to Decatur Central graduates. This would not be possible without donations and she thanked those who donated. She also thanked the students who worked the Phonathon. She invited everyone to the Afternoon of Recognition at Decatur Central High School on May 20th at 2:00 p.m.

- 6.03 Mr. Taylor 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

Mr. Jimmy Ray, Secretary

Mrs. Estella Vandeventer, Member

Mr. Dale Henson, Member