

**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 March 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 McMahan, 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 Mrs. Amanda Card thanked Dr. Prusiecki, Mr. DeFreese, Mr. Sconce, and Dr. Mendez for their help with the Post Prom. She stated an open house will be held for community members on the day of the event and invited the school board and administrators to attend.

Mrs. Lorrie Hizer expressed concern about roadside trash/debris in Decatur Township. She would like to see our community cleaned up and questioned if students could volunteer? Dr. Prusiecki responded that the students have a volunteer day in April when they pick up trash along Kentucky Avenue with assistance of the Decatur Township police and fire departments, but he is also willing to address this issue as a community.

2. DECATUR PROUD

2.01 Mr. Davis recognized Domnik Saunders, IHSAA Diving Regional Qualifier, and NCAA Division 1 Softball Scholarship Recipients: Hannah Cravens (Eastern Illinois University), Justine Estes (Ball State University), and Karli Ricketts (Butler University).

3. ACTION ITEMS

3.01 Mr. Taylor moved that the minutes for the February 13, 2018 executive session and regular meeting be approved. Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- 3.03 Mrs. Cook presented the updated Educational Support Personnel Handbook for consideration. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the Handbook as presented. Mrs. Vandeventer seconded the motion. The motion carried, unanimously.
- 3.04 Mr. Farmer presented claims in the total amount of \$3,176,590.43 for approval. Mr. Taylor made a motion that the claims be accepted as listed. Mr. Henson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.05 Mr. Farmer presented Decatur Township School for Excellence Phase 3 bids for approval and recommended the Board approve the bids as presented for all prime contractors. Mr. Taylor made a motion that the bids be awarded as presented. Mr. Henson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.06 Mr. Burchett presented the Decatur Central High School Class of 2019 Senior Field Trip to Washington, DC for approval. Mr. Ray made a motion to approve the annual trip as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.07 Dr. Prusiecki presented a 2018-19 Liberty Preschool cost structure for approval. Mrs. Vandeventer made a motion to approve Liberty Preschool Costs for the 2018-19 school year as presented. Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. REPORTS

- 4.01 Dr. Duzenbery presented the March 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 Mr. Burchett presented an out of state trip request for the Blue Academy Boys Robotics Team to compete in the Vex Robotics World Championships in Louisville, Kentucky on April 29-May 1, 2018. Mr. Henson made a motion to approve the trip request. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. CLOSING ITEMS

- 6.01 Dr. Prusiecki congratulated the Blue Academy Boys Robotics Team for qualifying for the national competition and the Blue Academy Girls Robotics Team for earning 25th place among 900 teams. He congratulated the DCHS Choice Academy *Students in Action* for earning a silver medal at the Jefferson Awards and congratulated our student athletes recognized this evening for being successful both in the classroom and on the field of competition. He recognized newly approved DMS Principal, Mr. Michael Nehring, and Assistant Director of Exceptional Learners, Ms. Korie Bowers.

Mr. Nehring introduced his family and thanked them for their support. He is thrilled to be part of the Decatur Township community and stated DMS is on the edge of something great. Ms. Bowers stated she is excited for this opportunity to serve the Decatur Township school community and looks forward to her July 1st start.

Dr. Prusiecki congratulated the 12 Lead Teachers and 29 Mentor Teachers who were appointed this evening as a result of the E3 TSL Grant. He is Decatur Proud of the great

things being done in the district. He thanked everyone for attending and welcomed all who joined our team this evening. He looks forward to finishing a good school year and transitioning to 2018-19, as we continue to move from good to great.

- 6.02 Mr. Henson thanked everyone for attending. He thanked Mrs. Card for discussing the Post Prom and agreed with Mrs. Hizer’s comments regarding the need to clean up trash in Decatur Township. He congratulated Domnik Saunders, Hannah Cravens, Justine Estes, and Karli Ricketts for their accomplishments. He thanked the Lead Teachers and Mentor Teachers and congratulated Mr. Nehring and Ms. Bowers. He thanked Dr. Prusiecki and his team for their work.

Mrs. Vandeventer thanked everyone for attending. She welcomed the new team members and is happy to see this growth within our district. She offered congratulations to the robotics team and congratulated the DCHS show choir for their recent success at Shelbyville.

Mr. Ray thanked everyone for staying for the duration of the meeting. He congratulated everyone moving to newly appointed positions and congratulated the robotics team. He congratulated the DCHS Winter Guard for earning second place among 21 teams in the IHSCGA contest at Hamilton Southeastern and congratulated the DMS Wrestling Team for earning third place at the Mid-State competition in Franklin.

Mr. Taylor thanked everyone for attending and congratulated those moving to newly appointed positions. He congratulated Mr. Gearlds and the Blue Academy Robotics Team. He has always said, “The better academically we become, the better athletically we will become.” We have worked hard to improve educational success in our district and are now seeing student athletes succeed and earn scholarships to four-year colleges. This kind of success is very important to the school board and administrators. He welcomed Mr. Nehring and Ms. Bowers.

Mrs. Collins offered congratulations to those starting new positions within the district and welcomed Mr. Nehring and Ms. Bowers to Decatur. She was thankful for the opportunity to volunteer at DTSE earlier this week. She thanked everyone for working as a team for the betterment of the district.

- 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

Mr. Jimmy Ray, Secretary

Mrs. Estella Vandeventer, Member

Mr. Dale Henson, Member