

**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 8, 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. Tony Burchett, Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Lisa Cook, Human Resources Director
Dr. Danny Mendez, Director of Secondary Education
Mrs. Stephanie Hofer, Director of Elementary Education
Dr. Chris Duzenbery, Dir. of College and Career Readiness
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 Mr. Chris Card stated his daughter lost AP class notes from her iPad through no fault of her own and indicated this was not an isolated situation. He stated there must be ramifications for this and asked that procedures be put in place to ensure this doesn't happen to other students. Mrs. Collins expressed regret that this happened to his daughter.

2. DECATUR PROUD

- 2.01 Mrs. Hofer recognized Taylor Adams, 3rd grade student at Valley Mills, named one of 150 Regional Winners in the Juried Exhibition of Student Art in conjunction with the International Violin Competition of Indianapolis.

Mr. Tim Cox, Director of Bands, provided an overview of the DCHS Indoor Winds, Winter Guard, and Indoor Percussion programs which included the accomplishments of each program. Mr. Zach Crowder, Indoor Winds Director; Ms. Meghan Brackett, Winter Guard Director; and Mr. Josh Schneider, Percussion Director; presented the 2017-18 awards for their respective programs.

3. ACTION ITEMS

- 3.01 Mr. Taylor moved that the minutes for the April 10, 2018 executive session and regular meeting and the April 30, 2018 work session 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. Vandevanter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.03 Dr. Prusiecki presented claims in the total amount of \$3,491,886.61 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 Approval of the 2018-19 Elementary Student Handbook was tabled.
- 3.05 Approval of the 2018-19 Secondary Student Handbooks was tabled.
- 3.06 Dr. Duzenbery presented the 2018-19 MyLearning school calendar for approval. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the MyLearning school calendar as presented. Mrs. Vandevanter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.07 Dr. Duzenbery asked board approval for the district to join the Coalition of Continuous Improvement School Districts (CCISD). Mr. Taylor made a motion to allow MSD of Decatur Township to join CCISD. Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.08 Mr. Burchett presented an out of state trip request for the DCHS Girls Soccer Team to travel to Bridgeview, Illinois for approval. Mr. Henson made a motion to approve the trip as presented. Mrs. Vandevanter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. REPORTS

- 4.01 Dr. Prusiecki 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 everyone for attending. He thanked Mr. Card for his comments and will continue to work with him and his family to address their concerns. He congratulated Taylor Adams for her achievement. He thanked Mr. Cox for the programs he has developed and expressed his appreciation to the band faculty, students, and families for their dedication and hard work. He recognized and introduced newly approved Stephen Decatur Principal, Mrs. Jennifer Pearson; Testing & Data Coordinator, Mrs. Randi Tolentino; Director of Innovation Hub & Work-Based Learning, Mr. Brian Bulmer; DMS Assistant Principal, Mr. Adam Love; and Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Tony Burchett.

Mrs. Pearson is excited to join the Decatur Township team and understands why the community is Decatur Proud. She stated her career in IPS has prepared her to be the next leader at Stephen Decatur and she is anxious to get started. Mrs. Tolentino is excited to begin her new role. Mr. Bulmer thanked the district for bringing him back, appreciates having this opportunity, and is ready to get started. Mr. Love stated this district cares about its students and he is excited to have been given this opportunity. Mr. Burchett appreciates

the faith and confidence everyone has given him and will always remember those whom we serve.

6.02 Mr. Henson welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. He thanked Mr. Card for his comments. He congratulated Taylor Adams on her art award. He congratulated Mr. Cox on his success with the band programs and thanked him for his hard work. He congratulated the newly hired staff members and congratulated Mr. Burchett on his appointment.

Mrs. Vandeventer thanked everyone for attending and thanked Mr. Card for sharing his concerns. She welcomed the new administrators and congratulated Mr. Cox on a great year. She looks forward to the end of the school year.

Mr. Ray congratulated Mr. Burchett and the newly hired administrators. He stated that Mr. Cox and his programs are first class. He congratulated Mrs. Dawn Herring for being named Educational Support Staff Employee of the Year and congratulated Taylor Adams for her achievement.

Mr. Taylor stated that Mr. Cox does a great job with our band programs. He stated the district will work with Mr. Card on the iPad issue and thanked him for expressing his concerns. He congratulated Taylor Adams on her award. He congratulated Mr. Burchett on his appointment. He was pleased to see Dr. Duzenbery, Dr. Mendez, and Mrs. Hofer at the Board table and stated they bring strength to the team.

Mrs. Collins stated the Decatur Township Scholarship Association (DTSA) will present scholarships to DCHS seniors later this month. She expressed her appreciation to the Band for providing a scholarship to one band member and thanked each school for making donations to DTSA. She stated that since its inception in 1992, the DTSA has provided over \$1 million in scholarships. She invited everyone to the Afternoon of Recognition on May 20th at 2:00pm in the DCHS cafeteria.

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