

**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 June 12, 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
Mr. Kirk Farmer, Chief Financial Officer
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 There were no patron comments.

2. DECATUR PROUD

2.01 Dr. Mendez recognized Blayne Harrington for his numerous track accomplishments which included a 5th place finish in the 100 meter dash at the IHSAA Track & Field State Finals. He then recognized the Decatur Central Softball Team for several season accomplishments which included being named IHSAA Class 4A State Champions for the first time in Decatur Central's history. Team members in attendance included: Coach Don Ivey, Assistant Coach Erika Weber, Payton Baxter, Avery Huffman, Morgan Ivey, and Chelsey Vaughn.

Coach Ivey thanked the community and administration for their moral and financial support of the softball program. He expressed his appreciation to those who selected him to lead the Lady Hawks both on and off the field. Chelsey Vaughn spoke on behalf of the team, presenting their award and thanking everyone for their support.

Dr. Prusiecki congratulated the softball team for earning the first girls' state championship in MSD Decatur Township and stated that signs will be posted throughout the community to honor our state champions.

Mrs. Collins congratulated Blayne Harrington on his accomplishments. She congratulated the 2018 Softball State Champions. She attended the state finals in 1999 and 2000 which were great runs, but nothing compares to being state champions. She stated that her four year-old granddaughter cheered on the Lady Hawks and wanted to be a Hawk fan forever (just like her grandmother).

3. ACTION ITEMS

3.01 Mr. Henson moved that the minutes for the May 8, 2018 executive session and regular meeting be approved. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

3.03 Mr. Farmer presented claims in the total amount of \$3,598,472.05 for approval. Mr. Taylor made a motion that the claims be accepted as listed. Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3.04 Mrs. Hofer presented the 2018-19 Elementary Student Handbook for approval. Mr. Ray made a motion to approve the Elementary Student Handbook as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3.05 Dr. Mendez presented the 2018-19 Decatur Middle School, Decatur Central High School, and Decatur Township School for Excellence Student Handbooks for approval. Mrs. Vandevanter made a motion to approve all the Secondary Student Handbooks as presented. Mr. Henson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3.06 Mr. Burchett presented the 2018-19 Transportation Handbook for approval. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the 2018-19 Transportation Handbook as presented. Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3.07 Mr. Burchett presented the 2018-19 Transportation Substitute Handbook for approval. Mr. Henson made a motion to approve the 2018-19 Transportation Substitute Handbook as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3.08 Dr. Prusiecki presented a Goodwill Lease Agreement for The Excel Center for approval. Mrs. Vandevanter made a motion to approve the Goodwill Lease Agreement for the Excel Center as presented. Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. REPORTS

4.01 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 stated that Blayne Harrington's 100-meter run was impressive and he will run track at Indiana State University. His accomplishments are made possible by much hard work and training. He congratulated the softball team and stated the district will honor their achievement as the first Lady Hawks team state champions in the district's history. He congratulated the recently graduated seniors. He stated the Lions Club 4H Fair was a great community event. He thanked the school board for approving The Excel Center agreement, as it will provide an opportunity for people who missed out previously in their educational career.

Mrs. Jennifer Pearson, Stephen Decatur Elementary Principal, introduced newly approved Stephen Decatur Elementary Assistant Principal, Mr. Jay Lovell.

Mr. Lovell introduced his family members and stated he is very excited to become part of Decatur Township.

6.02 Mr. Henson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He has been watching the softball team for over 20 years (and coached for four years). He was pleased to see the community come together at the breakfast at Applebee's and to see the team return as state champions. He stated that Blayne Harrington did a great job. He welcomed Mr. Jay Lovell to the district.

Mrs. Vandeventer congratulated Mr. Lovell and welcomed him to the district. She congratulated the softball team and is Decatur Proud of the way our community showed support for the team. She stated that Blayne Harrington is an amazing runner.

Mr. Ray offered congratulations to Mr. Lovell and welcomed him to the district. He congratulated the softball team and is happy for Coach Don Ivey and the girls. He is very pleased to see Blayne Harrington's accomplishments. He congratulated Nancy Aguirre and Julia Wohler for their achievements at the IHSAA Track & Field State Finals.

Mr. Taylor stated that Blayne Harrington did a great job and offered congratulations to the softball team on their state championship. He thanked the district and Mr. Burchett for staffing security during the Lions Club 4H Fair. He thanked the central office administrators for their work this evening. He stated, "The better academically we become, the better athletically we become." It's great to know that 19 of our softball players had a GPA of 3.5 or above.

Mrs. Collins welcomed Mr. Lovell and congratulated Blayne Harrington. She expressed how proud she is of the softball team, both on and off the field. These players have fed the homeless and visited Mr. Kevin Kavanaugh, DCHS Strength Coach, and Dr. David Rather, former athletic director and assistant superintendent, last week because they were unable to attend the games.

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