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 7:12 p.m. in the Decatur Township School for Excellence Community Room, 5106 S. High School Road, Indianapolis, Indiana on January 12, 2021.

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

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:
Dr. Matthew Prusiecki, Superintendent
Mr. Tony Burchett, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Kirk Farmer, Chief Financial Officer
Mrs. Stephanie Hofer, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Chris Gearlds, Director of Human Resources
Mrs. Susan Strube, Director of Elementary Education
Dr. Chris Duzenbery, Dir. of College and Career Readiness
Ms. Amie Kiefer, Coordinator of Special Services

REORGANIZATION

1. OATH OF OFFICE
Mrs. Dawn Lee administered the Oath of Office to re-elected board members: Mr. Larry Taylor and Mrs. Estella Vandeventer.

2. REORGANIZATION

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

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

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

0.04 Mrs. Vandeventer 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 conflicts of interest be declared.

Mrs. Vandeventer made a motion that Mr. Kirk Farmer serve as Treasurer, Mrs. Dawn Lee serve as Deputy Treasurer, Mr. Taylor serve as Legislative Liaison, Mrs. Collins serve as the Southside Special Services of Marion County representative, and Mr. Henson serve as the Education Foundation representative. Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Mrs. Vandeventer made a motion that board member compensation remain the same ($1,900 per year). Mr. Henson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

**REGULAR MEETING**

1. **OPENING ITEMS**
   1.01 Mrs. Vandeventer, Board President, called the regular meeting to order at 7:18 p.m. All five board members were present.

   1.02 Mrs. Vandeventer led in the pledge of allegiance.

   1.03 There were no patron comments.

2. **DECATUR PROUD**
   2.01 Mrs. Hofer recognized DCHS junior, Ayva Schmalz, Captain of our Lady Hawks Cross Country team. Ayva was voted team MVP three times and set a new personal best time at 20:01 this season, ranking her 3rd in school history. Ayva finished the season strong by being named to the All Mid-State, All Sectional and All Regional teams and finishing the year as a Semi-State Qualifier. Coach Courtney Rogge stated that Ayva set goals and worked extremely hard to achieve them. She is excited to have Ayva on the team for one more year.

3. **ACTION ITEMS**
   3.01 Mr. Henson moved that the minutes for the December 15, 2020 executive session and regular meeting and the January 4, 2021 work session be approved. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3.02 Mr. Gearlds presented the staff report and addendum for 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 amount of $10,359,166.22 and payrolls in the amount of $4,147,760.02 for approval. Mr. Taylor made a motion that the claims and payrolls be accepted as listed. Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3.04 Mr. Farmer presented Year End Appropriation Transfers for approval. Mr. Henson made a motion to approve the Year End Appropriation Transfers as presented. Mrs. Vandeventer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3.05 Mr. Farmer recommended approval of the Education and Operation Fund Transfer Resolution. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3.06 Mr. Burchett asked approval of the new/revised NEOLA Board Policies that presented for first reading at the December meeting. Mrs. Collins made a motion to approve the policies upon second reading as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3.07 Dr. Prusiecki presented the 2020-21 Board Goals for approval. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the Board Goals as presented. Mr. Henson seconded the motion. The motion carried, unanimously.

4. REPORT
4.01 Mr. Farmer presented a financial report for the Education Fund, Referendum Fund, Debt Service Fund, Operations Fund, and Rainy Day Fund.

5. OTHER
5.01 Mrs. Vandeventer reminded everyone that next month’s Board meeting will be held on February 16, 2021 (3rd Tuesday of the month) due to a scheduling conflict.

6. CLOSING ITEMS
6.01 Dr. Prusiecki thanked everyone for attending. This is our first week back for in-person learning and there is a lot of excitement seeing the students and teachers in classrooms together. He thanked the Board members for approving the personnel packet. The district will continue to work with the Board of Health in regard to COVID and put the best interest of our students and staff first as we transition to in-person learning. He thanked everyone for what they do and thanked the Board members for their support. He stated the following person was approved on tonight’s Staff Report:

- Mrs. Mandy Higgins, Coordinator of Health & Nursing Services, stated she looks forward to this opportunity.
6.02 Mr. Ray congratulated Mrs. Vandeventer for her role as Board President and congratulated Ayva Schmalz on her accomplishments and awards. He was pleased to announce that Adam Lane was named 2021 NHSSCA Regional Coach of the Year as well as Finalist for National Coach of the Year.

Mr. Taylor thanked everyone for attending. He congratulated Ayva Schmalz on her achievement and welcomed Mandy Higgins to her new position in the district. He congratulated Mrs. Vandeventer, Mr. Henson, and Mrs. Collins on their new Board seats and thanked the Central Office leadership team for creating a plan to return students to their classrooms.

Mrs. Collins thanked everyone for attending and welcomed Mandy Higgins to her new position. She congratulated Ayva Schmalz for the great job she did with cross country. She congratulated Mrs. Vandeventer and Mr. Taylor for being re-elected to the School Board and thanked everyone for doing a great job.

Mr. Henson welcomed everyone to the meeting and congratulated Ayva Schmalz on her accomplishments. He thanked Mr. Ray for serving as Board President the past year and welcomed Mrs. Vandeventer as Board President for 2021. He thanked Dr. Prusiecki and his team for their hard work.

Mrs. Vandeventer offered congratulations to Ayva Schmalz and stated she is a well-rounded student-athlete. She thanked Dr. Prusiecki and his team for the work they are doing to keep our students safe and healthy.

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

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Mrs. Estella Vandeventer, President         Mr. Dale Henson, Vice President

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Mrs. Judith Collins, Secretary              Mr. Larry Taylor, Member

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Mr. Jimmy Ray, Member