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 7:03 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administrative Offices of the School Corporation, 5275 Kentucky Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana on July 13, 2021.

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

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:  
Dr. Matthew Prusiecki, Superintendent  
Mrs. Stephanie Hofer, Assistant Superintendent  
Mr. Kirk Farmer, Chief Financial Officer  
Dr. Kenneth Folks, Director of Operations  
Mr. Chris Gearlds, Director of Human Resources  

REGULAR MEETING  

1. OPENING ITEMS  
1.01 Mrs. Vandeventer, Board President, called the regular meeting to order at 7:03 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 was very Decatur Proud to recognize Adam Lane, DCHS Strength and Conditioning Coach, for being named 2021 Region 7 Coach of the Year by the National High School Strength Coaches Association. This award is presented annually to a high school strength and conditioning coach in recognition of their coaching achievements and passion for their profession. She congratulated Coach Lane for earning this distinction and expressed her appreciation for his dedication to our student-athletes.

3. PUBLIC HEARING  
3.01 Mrs. Vandeventer opened the Public Hearing for ESSER III Return to In Person Instruction Plan at 7:07 p.m.

3.02 The public was asked for any feedback regarding the Return to In Person Instruction Plan. There were no questions or comments.

3.03 Mrs. Vandeventer closed the hearing.

4. ACTION ITEMS  
4.01 Mr. Henson moved that the minutes for the June 8, 2021 regular meeting and executive session be approved. Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4.02 Mr. Gearlds presented the staff report (removing Rebecca Collins to a second report) and addendum for approval. Mrs. Collins made a motion to approve the staff report (removing Rebecca Collins to a second report) and addendum as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Henson made a motion to approve the FMLA Leave and transfer to Gold Academy for Rebecca Collins. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-1, with Mrs. Collins abstaining.

4.03 Mr. Farmer presented claims in the amount of $11,960,537.88 and payrolls in the amount of $3,474,995.70 for approval. Mr. Ray made a motion that the claims and payrolls be accepted as listed. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4.04 Dr. Folks asked approval of an out-of-state trip request by the DCHS Marching Band to the Bands of America Regional in Ohio on September 25, 2021 and overnight trip requests by the DCHS Cheer Team to cheer camp at Ball State University on July 20-23, 2021 and the DCHS Boys Varsity Cross Country Team to training camp at Tippecanoe River State Park on July 19-22, 2021. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the trip requests. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.


4.06 Dr. Prusiecki recommended approval of the 2021-22 Return to In Person Instruction Plan. Mr. Henson made a motion to approve the 2021-22 Return to In Person Instruction Plan as presented. Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4.07 Dr. Prusiecki recommended BehaviorSource (Square 1) for mental health and social-emotional learning support for MSD Decatur Township. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the partnership with BehaviorSource (Square 1) as presented. Mrs. Vandeventer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

6. OTHER
6.01 Dr. Prusiecki stated the September Board meeting has been moved to the 7th due to a scheduling conflict and the October Board meeting has been moved to the 5th to avoid Fall Break.

7. CLOSING ITEMS
7.01 Dr. Prusiecki thanked the leadership team for attending and congratulated Coach Lane for being named Coach of the Year. He expressed his appreciation for the quality and dedication of everyone in the room, as that is what drives and leads our school community. With school starting in less than three weeks, we continue to work through the variables with the Board of Health and will stay dedicated and focused to provide and ensure our students are Tomorrow Ready. He expressed his appreciation to the 40 people who worked at Saturday’s backpack/supply giveaway. This was the eighth year for this event and
nearly 1,200 backpacks (1/6th of the school district) were distributed to support our students for the start of school. He welcomed and congratulated the following individuals who were approved on tonight’s Staff Report:

- Mr. Terance Smith, Chief of Police, was unable to attend due to being in Orlando, Florida to receive the Region 5 National School Resource Officer Award. Dr. Prusiecki looks forward to his leadership.

- Mr. Brian Bulmer, DCHS Director of New Tech, thanked Dr. Prusiecki, the School Board, and Mr. Wachnicki for their continued support. He is very excited for this move and will bring experiences from DTSE to continue to grow DCHS. He is Decatur Proud to continue to serve the students and families of Decatur Township.

- Mr. George Sims, DCHS Director of Choice Academy, thanked everyone for their faith in his leadership skills. He expressed his appreciation for this opportunity and is excited to be a member of Decatur Township Schools.

- Mr. Brian Surber, DCHS Boys Head Basketball Coach, stated this was his dream job and thanked everyone involved in providing him this opportunity.

- Mr. Matt Weimer, DTSE Principal, thanked Dr. Prusiecki, Mrs. Hofer, and the School Board for this opportunity. He stated we have a great team and will do everything we can to help our most vulnerable, at-risk students in Decatur Township.

- Mrs. Beth Buchanan, DTSE Social Worker, thanked Dr. Prusiecki, Mrs. Hofer, and the School Board for this opportunity. She is excited to return to Decatur Township and to work with our middle school and high school students. She thanked everyone for the opportunity to come back to Decatur Township.

7.02 Mr. Ray congratulated Coach Lane for his accomplishments and stated, as a Board member, it made him very happy to know we hired the right person for the job. He congratulated all our newly hired staff members and those who transferred to new positions. He congratulated Mr. Tony Burchett (retired last month) for being inducted into the Coaches Hall of Fame for Indiana.

Mr. Taylor offered congratulations to Coach Lane, our newly hired staff members, and those transferring to new positions and wished them a good school year. He congratulated Mr. Tony Burchett and wished him well in his retirement. He thanked everyone for attending.

Mrs. Collins thanked everyone for attending. She congratulated those transferring to new positions and welcomed our new staff members. She thanked Mr. Brian Surber for his continued service and looks forward to attending basketball games again.

Mr. Henson thanked everyone for attending. He congratulated Coach Lane and our newly hired staff members. He encouraged everyone to visit the DCHS Hall of Fame (located near the weight room). It was a nice touch to DCHS and all the athletes that have walked the halls of the old building and new building, and thanked Mr. Justin Dixson, DCHS Athletic Director, for organizing it. He invited everyone to the grand opening ceremony of
the Hawk’s Nest Disc Golf Course at Blue and Gold Academy on July 24th at 9:00am and encouraged everyone to participate in the 18-hole tournament beginning at 11:30am. Proceeds will benefit the DTEF and also help with course improvements. He shared an updated total from last month’s DTEF golf outing which was $12,229.25 raised for the Foundation. He thanked the administrators in attendance and hoped everyone had a nice summer break.

Mrs. Vandeventer welcomed our new team members and congratulated those transitioning to new positions within the district. She congratulated Coach Lane for his accomplishments and is excited to begin the new school year.

7.03 Mr. Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ray 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