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 7:02 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administrative Offices of the School Corporation, 5275 Kentucky Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana on September 7, 2021.

MEMBERS PRESENT: ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:
Mrs. Estella Vandeventer Dr. Matthew Prusiecki, Superintendent
Mr. Dale Henson Mrs. Stephanie Hofer, Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Judith Collins Mr. Kirk Farmer, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Larry Taylor Dr. Kenneth Folks, Director of Operations
Mr. Jimmy Ray 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 7:02 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 Officer Paul Tutsie was very Decatur Proud to recognize K9 Officer Talon for receiving his National Odor Recognition Test (NORT) certification by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). To receive this certification, Talon had to detect 10 explosive odors among 30 canisters, which he successfully completed on his first attempt.

Dr. Prusiecki placed the ATF badge on Officer Talon’s vest.

Mrs. Hofer was Decatur Proud to recognize several groups for their contributions to our 2021-22 Backpack/School Supply Drive. The District partnered with the Decatur Township Fire Department to fill 1,200 backpacks (donated by the Indianapolis Airport Authority and Patterson Horth) with school supplies. These backpacks were made available to K-12th grade students in our community. She is grateful to the following community partners that helped impact our students and families with their generous monetary and/or supplies donations:
- The Cozad Family - addingbysubtracting.com
- Carriage Cleaners - Mike Testin
- Decatur Township Fire Department
- The Excel Center
- Indianapolis Airport
- Jason Holliday, Trustee
Los Patios  
Mark & Nick Auberry  
Meijer in Avon  
Dale & Diana Henson  
Nikki & Hunter Osborn  
Patterson Horth  
Walmart in Avon  
Walmart in Valley Mills

Mrs. Hofer thanked Kathy Flores, Shannon Preda, Billie Auberry, Bev O’Toole, Judy Collins, Becky Collins, and Mary Gilson for their hard work and dedication to this project. She also expressed her sincere appreciation to our staff members and administrators for their invaluable support that day.

3. **PUBLIC HEARING FOR TEACHER COMPENSATION/COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**  
   3.01 Mrs. Vandeventer opened the Public Hearing for Teacher Compensation and Collective Bargaining at 7:15 p.m.

   3.02 The public was asked for any feedback and there were no questions or comments.

   3.03 Mrs. Vandeventer closed the hearing.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2022 BUDGET**  
   4.01 Mrs. Vandeventer opened the Public Hearing for the 2022 Budget at 7:16 p.m.

   4.02 Mr. Farmer outlined the 2022 Budget.

   4.03 The public was asked for any feedback and there were no questions or comments.

   4.04 Mrs. Vandeventer closed the hearing.

5. **ACTION ITEMS**  
   5.01 Mr. Taylor moved that the minutes for the August 10, 2021 regular meeting and executive session and August 24, 2021 work session be approved. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

   5.02 Mr. Gearlds presented the staff report and addendum for approval. Mr. Henson made a motion to approve the staff report and addendum as presented. Mrs. Vandeventer seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0-2, with Mr. Ray and Mr. Taylor abstaining.

   5.03 Mr. Farmer presented claims in the amount of $5,028,863.73 and payrolls in the amount of $5,491,999.65 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.

   5.04 Mr. Farmer recommended approval of the 2022 Bus Replacement Plan. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the 2022 Bus Replacement Plan as presented. Mr. Henson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
5.05 Mr. Farmer presented the 2022 Capital Projects Fund Plan for Board consideration. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the 2022 Capital Projects Fund Plan as presented. Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5.06 Mr. Farmer asked approval of the architect contract for Liberty Early Elementary School. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve Lancer + Beebe, LLC as architect for the Liberty Early Elementary School project as presented. Mr. Henson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5.07 Mr. Farmer asked approval of the architect contract for the Career Pathway Facility at DCHS. Mr. Henson made a motion to approve DELV Design Studio, LLC as architect for the Career Pathway Facility at DCHS as presented. Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5.08 Mr. Farmer recommended the Board approve Patterson Horth to provide construction management services for the Career Pathway Facility. Mr. Henson made a motion to approve Patterson Horth as Construction Manager for the Career Pathway Facility as presented. Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5.09 Mrs. Hofer asked approval of the Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) Designation application. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the RAMP application as presented. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5.10 Dr. Folks presented new and updated NEOLLA Board Policies for first reading. The Board will be asked for approval at the October meeting.

5.11 Dr. Folks asked approval of an overnight trip request by DCHS FFA to Trafalgar on September 10-12, 2021. Mr. Ray made a motion to approve the trip request as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5.12 Dr. Prusiecki asked approval to begin the elementary redistricting process for the 2022-23 school year. Mr. Taylor made a motion to begin the elementary redistricting process for the 2022-23 school year. Mrs. Vandeventer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. REPORT
6.01 Mr. Farmer presented a financial report for the Education Fund, Referendum Fund, Operation Fund, and Rainy Day Fund.

7. OTHER
7.01 No items.

8. CLOSING ITEMS
8.01 Dr. Prusiecki thanked everyone for attending. He congratulated Officers Tutsie and Talon on completion of the ATF training and certification. He offered kudos to our employees who worked the backpack supply drive and to the organizations and individuals that contributed. The backpack distribution has become a critical mainstay for our entire district and he hopes it continues to grow. He looks forward to making progress on our projects at Liberty Early Elementary School and the Career Pathway Facility at
DCHS in order to enhance what we do for our students. He looks forward to our elementary redistricting, as this will allow us to be a neighborhood school district. He is Decatur Proud of the hard work of everyone in attendance, all employees, and especially our parents and students. He acknowledged Mrs. Hayley Molin who will return as our Coordinator of Health and Nursing Services.

Mrs. Molin thanked everyone for welcoming her back and she looks forward to supporting the district.

8.02 Mr. Ray thanked Officers Tutsie and Talon for completing the ATF training and certification, thanked those who were involved with the backpack distribution, and thanked Mrs. Collins and Dr. Folks for their work with the board policy updates. He stated that Coach Don Ivey is starting to improve and encouraged everyone to continue to say prayers for his recovery.

Mr. Taylor thanked everyone for attending. He was pleased to recognize Officers Tutsie and Talon as well as those who helped with the backpack supply drive. He thanked Dr. Prusiecki and his team for the great job they’ve done since the start of the school year, as he knows it has not been easy with the pandemic.

Mrs. Collins welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for staying. She welcomed Mrs. Molin and is Decatur Proud to have her back in the district. She knows it’s been difficult dealing with the pandemic and encouraged everyone to keep up the good work.

Mr. Henson thanked everyone for attending and expressed his appreciation for the recognition. He thanked those who worked very hard on the backpack supply drive including Kathy Flores, Shannon Preda, and Billie Auberry and thanked those who partnered with the district on this great event. He thanked Dr. Prusiecki and his team for their work and thanked all the building administrators for what they do for our students.

Mrs. Vandeventer thanked everyone for attending and welcomed Mrs. Molin back to the district. She thanked those who worked on the backpack supply drive and thanked Dr. Prusiecki and his team for doing a great job.

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

Mrs. Estella Vandeventer, President
Mrs. Judith Collins, Secretary
Mrs. Jimmie Ray, Member

Mr. Dale Henson, Vice President
Mr. Larry Taylor, Member