

**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 9, 2026.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Dale Henson
Mr. Chase Lyday
Mrs. Judith Collins
Mr. Larry Taylor
Mrs. Estella Vandeventer

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Scott Collins, Superintendent
Mr. Chris Gearlds, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Kirk Farmer, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Justin Dixon, Director of Operations
Dr. Matthew McClendon, Director of Human Resources

REGULAR MEETING

1. OPENING ITEMS

- 1.01 Mr. Henson, Board President, called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All five board members were present.
- 1.02 Mr. Henson led in the pledge of allegiance.
- 1.03 There were no patron comments.

2. DECATUR PROUD

- 2.01 We would like to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of some of our DMS Track and Field athletes following an impressive performance. Zoey Galovic had an incredible 2026 season. She competed fiercely in the shot put at both The Marion County Championship and Midstate Championship Meets, placing second in both. She finished the season by placing second in shot put at the Middle School State Championship Meet at Indiana State University as well as, breaking the school record set back in 1983 with a throw of 39.65ft.

Our DMS Boys 4x100 relay team has had an outstanding 2026. They broke the school record this season. In addition, the athletes on this relay team placed first in The Marion County and Midstate Conference Championship Meets. They ended their season by winning the 4x100 in the Middle School State Championship Meet at Indiana State University and breaking the school record for the second time with a time of 45.65

Congratulations to:

- Bateen Okewole
- Jayoyn Shanks
- Da"Marcus Lowe
- Jesse Joseph

3. ACTION ITEMS

- 3.01 Mr. Taylor moved that the minutes for the May 12, 2026 regular meeting and executive session be approved. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.02 Dr. McClendon presented the staff report and addendum for approval. Mrs. Vandeventer made a motion to approve the staff report and addendum as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.03 Mr. Farmer presented claims in the amount of \$5,262,945.03 and payrolls in the amount of \$4,476,300.49 for approval. Mr. Taylor made a motion that the claims and payrolls be accepted as listed. Mr. Lyday seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.04 Mr. Dixon asked for Board approval of K12's Leading Indiana Cooperative (KLIC) bids. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve K12's Leading Indiana Cooperative (KLIC) bids as presented. Mrs. Vandeventer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.05 Mr. Gearlds asked for Board approval of the 2026-27 K-12 curriculum costs. Mrs. Vandeventer made a motion to approve the curriculum costs as presented. Mr. Lyday seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.06 Dr. Collins asked for Board approval of the 2026-27 Wireless Device Policy. Mrs. Vandeventer made a motion to approve the 2026-27 Wireless Device Policy as presented. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.07 Dr. Collins shared details about the 2026-27 Certified Non-Teaching Handbook, New Teacher Handbook, Educational Support Personnel Handbook, Decatur Administration Handbook, Elementary Student Handbook, Middle School Student Handbook, and High School Student (non-action). They will be presented to the Board for approval at the July 14th meeting.
- 3.08 Mr. Farmer asked for Board approval of the WN Roof Replacement, DCHS & WN HVAC Replacement, Resurface VM Parking Lot & Track. It is recommended the Board of Education approve utilizing Blackmore & Buckner Roofing, Johnson-Melloh for the Decatur Central HS & West Newton select HVAC replacement, Howard Company for the Valley Mills Parking Lot & Track based upon the bids received. Mrs. Vandeventer made a motion to approve the WN Roof Replacement, DCHS & WN HVAC Replacement, Resurface VM Parking Lot & Track as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. REPORT

- 4.01 Mr. Farmer presented a financial report for the Education Fund, Referendum Fund, Operations Fund, and Rainy-Day Fund.

5. OTHER

- 5.01 No items.

6. CLOSING ITEMS

- 6.01 Dr. Collins reminded the public of the special meeting on July 7th at 9 a.m. for the board to consider our referral of the renewal of our referendum with the election in November. Congratulated Sean Winkleseth for Coach of the Year and also congratulated Chris who received an award, Keep Indiana Learning Leadership Award today at a conference.

Congratulate our high school team for the really great graduation. Congratulated all of our kids, and tremendous ceremony in recognizing our seniors. He is looking forward to seeing what the graduation rate will be when it's finalized. Thanked Kirk for his years of service and dedication to Decatur Township. Thanked Dr. Collins and congratulated her on her new role as an assistant superintendent. Congratulated Dustin Robinson. Congratulated Brandy and Gabe. Thanked and congratulated, Mrs. Strube, for her leadership at West Newton.

Dr. Collins requested Mr. Dixon introduce our newest Directors of Transportation: Brandy Wilson, Workforce Management and Student Services and Mr. Gabriel Morrison, Director of Transportation for Compliance and Logistics.

Dr. Collins requested Mr. Gearlds introduce our newest Director of Special Education, Dustin Robinson.

- 6.02 Mrs. Vandeventer congratulated and welcomed everyone to the team. Congratulated our Middle School Track Athletes. Shout out to all staff as they wrapped up another school year. Graduation was amazing. Mr. Farmer, you will be missed and thank you for your professionalism and expertise over the past several years.

Mr. Taylor thanked everyone for attending and offered congratulations to the athletes. He thanked Dr. Collins for all of her hardwork. Thanked Kirk for his role the past several years. Then, he thanked Mrs. Strube for all of her years of service and friendship. Next, of course, Todd Sconce for his years of service as well.

Mrs. Collins welcomed the new folks. Graduation was amazing. Thanked everyone who attended and have a good summer.

Mr. Lyday is Decatur Proud to celebrate exceptional leaders and professionals who won awards. Thanked everyone for being at the meeting. Congratulated Dr. Collins. Then, congratulated our new transportation directors. Kirk will truly be missed.

Mr. Henson Congratulated our athletes. Congratulated our new team members. Thanked Dr. Collins for her work. Appreciate Mrs. Strube for all her work and many years of service. Thanked Todd Sconce for his years of service and wished both the best in retirement. Congratulated Mr. Gearlds on his award. Thanked everyone who played in the Golf Outing.

- 6.03 Mrs. Vandeventer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dale Henson, President

Mr. Chase Lyday, Vice President

Mrs. Judith Collins, Secretary

Mr. Larry Taylor, Member

Mrs. Estella Vandeventer, Member