

**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 January 10, 2023.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Matthew Prusiecki, Superintendent
Dr. Stephanie Hofer, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Kirk Farmer, Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Kenneth Folks, Director of Operations
Mr. Michael Nehring, Director of Human Resources

REORGANIZATION

1. OATH OF OFFICE

Mrs. Dawn Lee administered the Oath of Office to re-elected board members: Mrs. Judith Collins and Mr. Dale Henson and to newly elected board member: Mr. Chase Lyday.

2. REORGANIZATION

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

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

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

0.04 Mrs. Collins 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. Lyday 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.

Mr. Henson made a motion that Mr. Kirk Farmer serve as Treasurer. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Taylor made a motion that Mr. Henson serve as the Education Foundation representative. Mrs. Vandevanter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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

REGULAR MEETING

1. OPENING ITEMS

1.01 Mrs. Collins, Board President, called the regular meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. All five board members were present.

1.02 Mrs. Collins led in the pledge of allegiance.

Mrs. Collins requested a moment of silence for the two employees we recently lost: Mr. Chris Bright, Lead Teacher for West Newton Elementary, and Mrs. Kaylee Langer, School Psychologist for the Blue and Gold Academies.

1.03 There were no patron comments.

2. DECATUR PROUD

2.01 Dr. Hofer invited the following individuals to come forward: Mr. Tim Cox, DCHS Director of Bands; Grayson Devening, DCHS Junior; Ari Porter, DCHS Senior; and Evan Miller, DCHS Senior.

She stated the Decatur Central HS Advanced Jazz Ensemble (Band #1) attended the very first Butler University "Benny Golson" Jazz Festival in December. This was an "invitation only" event. Our Advanced students performed three pieces for a clinician and received professional level feedback in real time as they played. The clinician worked with the students immediately after they performed to perfect a few skills. Our students then attended a jazz improvisation clinic given by guest artist, Kirsten Edkins. Finally our students attended a concert featuring the Butler University Jazz band and Ms. Edkins. Three of our students received Outstanding Performance certificates (from our judge/clinician) for their performance that day: Grayson Devening, trumpet; Ari Porter, alto sax; and Evan Miller, drums. Evan also received one of two \$450 scholarships to the Butler University Summer Jazz Camp for his outstanding performance. We are Decatur Proud of our students and of Mr. Cox's leadership.

3. ACTION ITEMS

- 3.01 Mr. Henson moved that the minutes for the December 13, 2022 executive session and regular meeting be approved. Mrs. Vandeventer seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-1, with Mr. Lyday abstaining.
- 3.02 Mr. Nehring presented the staff report and addendum for approval. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the staff report and addendum as presented. Mr. Lyday seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.03 Mr. Farmer presented claims in the amount of \$13,419,385.99 and payrolls in the amount of \$5,483,464.15 for approval. Mr. Taylor made a motion that the claims and payrolls be accepted as listed. Mr. Henson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.04 Mr. Farmer presented Year End Appropriation Transfers for approval. Mrs. Vandeventer made a motion to approve the Year End Appropriation Transfers as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.05 Mr. Farmer recommended approval of the Education and Operation Fund Transfer Resolution. Mr. Henson made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented. Mrs. Vandeventer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.06 Dr. Folks asked approval of an overnight request by the DCHS FFA to stay at Decatur Central High School on February 18-19, 2023 and out-of-state/overnight trip requests by DCHS Winter Guard to Dayton, Ohio on April 13-15, 2023 and DCHS Percussion to Dayton, Ohio on April 20-22, 2023. Mr. Lyday made a motion to approve the trip requests 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, Debt Service Fund, Operations Fund, and Rainy Day Fund.

5. OTHER

- 5.01 Dr. Prusiecki reminded everyone of the next regular board meeting on Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. and stated the Board will hold work sessions on Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. to discuss academics and Thursday, February 9, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. to discuss athletics.

6. CLOSING ITEMS

- 6.01 Dr. Prusiecki wished everyone a happy new year and thanked everyone for attending. He thanked the School Board and every individual present for working together as a team for our students. He congratulated Grayson Devening (trumpet), Ari Porter (alto sax), and Evan Miller (drums) on their success at the Butler University Jazz Festival and is proud of the work of our Performing Arts. He expressed his appreciation for the support of our School Board and thanked our Central Office team, administration, certified staff, and support staff for their work. He reminded everyone that there will be no school on Monday, January 16, 2023, in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

6.02 Mr. Lyday stated he is certainly humbled and honored to serve on the School Board. Decatur Township is a special place and he is very pleased to serve in a different capacity. "Success breeds success" is what comes to mind with our band program. The perpetual success of our band program is such a catalyst for individuals in the school to raise our level of excellence in academics and service. He offered congratulations to the Jazz Band students and to Mr. Cox.

Mr. Henson thanked everyone for attending and wished everyone a happy new year. He welcomed Mr. Lyday to the School Board as we continue the good things we've been doing. He thanked Mr. Cox for his work with our band program and congratulated the students as they continue to excel. He thanked Dr. Prusiecki and his team for their work.

Mrs. Vandeventer welcomed Mr. Lyday to the School Board and congratulated Mrs. Collins and Mr. Henson on their re-elections as we (like Mr. Henson stated) continue to carry on the great things we've been doing. She offered congratulations to Mr. Cox and his students: Grayson Devening, Ari Porter, and Evan Miller and thanked Mr. Cox for his excellent work. She thanked Dr. Prusiecki and his team for everything they do.

Mr. Taylor thanked everyone for attending. He welcomed Mr. Lyday to the School Board and congratulated Mrs. Collins and Mr. Henson on their re-elections. He wished everyone a happy new year and thanked Mr. Cox for the great work he does with our band program, students, and parents. He was pleased to see everyone in attendance ready for the return to school after the break and encouraged everyone to be safe.

Mrs. Collins congratulated Mr. Cox and the Jazz Band. She stated the Christmas program was wonderful and she was very pleased to see the Pep Band at the ball game. She thanked everyone for attending and appreciates the work they do.

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

Mrs. Judith Collins, President

Mr. Larry Taylor, Vice President

Mrs. Estella Vandeventer, Secretary

Mr. Dale Henson, Member

Mr. Chase Lyday, Member