

**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 7:04 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administrative Offices of the School Corporation, 5275 Kentucky Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana on January 9, 2024.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Stephanie Hofer, Interim Superintendent
Mr. Kirk Farmer, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Michael Nehring, Director of Human Resources
Mr. Tony Burchett, Interim Assistant Superintendent

REORGANIZATION

1. REORGANIZATION

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

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

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

0.04 Mr. Taylor 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. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Vandeventer made a motion that Mrs. Dawn Lee serve as Deputy Treasurer. Mr. Henson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Vandeventer made a motion that Mr. Lyday serve as Legislative Liaison. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Taylor made a motion that Mrs. Collins serve as the Southside Special Services of Marion County representative. Mrs. Vandeventer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Mr. Taylor 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 Mr. Taylor, Board President, called the regular meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. All five board members were present.

1.02 Mr. Taylor led in the pledge of allegiance.

1.03 There were no patron comments.

2. DECATUR PROUD

2.01 Mr. Burchett was pleased to recognize the Decatur Central IHSAA Class 5A Football State Runners Up. He invited Coach Kyle Enright and Captains: Halbert Aguirre, Brycen Bonawitt, N'po Dodo, and Javian Jones to come forward.

Coach Enright, on behalf of the football team, thanked Dr. Hofer, the Administrative Team, and the School Board for the special recognition and stated the team's amazing season would not have been possible without their unwavering support. After going 4-7 in 2022, our young men decided that they had "something to prove" in 2023, which became their motto for the season. They set out to prove they were good people first, good students second, and good football players third. Regardless of the wins and losses, the team proved those three things all season. Speaking on behalf of all of the coaches, we couldn't be more proud of these young men and their dedication to "prove it" every day. We finished the Fall semester with a record 53 student-athletes with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. We look forward to continuing to strive to be the best we can be in all we do and make everyone in the community "Decatur Proud."

3. ACTION ITEMS

- 3.01 Mr. Henson moved that the minutes for the December 12, 2023 executive session and regular meeting be approved. Mr. Lyday seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.02 Mr. Nehring presented the staff report for approval. Mrs. Vandeventer made a motion to approve the staff report as presented. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.03 Mr. Farmer presented claims in the amount of \$12,736,579.33 and payrolls in the amount of \$5,218,626.20 for approval. Mr. Henson made a motion that the claims and payrolls be accepted as listed. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.04 Mr. Farmer presented Year End Appropriation Transfers for approval. Mr. Lyday 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. Henson made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.06 Dr. Hofer asked approval of an out-of-state/overnight trip request by the DCHS Winter Percussion Ensemble to Dayton, Ohio on April 18-20, 2024. Mrs. Collins made a motion to approve the trip request as presented. Mrs. Vandeventer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.07 Dr. Hofer recommended approval of Field Turf Contracts for DCHS baseball and softball. Mr. Henson made a motion to approve the contracts as presented. Mr. Lyday 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. Hofer asked approval of an overnight trip request by DCHS Girls Wrestling to Kokomo, Indiana on January 11-12, 2024. Mrs. Vandeventer made a motion to approve the trip request as presented. Mr. Henson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. CLOSING ITEMS

- 6.01 Dr. Hofer was excited to share her first comments as Interim Superintendent and thanked the School Board for trusting her in that position during the transition. She is excited to be in this position and thanked everyone for their support. She stated that January is School Board Appreciation Month and thanked the Board members for their leadership and guidance. She stated DCHS Football had an amazing season and offered congratulations to Coach Enright, Mr. Dixon, the entire coaching staff, our players and captains. She is proud of our players for what they do both on and off the field. She was amazed to watch them at Lucas Oil Stadium and stated it was a Decatur Proud moment for the team. She welcomed back Mr. Burchett to the horseshoe.

6.02 Mrs. Collins thanked everyone for attending the meeting and thanked them for all they do. She offered congratulations to our football team.

Mr. Lyday was pleased to have Dr. Hofer as Interim Superintendent and expressed his appreciation for her leadership in that role. He was pleased to see Mr. Burchett return and was excited for all he will bring to the District. He stated this year's successful and exceptional football program was a testament to Coach Enright's leadership and he has done an incredible job of growing the culture for these young men. These players are great humans and great students, which is a priority in our football program.

Mr. Henson thanked everyone for attending. He welcomed everyone back to school and wished everyone Happy New Year. He looks forward to working with Dr. Hofer and her team. He congratulated our football team for a great season. He expressed his appreciation for the newsletter shared with our community, which included all the great things that happened during our first semester.

Mrs. Vandeventer congratulated our football team, Coach Enright, Mr. Dixon, and our entire coaching staff and stated it was fun to watch the game at Lucas Oil Stadium. She was pleased to celebrate School Board Appreciation Month. She expressed her appreciation for her fellow Board members and stated they complement each other very well with their different viewpoints.

Mr. Taylor thanked everyone for attending. He congratulated DCHS football on a great year. He stated we've had a good start of 2024 and wished everyone a good rest of the year. He thanked Mr. Lovell and Lynwood Elementary for the t-shirts.

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

Mr. Larry Taylor, President

Mrs. Estella Vandeventer, Vice President

Mr. Dale Henson, Secretary

Mr. Chase Lyday, Member

Mrs. Judith Collins, Member