

**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 September 5, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

REGULAR MEETING

1. OPENING ITEMS

1.01 Mrs. Collins, Board President, called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All five board members were present.

1.02 Mrs. Collins led in the pledge of allegiance.

1.03 There were no patron comments.

2. DECATUR PROUD

2.01 Dr. Hofer was Decatur Proud to recognize those who contributed their time, business resources, donations, and talent to our 2023 School Supply Drive. By partnering with the Decatur Township Fire Department and with the help of our community partners, we were able to provide 1,500 cinch-style backpacks, donated by the Indianapolis Airport Authority and Patterson Horth, filled with school supplies to our Decatur Township students! This event and generosity truly have a great impact on our families, helping to equip students to have a successful school year. She thanked the following community partners and presented a small token of appreciation to those in attendance:

- Decatur Township Fire Department - Chief Arnes and Megan Thiele
- Decatur Township Trustee - Jason Holliday
- Patterson Horth, General Contractors - Brian Detty
- The Excel Center - Sylvia Lauer
- Indianapolis Airport Authority - Callie McCune
- Veregy - Joey Back
- Chalet Rehab & Healthcare Center - Megan Copas
- Los Patios - Rooster, Manager
- The Cozad Family - Donna Cozad
- MSD Decatur Township Transportation Department - Todd Sconce and Lisa Everman
- Meijer of Camby
- Meijer of Plainfield
- Costco of Avon

Dr. Hofer expressed her sincere appreciation to our staff members, administrative assistants, administrators, and district leaders for their invaluable support in fundraising for, filling and distributing the backpacks.

3. PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2024 BUDGET

3.01 Mrs. Collins opened the Public Hearing for the 2024 Budget at 7:10 p.m.

3.02 Mr. Farmer outlined the 2024 Budget.

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

3.04 Mrs. Collins closed the hearing.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.01 Mr. Taylor moved that the minutes for the August 8, 2023 regular meeting and executive session be approved. Mrs. Vandevanter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4.02 Dr. Hofer presented the staff report and addendum for approval. Mr. Henson made a motion to approve the staff report and addendum as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4.03 Mr. Farmer presented claims in the amount of \$7,099,363.63 and payrolls in the amount of \$4,238,378.04 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.

4.04 Mr. Farmer recommended approval of the 2024 Bus Replacement Plan. Mr. Henson made a motion to approve the 2024 Bus Replacement Plan as presented. Mr. Lyday seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4.05 Mr. Farmer presented the 2024 Capital Projects Fund Plan for Board consideration. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the 2024 Capital Projects Fund Plan as presented. Mrs. Vandevanter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4.06 Dr. Folks asked approval of new/revised NEOLA Board Policies that presented for first reading at the August meeting. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the policies upon second reading as presented. Mrs. Vandevanter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4.07 Dr. Folks asked approval of an overnight trip request by DCHS FFA to the Indiana FFA Center in Trafalgar, Indiana on September 8-10, 2023. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the trip request as presented. Mrs. Vandevanter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4.08 Dr. Hofer presented the 2023-24 Elementary Student-Athlete Handbook for approval. Mr. Henson made a motion to approve the 2023-24 Elementary Student-Athlete Handbook as presented. Mr. Lyday seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. REPORT

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

6. OTHER

6.01 Dr. Prusiecki shared his intent to retire as Superintendent of the MSD of Decatur Township effective February 1, 2024 after serving as District Superintendent for 11 years. He asked that the Board approve his retirement at this time to provide plenty of notice to effectively transition to the new leadership.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to accept the retirement of Dr. Matthew Prusiecki as Superintendent of Decatur Township Schools effective February 1, 2024. Mr. Henson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Prusiecki reminded everyone the Board will hold a work session on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. to discuss Facilities followed by an executive session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the process of selecting a new superintendent.

7. CLOSING ITEMS

7.01 Dr. Prusiecki thanked everyone in attendance. He was pleased to recognize those who participated in the supply drive and thanked Mrs. LeMay for coordinating the event. It was incredible to distribute 1,500 supply bags to our students in just over one hour. He thanked the entire administrative team for a great start of the school year as we continue to keep learning as our first and foremost priority. He thanked the Board members for their support. He plans to work until February 1st and will finish his tenure Decatur Proud. He congratulated the following individual approved on tonight's Staff Report:

- Mrs. Kim Yarnell, Assistant Director of Child Nutrition, has been with the District for more than 18 years and is very Decatur Proud. She is thankful for this opportunity and is excited to begin her new position.

7.02 Mr. Lyday thanked our community partners for their work with our supply drive, which is always a wonderful event. He is tremendously thankful to be a part of this school district and community. To see the strength of this community is humbling. It is with reluctance that he accepted Dr. Prusiecki's retirement and thanked him for his leadership. He stated Mrs. Yarnell was the face of Child Nutrition and offered congratulations on her new position.

Mr. Henson thanked everyone for attending. He thanked Dr. Prusiecki for all his work as Superintendent and wished him well in his retirement. He thanked Mrs. LeMay and our community partners for their work with our backpack and back-to-school supplies event. He thanked Mr. Farmer for his work on the budget and congratulated Kim Yarnell on her new position.

Mrs. Vandevanter offered congratulations to Dr. Prusiecki on his retirement and thanked him for the leadership he has provided to the Township. She offered congratulations to Mrs. Yarnell and thanked Mrs. LeMay for organizing the supply drive event for our students.

Mr. Taylor thanked everyone for attending and wished Dr. Prusiecki good luck in his retirement. He thanked those involved in the supply drive event and welcomed Mrs. Yarnell to her new position. He thanked everyone for doing a great job, which allowed for such a nice start to school.

Mrs. Collins stated it will be hard to let Dr. Prusiecki go and offered him congratulations on his wonderful career. She thanked everyone for their work with the backpacks, which is a labor of love. She thanked everyone for attending and thanked them for all they do.

- 7.03 Mrs. Vandeventer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Henson 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