

**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 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
Mr. Michael Nehring, Director of Human Resources

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 invited Coach Alex Hommel and student-athlete Gage Sprague to come forward. She was Decatur Proud to share that our DMS 7th grade baseball team ended their season with a 10-1 record and were Junior Mid-State Conference Champions.

Dr. Hofer invited the following individuals to come forward: Coach Donnie Ivey and student-athletes: Belle Asher, Charlie Baldwin, Zoey Bostic, Izzy Burton, Alyssa Clouse, Harlow Estes, Payten Kinney, Kaylynn Napier, Brenny Waltz, and Aaleyah White. She was Decatur Proud of our 8th grade softball team who finished their season 10-2 and were named Junior Mid-State Conference Co-Champions.

Dr. Hofer invited DMS Track and Field Coaches: Jessica Considine, Connor Ray, Emily Wilson, and Kyler Perez to come forward. She stated our DMS Track and Field team had an amazing season which ended with multiple conference champions and seven new school records. She was Decatur Proud to recognize the following student-athletes for their achievements:

- Avery Mourer - Junior Mid-State Conference Champion: 800M Run and DMS Record Holder: 800M Run 2:10.9 and 2400M Run 7:36
- Daniel Adjahli - Junior Mid-State Conference Champion and DMS Record Holder: 400M Run 53.8 seconds

- Nicole Ejimabo - Junior Mid-State Conference Champion: 200M Run 28.29 seconds
- Jackson Doney/Eli Swain/Daniel Adjahli/Colton Ison - Junior Mid-State Conference Champions: 4x400 Relay 3:52.7
- Jackson Doney/Eli Swain/Daniel Adjahli/Avery Mourer - DMS Record Holder: 4x400 Relay 3:48.6
- Peace Oladele/Jordyn Hazelwood/Nouriath Soukore/Nicole Ejimabo - DMS Record Holder: 4x100 Relay 52.78 seconds
- Darrion Blevins/Jonathan Rolling/Colton Ison/Hunter Harvey - DMS Record Holder: 4x100 Relay 46.47 seconds
- Jackson Doney/Eli Swain/Johnta Wallace/Avery Mourer - DMS Record Holder: 4x800 Relay 9:01.6

Dr. Hofer was Decatur Proud to recognize Landen Nelson, DCHS Edge Academy Junior and Student Broadcaster. Landen competed in the Indiana Association of School Broadcasters 2023 High School Competition where he earned two awards: 3rd place for Original Drama as well as 3rd place for Sporting Event Broadcast. She was pleased to congratulate Landen Nelson for his success in student broadcasting.

Dr. Hofer was Decatur Proud to recognize Candace Wildrick, Child Nutrition Administrative Assistant, for being awarded the 2023 Office Assistant of the Year by the Indiana School Nutrition Association (ISNA). Candace was selected because of her remarkable contributions to the MSD of Decatur Township Child Nutrition Department, as well as her involvement with ISNA. Her efforts and drive to go above and beyond are proof of her dedication to the community of Decatur Township. This is an amazing honor and we are very Decatur Proud of the work Candace does in our district and community.

Dr. Hofer was Decatur Proud to recognize Kim Yarnell, Child Nutrition Catering Manager, for being awarded the 2023 Super Star Service Award by the Indiana School Nutrition Association. Kim was nominated for her catering efforts and menu development for our Child Nutrition Department. She does an amazing job managing the Catering Department and welcoming our newest Catering Department team member. We are blessed to have a dedicated Child Nutrition team and we are very Decatur Proud of this Department.

Dr. Hofer stated the Indiana Association of School Principals (IASP) annually recognizes outstanding school leaders in each of the 12 Indiana districts (with District 7 including all Marion County schools) who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students. These principals are acknowledged by their peers for the exemplary contributions they have made to the profession. She was very Decatur Proud to recognize Jennifer Pearson, Stephen Decatur Elementary Principal, for being named IASP 2023 District 7 Elementary Principal of the Year and Tom Wachnicki, DCHS Principal, for being named IASP 2023 District 7 High School Principal of the Year. She was honored to recognize these amazing principals who are so valued and appreciated.

Dr. Prusiecki, on behalf of Dr. Terry Spradlin, Executive Director of Indiana School Boards Association (ISBA), was pleased to announce that our School Board members earned the 2022 Exemplary Governance Award with Commendable Honors by ISBA. This award represents an ongoing commitment to continued learning and excellence in school board service.

3. ACTION ITEMS

- 3.01 Mr. Henson moved that the minutes for the May 9, 2023 regular meeting and executive session be approved. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.02 Mr. Nehring presented the staff report and addendum for approval. Mr. Henson 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 \$5,425,274.34 and payrolls in the amount of \$4,157,506.05 for approval. Mr. Taylor made a motion that the claims and payrolls be accepted as listed. Mrs. Vandeventer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.04 Mr. Farmer presented Decatur Central High School pool tile repair bids for approval. He stated that three bidders, Dallman Contractors, Indy Floor Restoration, and Young & Sons, responded and recommended the Board accept the lowest, most responsive bid from Dallman Contractors in the amount of \$69,191. Mr. Taylor made a motion that the bid be awarded to Dallman Contractors as presented. Mrs. Vandeventer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.05 Mr. Farmer presented bids for demolition of the administration/lobby area of Valley Mills Elementary for approval. He stated that two bidders, DELTA Services, Inc. and Quantum Abatement, LLC, responded and recommended the Board accept the lowest, most responsive bid from DELTA Services, Inc. in the amount of \$144,000. Mr. Taylor made a motion that the bid be awarded to DELTA Services, Inc. as presented. Mrs. Vandeventer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.06 Dr. Folks asked approval of an overnight trip request by the Decatur Cross Country Program to Bradford Woods in Martinsville on July 17-18, 2023. Mr. Henson made a motion to approve the trip request as presented. Mrs. Vandeventer 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 Dr. Prusiecki stated the Board will hold a work session on Thursday, July 13, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. for a needs assessment of the District.

6. CLOSING ITEMS

- 6.01 Dr. Prusiecki thanked everyone for attending and expressed his appreciation for all they do. He thanked our DMS baseball, softball, and track and field student-athletes for their incredible work. He stated that Landen Nelson was truly a gifted speaker and actor with a bright future. He congratulated our food service staff members for their recognitions and congratulated Mr. Wachnicki and Mrs. Pearson for being named IASP Principals of the Year. He congratulated the following individuals on their new roles in the District:

- Jessica Considine, Varsity Head Coach for Boys and Girls Cross Country, thanked the School Board, Dr. Prusiecki, Dr. Hofer, and Mr. Dixson for the opportunity and is so excited to begin.
- Sean Winkelseth, Elementary Athletic Director/Dean at Valley Mills Elementary, thanked the School Board, Dr. Prusiecki, Dr. Hofer, and Mr. Dixson for their belief in this new program. He is happy to remain at Valley Mills and is Decatur Proud to be a Hawk.

Chief of Police Terance Smith administered the Oath of Office for School Resource Officer to Dennis Scott.

Dennis Scott, School Resource Officer, thanked everyone for this opportunity. He looks forward to mentoring the students and getting to know everyone.

6.02 Mr. Lyday believes that success breeds success and stated it is incredibly powerful to see our DMS student-athletes show their continued success, which spills over into their lives, classrooms, and neighborhoods. Our nutrition department's achievements are indicative of leadership and he is happy to see that department doing well and being recognized. He is so excited to see Mr. Wachnicki and Mrs. Pearson selected as Principals of the Year by IASP and stated it was well-deserved after seeing their schools progress and improve under their strong leadership. He is pleased that Decatur Township is interested in being visionary and leading the way with our new elementary athletics program and he is happy to have Sean Winkelseth serve as our director/dean. He was pleased to see Jessica Considine named cross country coach, as he enjoys seeing staff promoted from within. He welcomed Officer Scott and is excited to have him on our team. He is pleased to see the number and quality of officers we have in Decatur Township.

Mr. Henson welcomed everyone to the meeting. He congratulated our DMS student-athletes for doing a great job. He congratulated our food service staff members for their achievements and thanked them for the great work they do for the Indiana Fire Chiefs Association. He congratulated Mr. Wachnicki and Mrs. Pearson for being named Principals of the Year. He stated DTEF hosted a golf outing on Friday that included 148 golfers and 100 sponsors. A preliminary total of more than \$20,000 was raised and he thanked everyone for their participation.

Mrs. Vandeventer stated our DMS student-athletes were amazing and she was pleased to recognize them. She enjoyed recognizing Mr. Nelson for his broadcasting ability and expressed her appreciation for the work of our Child Nutrition Department. She was not surprised to see Mr. Wachnicki and Mrs. Pearson selected as Principals of the Year and is Decatur Proud of them. She congratulated Mr. Winkelseth and is excited to see the program begin. She welcomed Officer Scott to the District.

Mr. Taylor thanked everyone for attending. He congratulated our DMS student-athletes and coaches on their successes. He welcomed Mr. Scott to Decatur Township. He offered congratulation to Mr. Wachnicki and Mrs. Pearson for being named Principals of the Year and thanked Mr. Dixson and our food service staff for their work.

Mrs. Collins offered congratulations to everyone on their well-deserved recognitions and is Decatur Proud to have them on our team. She thanked everyone for attending.

6.03 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