

**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 August 10, 2021.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

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

REGULAR MEETING

1. OPENING ITEMS

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

2. DECATUR PROUD

- 2.01 Mrs. Hofer was very Decatur Proud to recognize Evan Sullivan, PE teacher at Blue Academy; Ryan Gammons, math teacher at Blue Academy; and Rachel Slagle, PE teacher at Gold Academy. She stated the Hawk's Nest disc golf course began when Evan and Ryan, disc golf players and members of the PDGA, joked about installing a 9-hole disc golf course Blue Academy. They discovered that Rachel was also willing to support this project as a great way to keep our students and community active. After some research, it was determined that an 18-hole course could be installed on the Blue and Gold campus. To support the project, they held a fundraiser at their schools and also received a grant from DTEF. In addition, they received donations of money, services, and supplies which included: students from DCHS installing posts for signage and sleeves for the baskets; Evan and Ryan installing the baskets, planting trees donated by Walmart, and installing hog slats donated for the t-pads; and the donation/delivery of 10 yards of rock by a local landscape company. Other companies donated money and discs and players, friends, and colleagues assisted however needed.

On July 24th, more than 40 individuals attended the opening ceremony, 30 people attended the disc golf clinic, and more than \$3,000 was raised during the first tournament (\$1,000 donated back to DTEF and the remainder used for course development). Officially open

less than one month, the Hawk's Nest has had a positive impact on the school, district, and community, with more than 200 people playing the course. We are extremely Decatur Proud of their hard work and very pleased to see students, staff, and community members utilizing the course. To think it all began with a joke between friends.

3. PUBLIC HEARING

3.01 Mrs. Vandeventer opened the Public Hearing for the Capital Projects Fund and Bus Replacement Plan at 7:08 p.m.

3.02 Mr. Farmer discussed the Bus Replacement Plan and Capital Projects Fund.

3.03 The public was asked for any feedback regarding the Plans. There were no questions or comments.

3.04 Mrs. Vandeventer closed the hearing.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.01 Mr. Taylor moved that the minutes for the July 13, 2021 regular meeting and executive session be approved. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4.02 Mr. Gearlds presented the staff report (removing Rebecca Collins to a second report) and addendum for approval. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the staff report (removing Rebecca Collins to a second report) and addendum as presented. Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Henson made a motion to approve the transfer of Rebecca Collins to Decatur Central High School. Mrs. Vandeventer seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-1, with Mrs. Collins abstaining.

4.03 Mr. Farmer presented claims in the amount of \$2,926,645.79 and payrolls in the amount of \$3,099,397.52 for approval. Mr. Ray made a motion that the claims and payrolls be accepted as listed. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4.04 Mrs. Hofer presented the 2021-22 MSD Decatur Township Athletics: Coaches Handbook, Parent-Guardian Handbook, Student Athlete Handbook, Armstrong Pavilion Emergency Action Plan, DCHS Natatorium Emergency Action Plan, and Athletic Training and Sports Medicine Manual for approval. Mr. Ray made a motion to approve the 2021-22 MSD Decatur Township Athletics handbooks, plans, and manual as presented. Mr. Henson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4.05 Dr. Prusiecki presented an ESSER pandemic stipend for all qualifying employees in the amount of \$2,000 for approval. Mr. Henson made a motion to approve the ESSER pandemic stipend for all qualifying employees as presented. Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. REPORT

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

6. OTHER

6.01 No items.

7. CLOSING ITEMS

7.01 Dr. Prusiecki was pleased to recognize Evan Sullivan, Ryan Gammons, and Rachel Slagle for their initiative, hard work, and determination with the Hawk's Nest disc golf course at the Blue and Gold Academy. The opening ceremony was very nice and the course is a great addition for our school community as well as the entire Decatur community. He thanked the School Board for allowing the ESSER stipend to be granted to all eligible employees in recognition of their hard work, as the stipend reflects our core beliefs of equity, teamwork and excellence. He thanked all our employees and parents for a successful start of the school year in spite of the obstacles. We will continue to forage through and make this the best opportunity to prepare our students to be *Tomorrow Ready!*

7.02 Mr. Ray offered congratulations to Evan Sullivan, Ryan Gammons, and Rachel Slagle for the successful start of the Hawk's Nest disc golf course. He can see how busy the course is on the weekends and is proud to see everyone clean up after themselves. He offered good luck to our students participating in fall sports and band competitions. He stated that Mr. Don Ivey (coach for 7th grade football and girls softball) has had some recent health issues and asked that everyone please say a prayer for him to get him better.

Mr. Taylor thanked everyone for attending and asked that everyone keep Coach Ivey in their prayers. He thanked everyone for a successful first week of school. Although there were some challenges during those first few days, we are off to a good start.

Mrs. Collins stated we will always experience some issues during the start of school, but she appreciates all the hard work and is Decatur Proud of everyone for making it happen.

Mr. Henson stated the Board agreed to pay the stipend to all our employees to thank them for the job they did last year. We are aware that everyone is working hard and he supports everyone receiving the stipend. The DTEF was pleased to fund the grant for the Hawk's Nest disc golf course and he was excited to learn the project went well. He asked that everyone keep Don Ivey in their thoughts and prayers as he recovers. He thanked Dr. Prusiecki, his team, and all the administrators for a great start to school in spite of a few challenges.

Mrs. Vandeventer thanked everyone for their hard work in organizing a successful start of school. She congratulated Evan Sullivan, Ryan Gammons, and Rachel Slagle for the success of the Hawk's Nest. She is anxious to play at the course and was excited to see the progress of the project. She will keep the Ivey family in her thoughts and prayers. She thanked Dr. Prusiecki and his team for their support of our Township.

7.03 Mr. Henson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Estella Vandeventer, President

Mr. Dale Henson, Vice President

Mrs. Judith Collins, Secretary

Mr. Larry Taylor, Member

Mr. Jimmy Ray, Member