

**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 February 4, 2020.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Matthew Prusiecki, Superintendent
Mr. Tony Burchett, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Kirk Farmer, Chief Financial Officer
Mrs. Lisa Cook, Human Resources Director
Mrs. Stephanie Hofer, Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Korie Bowers, Director of Special Education & ELL
Dr. Chris Duzenbery, Dir. of College and Career Readiness
Mr. Jeff McMahan, Chief Information Officer

REGULAR MEETING

1. OPENING ITEMS

1.01 Mr. Ray, Board President, called the regular meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. All five board members were present.

1.02 Members of the Blue Academy Robotics Teams: Santiago Angel, Pam Garcia-Bothwell, Mhaya Henderson, Cash Hollingsworth, RJ Ison, Jaxen Jones, Payton King, Justin Lewis, Amber Martinez, Esteban Martinez, and Nolan Pommer led in the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Chris Gearlds, Principal, highlighted the teams' awards and successes and Coaches Ryan Gammons and Shawn Powers showed a video of their recent competition.

1.03 There were no patron comments.

2. DECATUR PROUD

2.01 Mrs. Hofer congratulated DTSE students from Mr. Belch's Cyber-security class: Jocelyn McKinney, Jacob Shultz, Christopher Stevenson, and Damion Stevenson for being named by Rep. André Carson as winner of the Congressional App Challenge in Indiana's 7th district. The students' winning app *MisDirection* will be displayed in the US Capitol Building and is currently featured on the House of Representatives' website. The students received an invitation to a Capitol Hill reception in Washington, DC and \$250 in Amazon Web Services credits.

Mrs. Hofer congratulated our DMS 7th grade boys basketball team for being named Junior Mid State Conference Champions. The following players were in attendance: Keyon Edwards, Triston Fidler, Eric Hopson, Gavin Lewis, Deandre' Lott, Amari McGhee, Jody Rouse, Ashton Vogel, Jhonathan Whitthorne, and Jaylan Yates. Coach Jeff Stone stated the team had a fantastic season, but had no expectations going to the Mid State Conference. After facing adversity throughout the season with illness and injury, the team regrouped with several players stepping up late in the season and every player improving. The players handled the conference competition better than expected and won three straight games to take the tournament title after going 5-2 in regular season conference play with an epic ending to a wonderful season.

Mr. Justin Dixson, DCHS Athletic Director, expressed his appreciation for those who helped secure a \$250,000 grant by the Indianapolis Colts through the NFL Foundation Grassroots Program. This grant will assist with the replacement of the synthetic turf at Devere Fair Stadium, which will benefit our football and soccer programs, various youth sports, performing arts, and the Special Olympics. This is a community field and this grant will impact so many students and families. He expressed his appreciation to the School Board and to the Colts and NFL for their support.

3. ACTION ITEMS

- 3.01 Mrs. Collins moved that the minutes for the January 14, 2020 executive session, reorganization/regular meeting, and Board of Finance meeting be approved. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.02 Mrs. Cook presented the staff report and addendum for approval. Mr. Henson made a motion to approve the staff report and addendum as presented. Mrs. Vandeventer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.03 Mr. Farmer presented claims in the total amount of \$3,902,610.90 for approval. Mr. Taylor made a motion that the claims be accepted as listed. Mrs. Vandeventer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.04 Mr. Farmer asked Board authorization to write off outstanding checks more than two years old. Mr. Taylor made a motion to authorize writing off the checks as listed. Mrs. Vandeventer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.05 Mr. Farmer asked Board approval of a Resolution authorizing temporary loans from the Rainy Day Fund for cash flow purposes. Mr. Henson made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.06 Mr. Burchett presented requests for the DCHS band to host various bands on February 14-16, 2020 and March 14-16, 2020 as fundraisers. Mr. Taylor moved the band fundraisers be approved. Mrs. Vandeventer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3.07 Mr. Burchett presented an out of state request for the DCHS Jazz Ensemble Classes to travel to Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio on May 15-16, 2020 for Board approval. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the trip request as presented. Mr. Henson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3.08 Dr. Prusiecki presented the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school calendars for Board consideration. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school calendars as presented. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. REPORT

4.01 There was no monthly financial report.

5. OTHER

5.01 Mr. Ray stated the March 10, 2020 Board meeting will be moved to March 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

6. CLOSING ITEMS

6.01 Dr. Prusiecki thanked the Blue Academy Robotics Teams for leading the pledge. He stated the Blue Academy has a great robotics program and reminded everyone of their upcoming competition. He congratulated the DTSE students for developing an app and winning the Congressional App Challenge. He congratulated the DMS 7th grade boys basketball team for winning the Junior Mid State Conference. He expressed his appreciation for the assistance of the NFL/Grassroots Program in resupplying our township with a first-class facility that our community deserves. He thanked the School Board members for their support and thanked everyone for attending. He offered congratulations to Mr. Bulmer on his new position as Principal of DTSE and to Mrs. Cook, Director of Human Resources, on her retirement:

- Mr. Brian Bulmer expressed his appreciation to Dr. Prusiecki and the School Board for their confidence in him, as he enjoys working for the students and families in Decatur Township. He looks forward to the opportunity of working collaboratively to improve outcomes and afford opportunities for students in order to prepare them for life after high school.
- Mrs. Lisa Cook stated the last 17 years have been amazing, as her colleagues have been like family to her. She wished the best for Decatur Township and stated the district is doing many good things. She will always be Decatur Proud.

6.02 Mr. Taylor thanked the Blue Academy Robotics Teams for leading the pledge. He is pleased to see the success of our students in various programs, both academically and athletically. He thanked Mrs. Susan Strube, Principal at West Newton Elementary, for hosting a very nice family dance night. He congratulated the DMS 7th grade boys basketball team and offered best wishes to Mrs. Cook.

Mrs. Collins offered congratulations Mrs. Cook. She thanked everyone for attending, as she appreciates all they do, and thanked them for being Decatur Proud. She reminded everyone that all DTSA scholarship applications are due Friday, February 7th.

Mr. Henson thanked everyone for staying for the duration of the meeting and congratulated all the students for their accomplishments. He thanked Mrs. Cook for serving 17 years in the district and wished her good luck in her next venture. He thanked Dr. Prusiecki and his team for their hard work and congratulated Vanessa Wilson for scoring 1,000 points over the course of her basketball career at DCHS.

Mrs. Vandeventer offered congratulations to Mrs. Cook on her retirement and to Mr. Bulmer on his new position. She thanked the Blue Academy Robotics Teams for leading the pledge. She congratulated the DTSE students for winning the Congressional App Challenge and the DMS 7th grade boys basketball team for being named Junior Mid State Conference Champions.

Mr. Ray thanked Mr. Gearlds for bringing the Blue Academy Robotics Team members to lead the pledge. He congratulated Vanessa Wilson for scoring 1,000 points during her basketball career and stated this was the first time in school history that two senior students (male and female) have accomplished this concurrently. He congratulated the DTSE students for winning the Congressional App Challenge and the DMS 7th grade boys basketball team winning the Junior Mid State Conference. He thanked Mrs. Cook for her work and wished her well. He congratulated Mr. Dixson for receiving the NFL Foundation Grassroots Program grant to assist with new artificial turf in our stadium and congratulated Mr. Bulmer on his new appointment.

- 6.03 Mr. Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Henson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jimmy Ray, President

Mrs. Estella Vandeventer, Vice President

Mr. Dale Henson, Secretary

Mrs. Judith Collins, Member

Mr. Larry Taylor, Member