

**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 January 11, 2022.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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

REORGANIZATION

1. REORGANIZATION

- 0.01 Mrs. Vandeventer announced the first order of business would be the election of a Board President and asked for nominations. Mr. Taylor nominated Mr. Henson for the office of President and Mrs. Collins seconded the nomination. The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Henson as President.
- 0.02 As the newly elected President, Mr. Henson asked for nominations for Vice President. Mr. Taylor nominated Mrs. Collins as Vice President and Mr. Ray seconded the nomination. The Board voted unanimously to approve Mrs. Collins as Vice President.
- 0.03 Mr. Henson asked for nominations for Secretary. Mr. Ray nominated Mr. Taylor as Secretary and Mrs. Vandeventer seconded the nomination. The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Taylor as Secretary.
- 0.04 Mr. Henson 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. Taylor 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. Taylor made a motion that Mr. Kirk Farmer serve as Treasurer and Mrs. Dawn Lee serve as Deputy Treasurer. Mr. Henson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Taylor made a motion that Mr. Taylor serve as Legislative Liaison, Mrs. Collins serve as the Southside Special Services of Marion County representative, and Mr. Henson serve as the Education Foundation representative. Mrs. Vandeventer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Taylor 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. Vandeventer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Henson acknowledged conflict of interest statements for Mrs. Collins, Mr. Ray, and Mr. Taylor and stated those documents would be signed.

REGULAR MEETING

1. OPENING ITEMS

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

1.02 Mr. Henson led in the pledge of allegiance.

1.03 There were no patron comments.

2. DECATUR PROUD

2.01 Dr. Hofer recognized DCHS senior, Fiyinfoluwa Ajayi, who was awarded one of nine Lilly Endowment Scholarships for Marion County. Her scholarship will cover tuition, room and board, and provide a book stipend for four years at any university in Indiana. Fiyin plans to attend Indiana University. In addition, Fiyin is in contention for DCHS 2022 Valedictorian and serves as President of the National Honor Society. She was Decatur Proud to recognize Fiyin and offered congratulations for her outstanding achievements.

Dr. Hofer was Decatur Proud to recognize Mr. Tim Cox, DCHS Director of Bands, for being elected into Phi Beta Mu, the highest honorary international band directors fraternity. This fraternity was organized to encourage the building of better bands and the development of better musicians in schools throughout the world and to foster deeper appreciation of good music and more widespread public interest. To be selected as a member of Phi Beta Mu, the director must: currently hold a position as conductor of a consistently superior band; demonstrate leadership in the profession by contributing to the progress of bands; hold office or important responsibility at the state, regional, or national level, with publications, compositions, dissertations or outstanding performances; and establish a reputation for personal character that is ethically and morally above reproach. She congratulated Mr. Cox for receiving this highest honor among band directors.

Mr. Cox was pleased to announce that the Band was selected to march in the Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day Parade for the second time. The Band's ultimate goal is to march in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Dr. Prusiecki was pleased to recognize Dr. Brian Bulmer, DCHS Assistant Principal, for receiving his doctoral degree from Oakland City University. He congratulated Dr. Bulmer on his success and encouraged others to advance their degrees.

Dr. Bulmer thanked everyone for his recognition. He stated a lot of sacrifice goes into earning this degree and thanked everyone for helping him through it. He is a first generation college student and it was always his goal to receive his doctorate.

3. ACTION ITEMS

3.01 Mr. Taylor moved that the minutes for the December 14, 2021 executive session and regular meeting be approved. Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

3.03 Mr. Farmer presented claims in the amount of \$10,910,877.62 and payrolls in the amount of \$4,608,694.91 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.

3.04 Mr. Farmer presented Year End Appropriation Transfers for approval. Mrs. Vandeventer made a motion to approve the Year End Appropriation Transfers as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3.05 Mr. Farmer recommended approval of the Education and Operation Fund Transfer Resolution. Mrs. Vandeventer made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3.06 Dr. Prusiecki recommended approval of the Resolution to Proceed with High Ability Development. Mrs. Vandeventer made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented. Mr. Ray 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. Prusiecki stated that due to scheduling conflicts, next month's Board meeting will be moved to Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. and the March Board meeting will be moved to Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. In addition, the Board will hold a work session on Thursday, February 3, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. to discuss secondary academics.

6. CLOSING ITEMS

6.01 Dr. Prusiecki thanked everyone for their work as well as their leadership and commitment to their buildings, teams, and the students we serve. He thanked the administrative team for their work and thanked the Board members for their support. He congratulated Mr. Cox for his great achievement and expressed his appreciation for the great experiences offered to our performing arts students. He congratulated Fiyinfoluwa Ajayi for receiving the Lilly Endowment Scholarship, which is the best grant a student can receive in the state. It's an incredible achievement when Lilly Endowment selects you based upon your character and performance in the classroom and he is Decatur Proud of her accomplishment. He congratulated Dr. Bulmer on receiving his doctorate.

6.02 Mrs. Vandeventer was Decatur Proud to recognize Ms. Ajayi's academic achievement and offered congratulations on her accomplishments. She congratulated Mr. Cox and congratulated our Band for being selected to march in the parade. She is very Decatur Proud of Dr. Bulmer for receiving his doctorate.

Mr. Ray offered congratulations to Ms. Ajayi for earning the Lilly Endowment Scholarship, congratulated Mr. Cox for his accomplishments, and congratulated Dr. Bulmer for receiving his doctoral degree. He congratulated Mr. Adam Lane for being a final four finalist for High School Strength and Conditioning Coach of the Year in the nation.

Mr. Taylor thanked everyone for attending. He thanked Mr. Cox for his good work, congratulated Ms. Ajayi for receiving the Lilly Endowment Scholarship, and congratulated Dr. Bulmer on completion of his doctorate.

Mrs. Collins was very proud of Dr. Bulmer and pleased to see him complete his doctorate. She thanked everyone for attending and thanked them for what they do.

Mr. Henson thanked everyone for attending. He thanked Mrs. Vandeventer for her leadership as School Board President for the past year. He offered congratulations to Mr. Cox, Ms. Ajayi, and Dr. Bulmer for their accomplishments. He thanked Dr. Prusiecki and his team and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

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

Mr. Dale Henson, President

Mrs. Judith Collins, Vice President

Mr. Larry Taylor, Secretary

Mr. Jimmy Ray, Member

Mrs. Estella Vandeventer, Member