

**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 July 26, 2022.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**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 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. ACTION ITEMS**

- 2.01 Mr. Ray moved that the minutes for the June 13, 2022 regular meeting and executive session be approved. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 2.02 Mr. Nehring presented the staff report and addendum for approval. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the staff report and addendum as presented. Mrs. Vandeventer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 2.03 Mr. Farmer presented claims in the amount of \$13,740,594.39 and payrolls in the amount of \$3,762,080.81 for approval. Mr. Taylor made a motion that the claims and payrolls be accepted as listed. Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 2.04 Dr. Hofer asked approval for disposal of outdated K-8 Pearson math textbooks. Mr. Ray made a motion to approve the disposal of K-8 textbooks as presented. Mr. Henson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 2.05 Dr. Hofer presented the 2022-23 MSD Decatur Township Athletics: Student-Athlete Handbook, Parent-Guardian Handbook, Coaches Handbook, Athletic Training & Sports Medicine Manual, and Natatorium & Aquatics Manual for approval. Mr. Ray made a motion to approve the 2022-23 MSD Decatur Township Athletics handbooks and manuals as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **3. PUBLIC HEARING**

3.01 Mr. Henson opened the Public Hearing for Additional Appropriation of Rainy Day Fund at 7:10 pm.

3.02 Mr. Farmer presented information on the soccer field turf project.

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

3.04 Mr. Farmer recommended approval of the Additional Appropriation Resolution for the Rainy Day Fund totaling \$1,250,000 as presented. Mr. Ray made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation Resolution as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3.05 Mr. Taylor made a motion to close the hearing. Mrs. Collins 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, Operation 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 Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. and the October Board meeting will be moved to Tuesday, the 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. to avoid Fall Break. In addition, the Board will hold a work session on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. to discuss Academics.

### **6. CLOSING ITEMS**

6.01 Dr. Prusiecki thanked everyone for attending. He was pleased to announce that our School Board members earned the 2021 Exemplary Governance Award with Commendable Honors by the Indiana School Boards Association's (ISBA). This award is presented in recognition of the professional development efforts of our Board members. He is excited to start the 2022-23 school year next week. He welcomed and congratulated the following newly hired staff members:

- Mr. Chris Griffin, SLC Director at DMS/Explorations, thanked Dr. Prusiecki, Dr. Hofer, and the School Board and stated he is humbled by this big honor. He is very excited to serve the students and families in Decatur Township and looks forward to working with Mr. Criswell and the entire team.
- Mrs. Amanda Harrison, SLC Director at DCHS/Innovation, thanked Dr. Prusiecki, Dr. Hofer, and the School Board. She is humbled and honored by this opportunity to serve Decatur Township and stated it is a privilege to be here. She looks forward to working with the great staff in the Innovation Academy.

6.02 Mrs. Vandeventer welcomed our new team members and offered support throughout the year as they begin their new positions. She is excited to start another great year.

Mr. Ray wished good luck to our 12 year-old youth baseball players as they compete in a state championship game tomorrow and congratulated their coach, Joe Craven, a Decatur Central graduate. He welcomed our new hires and thanked Mr. Nehring for his work. He congratulated his fellow Board members on the recognition from ISBA.

Mr. Taylor thanked everyone for attending. He welcomed our newly hired staff members and wished them great success in Decatur Township.

Mrs. Collins stated it's the beginning of a great new year. She welcomed our new staff members and welcomed back those already working here. She thanked everyone for all their work during these very busy times. She thanked Mr. Nehring and his group for their hard work and thanked Dr. Folks for his work on our construction projects.

Mr. Henson welcomed our new team members and was pleased to see the District welcome 77 new teachers and administrators yesterday. He was honored to be awarded by the ISBA as a group with his fellow Board members. He thanked Mr. Nehring and his team for their work the past couple of months and thanked Dr. Prusiecki and his team for all they do.

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

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Mr. Dale Henson, President

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Mrs. Judith Collins, Vice President

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Mr. Larry Taylor, Secretary

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Mr. Jimmy Ray, Member

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Mrs. Estella Vandeventer, Member