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 7:01 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administrative Offices of the School Corporation, 5275 Kentucky Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana on March 12, 2020.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:**
Mr. Jimmy Ray	Dr. Matthew Prusiecki, Superintendent
Mrs. Estella Vandeventer	Mr. Tony Burchett, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Dale Henson	Mr. Kirk Farmer, Chief Financial Officer
Mrs. Judith Collins	Mrs. Stephanie Hofer, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Larry Taylor	Ms. Korie Bowers, Director of Special Education & ELL
	Dr. Chris Duzenbery, Dir. of College and Career Readiness
	Mr. Jeff McMahon, Chief Information Officer

REGULAR MEETING

1. OPENING ITEMS

1.01 Mr. Ray, Board President, called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. All five board members were present.

1.02 Mr. Ray led in the pledge of allegiance.

1.03 There were no patron comments.

2. ACTION ITEMS

2.01 Mr. Taylor moved that the minutes for the February 4, 2020 regular meeting, February 4 and 24, 2020 executive sessions, February 5, 2020 public hearing, and February 25, 2020 special meeting be approved. Mrs. Vandeventer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2.02 Dr. Prusiecki presented the staff report for approval. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the staff report as presented. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-1, with Mrs. Collins abstaining.

2.03 Mr. Farmer presented claims in the total amount of $5,664,468.59 for approval. Mr. Taylor made a motion that the claims be accepted as listed. Mr. Henson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2.04 Mr. Farmer asked approval of a $0.10 increase in the 2020-21 school lunch prices in order to comply with the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. Mr. Taylor moved that the $0.10 increase for school lunch prices be approved. Mr. Henson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2.05 Dr. Duzenbery asked Board approval of weighted grades for CTE and Advanced Pathway Courses. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve weighted grades for CTE and Advanced Pathway Courses as presented. Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2.06 Dr. Duzenbery asked approval of new course offerings for AP, CTE, and Graduation Pathways. Mr. Taylor moved the new course offerings for AP, CTE, and Graduation Pathways be approved as presented. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2.07 Dr. Prusiecki recommended the Board make a final determination in regard to Mr. Vincent's teacher grievance for a pay increase. Mr. Henson made a motion to deny the grievance as discussed. Mrs. Vandeventer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2.08 Mr. Burchett presented an out of state trip request for the DCHS senior class to travel to Washington, DC for approval. Mrs. Vandeventer made a motion to approve the trip request for Fall of 2020 as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2.09 Mrs. Hofer asked Board approval of Elementary STEAM for the 2020-21 school year. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve Elementary STEAM for the 2020-21 school year as presented. Mr. Henson seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-2, with Mr. Ray and Mrs. Vandeventer opposing.

3. REPORT

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

4. OTHER

4.01 Dr. Prusiecki asked Board approval of a Resolution for Superintendent Flexibility in Case of School Shutdown. Due to the situation with Coronavirus and steps taken by various agencies in the State, there will be no school in our District on March 13, 2020 followed by eLearning beginning on March 16, 2020 through the week following Spring Break, with anticipation of resuming school on April 6, 2020. This resolution would allow authority to maintain actions necessary for employment of all School District employees with modification of work so that employees will be paid and we may conduct school in a different fashion for an extended period of time. Mr. Henson made a motion to accept the Resolution for Superintendent Flexibility in Case of School Shutdown as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. CLOSING ITEMS

5.01 Dr. Prusiecki thanked everyone for attending and thanked the Board members for their support during this difficult time. He stated we will work through this and ensure that Decatur Township School District continues to take care of and educate our students. We have a lot to work through and will maintain our mission to prepare students to be Tomorrow Ready. He congratulated Ms. Burger on her new position:

- Ms. Madison Burger, School Resource Officer, thanked everyone for the opportunity and is excited to return home to her old stomping grounds. She is anxious to see what she can do for the community and to build relationships with everyone.

5.02 Mr. Taylor thanked everyone for attending and welcomed Ms. Burger. He stated the Resolution approved by the Board this evening will allow the District to pay our employees while they are off work to ensure that no one within this organization will go without a paycheck. He is very proud of the hard work by our boys basketball team last weekend.

Mrs. Collins welcomed Ms. Burger and thanked everyone for attending. She is thankful for everyone's work and stated we will get through this difficult time.

Mr. Henson thanked everyone for attending. He stated a lot is going on in the School District due to the Coronavirus and thanked Dr. Prusiecki and his team for the work they are doing to keep our students and employees safe. He stated the Resolution approved this evening will ensure all staff members are paid, as we are not sure how long this will impact us as a School District.

Mrs. Vandeventer welcomed and congratulated Ms. Burger. She looks forward to the opportunity for our elementary students to have STEAM in school.

Mr. Ray congratulated Ms. Burger. He is proud that our boys and girls basketball teams both made it to the finals in the sectional games and stated our basketball programs are moving in the right direction. He congratulated our softball graduate players for doing a tremendous job with several homeruns and stated our softball program is in a great place.

5.03 Mr. Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Mr. Jimmy Ray, President Mrs. Estella Vandeventer, Vice President

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Mr. Dale Henson, Secretary Mrs. Judith Collins, Member

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Mr. Larry Taylor, Member