

**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 7:11 p.m. in the Decatur Township School for Excellence Community Room, 5106 S. High School Road, Indianapolis, Indiana on March 9, 2021.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Matthew Prusiecki, Superintendent
Mr. Tony Burchett, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Kirk Farmer, Chief Financial Officer
Mrs. Stephanie Hofer, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Chris Gearlds, Director of Human Resources
Mrs. Susan Strube, Director of Elementary Education
Dr. Chris Duzenbery, Dir. of College and Career Readiness
Ms. Amie Kiefer, Coordinator of Special Services

REGULAR MEETING

1. OPENING ITEMS

1.01 Mrs. Vandeventer, Board President, called the regular meeting to order at 7:11 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 proud to recognize Mr. Tim Cox, DCHS Director of Bands. She stated that Mr. Cox demonstrated a record of excellence over several years of teaching and contributions to students as well as the music education profession. Because he exemplified outstanding achievement in the field of education, Mr. Cox was named the 2021 Outstanding High School Educator of the Year by the Indiana Music Education Association. She was pleased to congratulate Mr. Cox for his well-deserved recognition.

Mrs. Hofer was pleased to congratulate our DMS 8th grade boys basketball team for being named Junior Mid State Conference Champions. She introduced Coach Jill Meerman, Assistant Coach Rick Voss, and players: Ty'Reese Burnett, Melakih Cunningham, N'po Dodo, Keyon Edwards, Eric Hopson, Jason Levi, Sterlin Lewis, De'Andre Lott-Hancock, Amari McGhee, Latrell Powell, Jeremy Randolph, Ashton Vogel, and Jhon Whitthorne. Mrs. Hofer stated the team had an amazing season and finished with an 18-2 record. They won the Junior Mid-State Conference championship for the 2nd consecutive year and beat every team by 25 points or more throughout the tournament. They are tremendous

students, athletes, and young men who lead by example on the court and in the classroom. We are Decatur Proud of their accomplishments and are excited for the future of Decatur Central basketball. Coach Meerman stated she was pleased to coach such a hard-working team, as the players have great character and she is proud to have them represent DMS. Jhon Whitthorne stated their success was a result of the dedication, positivity, chemistry, and discipline of the entire team and they are Decatur Proud.

3. ACTION ITEMS

3.01 Mr. Taylor moved that the minutes for the February 16, 2021 regular meeting and executive session be approved. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

3.03 Mr. Farmer presented claims in the amount of \$3,062,780.52 and payrolls in the amount of \$3,327,423.19 for approval. Mr. Taylor made a motion that the claims and payrolls be accepted as listed. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3.04 Mr. Farmer asked Board approval of a Coca Cola contract including exclusive beverage rights for the next five years. Mr. Henson made a motion to approve the Coca Cola contract for the next five years as presented. Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3.05 Mr. Farmer asked Board approval of the iPad refresh and a Board resolution authorizing the iPad refresh. Mr. Ray made a motion to approve the iPad refresh and Board resolution as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3.06 Dr. Duzenbery asked approval of new course proposals for high school credit in middle school, dual credit for Spanish Level I at Ivy Tech, and CTE. Mr. Taylor moved the new course offerings for high school credit in middle school, dual credit, and CTE be approved as presented. Mrs. Vandevanter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. REPORT

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

5. OTHER

5.01 Mrs. Vandevanter stated the Board scheduled a work session on Tuesday, March 23, 2021, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room to discuss facility planning. Dr. Prusiecki noted the May 11, 2021 Board meeting will be moved to May 18, 2021 due to scheduling conflicts.

6. CLOSING ITEMS

6.01 Dr. Prusiecki congratulated Mr. Tim Cox on his well-deserved recognition. His dedication and commitment to our band program is a credit to what he does and it allows our students to benefit tremendously. He looks forward to the band's upcoming events.

Mr. Cox stated we are slowly and cautiously proceeding with the following tentative events:

- Indiana Percussion State Finals at Ben Davis on March 27th,
- DMS Winter Guard State Finals at Franklin Central on March 27th,
- DCHS Winter Guard State Finals at Center Grove on April 10th (DCHS currently ranked #1 in the state),
- Indoor Winds State Finals at Center Grove on March 20th (DCHS currently ranked #1 in the state),
- Winter Showcase on March 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the DCHS gym (family and friends are invited to attend),
- Spring Concert with concert bands on April 20th, and
- Band-O-Rama at end of the school year.

Dr. Prusiecki congratulated the 8th grade boys basketball team on their championship and incredible 25-point victories during the tournament. He is proud of their focus on teamwork and commitment which reflects how we value everyone and are stronger together because of it. They put in the time, made the commitment, and were successful because of it. He is Decatur Proud and anxious to see what they do in the next four years. He thanked all the administrators in attendance for their commitment to our K-8 students who have been attending in person and is pleased that our DTSE students will return in person on March 15th and our DCHS students on March 22nd. He looks forward to being the first of Marion County to return safely to school for the learning, safety, and customer service of our families. He appreciates the work of all the administrators and the support of our School Board. He is pleased to have the Board's approval of the iPad refresh, as our commitment to technology to support learning is the best around. He is pleased to continue our partnership with Coca Cola. He thanked everyone for their commitment and hard work since the pandemic impacted our schools nearly one year ago. We persevered through this challenging time and are coming out a better, stronger, and more quality district for our families. He looks forward to spring and having our students participate in activities as well as the excitement of getting school back in person. He offered thanks to everyone in the room, to all employees and to all family members who make us truly Decatur Proud.

6.02 Mr. Ray congratulated Mr. Cox on his well-deserved recognition. He offered congratulation to our 8th grade boys basketball team on their Mid State Conference Championship and thanked Coach Meerman for doing such a great job with the team. He wished everyone a safe and enjoyable spring break.

Mr. Taylor thanked everyone for attending. He congratulated Coach Meerman and the 8th grade boys basketball team and was pleased to see their accomplishments. He offered congratulations to Mr. Cox for his recognition and thanked him for the nice job he does with our band program.

Mrs. Collins congratulated Mr. Cox on a job well done. She congratulated the 8th grade basketball team and looks forward to seeing them play at the high school next year. She thanked Dr. Prusiecki and his team for all they've done to get the district through the past challenging year.

Mr. Henson offered congratulations to Mr. Cox and to the DMS 8th grade boys basketball Mid State Champions. He thanked all the administrators for their work.

Mrs. Vandeventer congratulated Mr. Cox. She appreciates everything he does for our students and was pleased to hear about the upcoming band events. She had opportunity to watch the 8th grade boys basketball team this year and was excited to watch them come together as such a great team. She has always been proud of our Township, but this past year has made her even more proud to live in and be part of the Township. She thanked everyone in the room for what they do and thanked our teachers, parents, and students for persevering through the difficult year.

6.03 Mr. Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Collins 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