

**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 7:08 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administrative Offices of the School Corporation, 5275 Kentucky Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana on November 8, 2022.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Matthew Prusiecki, 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 7:08 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. Prusiecki invited the following 8th grade volleyball team players and coaches to come forward: Skyla Akers-Richards, Isabelle Asher, Isabelle Burton, Harlow Estes, Zaylah Headley-Bailey, Kaylynn Napier, Nisi Rodriguez, Garilynn Sprague, Head Coach Tandace Joseph, and Assistant Coach Rikki Noland. He stated our DMS Lady Hawks 8th Grade Volleyball Team's hard work and dedication paid off this season leading them to a 20 and 4 record. A big part of their success came from the majority of these players participating in Club Volleyball, which accelerated their skills as they entered the season. They worked together all season and we look for great things from them in the future. He was Decatur Proud to announce that our 8th grade volleyball team captured 1st place in the Hauser Jr. High Invitational and made history as the first volleyball team at DMS to win the Junior Mid-State Conference. He offered congratulations to the players and their coaches on a very successful season.

3. ACTION ITEMS

3.01 Mr. Taylor moved that the minutes for the October 4, 2022 regular meeting and executive session and November 2, 2022 tentative agreement meeting be approved. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3.02 Mr. Nehring presented the staff report for approval. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the staff report as presented. Mrs. Vandeventer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.03 Mr. Farmer presented claims in the amount of \$6,239,725.17 and payrolls in the amount of \$3,679,077.88 for approval. Mr. Taylor made a motion that the claims and payrolls be accepted as listed. Mr. Henson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.04 Mr. Farmer requested authorization from the Board to hire an architect for the Valley Mills Elementary School renovation. He stated two firms submitted proposals: DELV Design & Architects and Lancer Associates. Based on interviews with the two firms, experience of these firms, and concerns with Lancer Associates on a current project, he recommended the Board approve utilizing DELV Design & Architects. Mr. Ray made a motion to approve hiring DELV Design & Architects to provide architecture services for renovation of Valley Mills Elementary. Mrs. Vandeventer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.05 Dr. Folks asked approval of new/revised NEOLA Board Policies that presented for first reading at the October meeting. Mrs. Collins made a motion to approve the policies upon second reading as presented. Mrs. Vandeventer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.06 Dr. Prusiecki recommended approval of the 2022-23 contracts retroactive to July 1, 2022 for support staff, administrative staff, and teaching staff. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the 2022-23 contracts as presented. Mrs. Vandeventer seconded the motion. The carried unanimously.

4. REPORT

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

5. OTHER

- 5.01 No items.

6. CLOSING ITEMS

- 6.01 Dr. Prusiecki thanked the School Board for approving the contracts for our nearly 1,000 employees in the District who care of our students and families.

Chief of Police Terance Smith administered the Oath of Office for School Resource Officer to Jacob Eidson.

Jacob Eidson, School Resource Officer, is glad to be in Decatur Township and thanked everyone for the opportunity.

- 6.02 Mrs. Vandeventer has enjoyed working with her fellow School Board members over the past years. She thanked Dr. Prusiecki and his team for their work. She offered congratulations to Officer Eidson and welcomed him to the District.

Mr. Ray congratulated Coach Joseph and the 8th grade volleyball team for winning the Mid-State Conference and congratulated Officer Eidson. He thanked Dr. Prusiecki and his team for their work on the contracts.

Mr. Taylor thanked everyone for attending. He stated the 8th grade volleyball players and coaches did a great job. He congratulated Officer Eidson and welcomed him to the District. He expressed support for his fellow Board members up for re-election and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Collins invited everyone to Santa at the Cabin on December 3, 4, 10 and 11 from 12:00-5:00 p.m. and shared that volunteers have already hand-painted more than 870 ornaments for the event. There will also be a craft fair at the Blue & Gold Academies on December 10th. She thanked everyone for attending the meeting and thanked them for all they do.

Mr. Henson thanked everyone for attending. He congratulated Officer Eidson and welcomed him to the District. He congratulated the 8th grade volleyball team and Coach Joseph. He thanked Dr. Prusiecki and his team for their work on the contracts and thanked his fellow Board members for their support.

- 6.03 Mr. Taylor 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, Member

Mrs. Estella Vandeventer, Member