

**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 October 4, 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 7:00 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 was Decatur Proud to announce that Officer Jejuan Westmoreland was named Region 7 School Resource Officer of the Year by the Indiana School Resource Officers Association. She stated this award recognized Officer Westmoreland for going above and beyond his normal duties as an SRO to enhance his school and community through the SRO philosophy of counselor, teacher, and law enforcement officer. Officer Westmoreland lives this philosophy by leading students in activities during lunch and implementing a Leadership Academy at West Newton Elementary that focuses on leadership principles consistent with the values of Decatur Township. She congratulated Officer Westmoreland on his well-deserved recognition.

3. ACTION ITEMS

3.01 Mr. Taylor moved that the minutes for the September 13, 2022 regular meeting and executive session be approved. Mr. Ray 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. Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3.03 Mr. Farmer presented claims in the amount of \$4,688,291.24 and payrolls in the amount of \$3,837,548.11 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 reviewed the budget, tax levy, and tax rate totals with the Board and recommended approval of the Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates as presented. Mr. Henson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.05 Mr. Farmer presented the 2023 Budget Expense Reduction Resolution for Board consideration. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the 2023 Budget Expense Reduction Resolution as presented. Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.06 Mr. Farmer recommended the Board approve Veregy for Phase 2 and Phase 3 of a district-wide energy savings project utilizing an existing Guaranteed Energy Savings Agreement. Mr. Ray made a motion to approve Veregy for Phase 2 and Phase 3 of a district-wide energy savings project as presented. Mrs. Vandeventer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.07 Dr. Folks presented new and updated NEOLA Board Policies for first reading. The Board will be asked for approval at the November meeting.
- 3.08 Dr. Folks presented revised Standard Operating Procedures for the Decatur Township School Police Department for approval. Mr. Ray made a motion to approve the revised Standard Operating Procedures for the Decatur Township School Police Department as presented. 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, Operation Fund, and Rainy Day Fund.

5. OTHER

- 5.01 No items.

6. CLOSING ITEMS

- 6.01 Dr. Prusiecki thanked the School Board members for their support and thanked everyone for attending. He thanked Mr. Farmer for his work on the budget and offered congratulations to Officer Westmoreland. He thanked the School Board for approving our 2023 Budget and thanked Veregy for their work with all of our facilities. He thanked everyone for what they do for Decatur Township and wished everyone a restful and happy fall break. He congratulated and welcomed the following staff members approved on tonight's Staff Report:

- Mr. Mike Nelson, Director of Facilities, expressed his appreciation to the School Board and leadership team for this opportunity and looks forward to working with everyone.

- Mr. Christopher Hogan, Assistant Director of Facilities, stated he is very Decatur Proud to be here and appreciates this opportunity. He looks forward to meeting everyone and carrying out the mission of MSD of Decatur Township.

6.02 Mrs. Vandeventer congratulated Officer Westmoreland and is Decatur Proud to have him on our team. She congratulated Mr. Nelson and Mr. Hogan on their appointments. She thanked Dr. Prusiecki and his team for their work and wished everyone an enjoyable fall break.

Mr. Ray offered congratulations to Officer Westmoreland for a job well done. He asked that everyone keep Mr. Aaron Hillard, Director of Facilities, and his wife in their prayers as they deal with the aftermath of Hurricane Ian. He congratulated Mr. Nelson and Mr. Hogan on their new positions and congratulated all our newly hired employees. He wished everyone an enjoyable fall break and thanked Dr. Prusiecki and his team for all they do.

Mr. Taylor thanked everyone for attending and welcomed our newly hired staff members. He congratulated Officer Westmoreland on his recognition. He thanked Dr. Prusiecki and his team for their work. He stated that Safe Halloween will be held at the Fire House and encouraged everyone to be careful during Halloween.

Mrs. Collins stated there will also be Safe Halloween at DCHS on October 27th. She congratulated Officer Westmoreland and welcomed Mr. Nelson and Mr. Hogan to their new positions. She thanked everyone for attending and wished them an enjoyable fall break. She stated there will be a “dine to donate” event for DTSA at Los Patios on Thursday and encouraged everyone to come out to help support scholarships for our students.

Mr. Henson welcomed everyone to the meeting. He offered congratulations to Officer Westmoreland for his recognition and thanked Officer Harris for being in attendance. He congratulated Mr. Nelson and Mr. Hogan and stated they will do well in their new positions. He thanked everyone for all they do and thanked Dr. Prusiecki and his team for their hard work. He encouraged the principals to share the flyer about Safe Halloween being held at the Fire House, which is a safe place for parents to bring their children.

6.03 Mrs. Vandeventer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Henson 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