

**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 September 13, 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 recognize those who contributed their time, business resources, donations, and talent to our 2022 Backpack School Supply Drive. By partnering with the Decatur Township Fire Department and with the help from all of our community partners, we were able to provide 1,225 backpacks (our largest amount to date) donated by the Indianapolis Airport Authority and Patterson Horth, filled with school supplies to our K-12 Decatur Township students! This event and generosity have a great impact on our families by helping to equip students to have a successful school year. She thanked the following community partners for their time, support and dedication and presented a small token of appreciation to those in attendance:

- The Cozad Family
- Carriage Cleaners
- Culver's of Kentucky Avenue
- Decatur Township Fire Department
- Decatur Township Trustee, Jason Holliday
- The Excel Center
- Indianapolis Airport Authority
- Los Patios
- Nikki Osborn
- Patterson Horth, General Contractors
- Walmart of Valley Mills

Dr. Hofer thanked Kathy Flores, Shannon Preda, Billie Auberry, and Bev O'Toole for their hard work and dedication to this project. She also expressed her sincere appreciation to our staff members and administrators for their invaluable support in both filling and distributing the backpacks.

### **3. PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2023 BUDGET**

3.01 Mr. Henson opened the Public Hearing for the 2023 Budget at 7:11 p.m.

3.02 Mr. Farmer outlined the 2023 Budget.

3.03 The public was asked for any feedback and there were no questions or comments.

3.04 Mr. Henson closed the hearing.

### **4. ACTION ITEMS**

4.01 Mr. Taylor moved that the minutes for the August 22, 2022 regular meeting and executive session be approved. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4.02 Mr. Nehring presented the staff report for approval. Mr. Ray made a motion to approve the staff report as presented. Mrs. Vandeventer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4.03 Mr. Farmer presented claims in the amount of \$5,028,863.73 and payrolls in the amount of \$5,491,999.65 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.

4.04 Mr. Farmer recommended approval of the 2023 Bus Replacement Plan. Mr. Ray made a motion to approve the 2023 Bus Replacement Plan as presented. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4.05 Mr. Farmer presented the 2023 Capital Projects Fund Plan for Board consideration. Mrs. Vandeventer made a motion to approve the 2023 Capital Projects Fund Plan as presented. Mr. Henson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **5. REPORT**

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

### **6. OTHER**

6.01 Mr. Henson reminded everyone that next month's Board meeting will be held on October 4, 2022 due to fall break.

### **7. CLOSING ITEMS**

7.01 Dr. Prusiecki thanked everyone for attending. He expressed his appreciation to Mr. Farmer for his work on the hearings for our CPF Plan, Bus Replacement Plan, and Budget. He stated our backpack giveaway began with a few hundred backpacks and has progressed to distributing 1,225 backpacks full of school supplies within one hour this year. This is a great community effort and he thanked everyone who was a part of it. He wished everyone a safe fall break. He thanked everyone for being part of our team and for making Decatur Township what it is for our community.

- 7.02 Mrs. Vandeventer thanked our community partners and contributors for their help with our backpack supplies event. It made her very proud of Decatur Township to see us work together for our students in that fashion. She thanked Mr. Farmer for his work on our budget hearing. She stated we lost a very dear friend to the township, Mr. Bob Cockrum, who was such an integral part of our community. She encouraged everyone to remember all he did for our township.

Mr. Ray thanked those who helped with our backpack giveaway and was amazed to see the number of vehicles lined up to receive backpacks. This week is Homecoming and he was pleased to see so much spirit in all our schools. He congratulated Mr. Wachnicki for the very nice article in *The Southsider Voice* about the Career Pathways building, which he encouraged everyone to read. He congratulated Mr. Wachnicki and the DCHS Athletic Department for receiving the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) Award.

Mr. Taylor thanked everyone for attending and thanked our community partners and staff for their help with the backpack giveaway. He thanked Mr. Farmer for his hard work on the budget. He thanked Dr. Prusiecki and his team for a good start of school and was pleased to know our buses were running on time.

Mrs. Collins thanked our community partners and staff for their assistance with the backpacks. She was amazed at the organizational skills used to fill the backpacks with school supplies and distribute them in one hour. She thanked everyone for attending and wished everyone an enjoyable Homecoming.

Mr. Henson welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked our community partners and employees that assisted with the backpack event. He encouraged everyone to dine at Applebee's in Camby on September 14<sup>th</sup> to support the Decatur Township Education Foundation (DTEF) and expressed his appreciation for everyone's support. The DTEF Board just accepted 38 grants for the fall, which is the largest number of grants they have awarded. He shared a note from Rebecca Bersani which thanked the School Board for recognizing the District's STEAM program during last month's meeting. He thanked Dr. Prusiecki and his team for a successful start of school and was pleased that there were no issues with our buses.

- 7.03 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