

**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 7:10 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administrative Offices of the School Corporation, 5275 Kentucky Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana on January 12, 2016.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Dale Henson
Ms. Judith Collins
Mrs. Cathy Wiseman
Mr. Larry Taylor
Mr. Tim Huber

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Matthew Prusiecki, Superintendent
Mr. Nate Davis, Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Nan Wiseman, Chief Academic Officer
Mr. Tony Burchett, Chief Operations Officer
Mr. Kirk Farmer, Chief Financial Officer

REORGANIZATION

1. REORGANIZATION

- 0.01 Mrs. Wiseman announced the first order of business would be the election of a Board President and asked for nominations. Mr. Henson nominated Mr. Larry Taylor for the office of President and Mr. Huber seconded the nomination. The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Taylor as President.
- 0.02 As the newly elected President, Mr. Taylor asked for nominations for Vice President. Mrs. Wiseman nominated Mr. Tim Huber and Mr. Henson seconded the nomination. The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Huber as the Vice President.
- 0.03 Mr. Taylor asked for nominations for Secretary. Mr. Huber nominated Mr. Henson as Secretary and Mrs. Collins seconded the nomination. The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Henson as Secretary.
- 0.04 Mr. Taylor said the next order of business would be approval of the following appointments: Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, Legislative Liaison, Southside Special Services of Marion County representative, and the Educational Foundation representative. Mr. Henson recommended Mr. Kirk Farmer for Treasurer and Mr. Huber seconded the appointment. Mrs. Wiseman nominated Mrs. Dawn Lee for Deputy Treasurer and Mr. Huber seconded the motion. Mr. Henson nominated Mr. Huber as the Legislative Liaison and Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Huber as Legislative Liaison. Mr. Huber nominated Mrs. Collins as representative to the Southside Special Services of Marion County Advisory Board and Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Mr. Huber nominated Mr. Henson as the representative to the Educational Foundation and Mr. Taylor seconded the appointment. The Board unanimously approved each of the appointments listed.

REORGANIZATION (Continued)

- 0.05 Mr. Huber made a motion that the regular monthly meeting continue to be scheduled the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. with the exception of the October meeting. It will be held Tuesday, October 4, 2016 due to fall break the following weeks. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 0.06 Mr. Henson made a motion that work sessions be scheduled on an as needed basis. Mr. Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 0.07 Mr. Henson made a motion that board member compensation remain the same. Mr. Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 0.08 Mr. Taylor said that Board members declaring a conflict of interest would complete and file forms.

REGULAR MEETING

1. OPENING ITEMS

- 1.01 Mr. Taylor, Board President called the regular meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. All five board members were present.
- 1.02 Mr. Taylor led in the pledge of allegiance.
- 1.03 There were no patron comments.

2. DECATUR PROUD

- 2.01 Ms. Rothenberg recognized teachers Melissa Abernathy, Stevie Frank, and Tonya Mercer for their graduations from the Teacher Leader Academy 2.0.

3. ACTION ITEMS

- 3.01 Mr. Huber moved that the regular meeting minutes and executive session minutes from December 8, 2015 be approved as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.02 Dr. Prusiecki presented the staff report and addendum for Board approval. Mr. Henson made a motion to approve the staff report and addendum as presented. Mrs. Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.03 Mr. Farmer presented claims in the total amount of \$10,154,218.48 for approval. Mrs. Wiseman moved the claims be accepted as listed. Mr. Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.04 Mr. Farmer presented Year End Appropriation transfers for Board approval. Mrs. Collins made a motion to approve the year end appropriation transfers as presented. Mr. Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.05 Mr. Farmer asked approval of a Resolution to authorize transfer of funds to the Rainy Day Fund. Mrs. Wiseman moved the Resolution be approved. Mr. Henson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. REPORTS

4.01 Mr. Farmer presented the 2015 financial report for the General Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Transportation Fund, Debt Service Fund, Bus Replacement Fund, Rainy Day Fund, and Referendum Fund.

5. OTHER

5.01 Dr. Prusiecki presented an Agreement between CIESC and MSD Decatur Township approving transfer of ownership of Simulator Electronics to the Challenger Center for fair market value. Mrs. Wiseman made a motion to approve the Agreement as presented. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Prusiecki presented a Settlement Agreement, Transfer of Property, Mutual Release, and Covenant not to Sue between the MSD of Decatur Township, CIESC, and Challenger Center for Space Science Education for Board approval. Mrs. Wiseman made a motion to approve the Agreement as presented. Mr. Henson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Prusiecki recommended that a Work Session be scheduled on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Huber made a motion to schedule the Work Session be scheduled as recommended. Mrs. Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. CLOSING ITEMS

7.01 Dr. Prusiecki congratulated the teachers who graduated from the Teacher Leadership Academy 2.0. He announced that the recent ISTEP+ test scores results moved Decatur from eleventh to fifth in Marion County school rankings. The high school graduation rate increased from 82.5 three years ago to present rate of 91.7. He concluded by saying that he was proud of principals and teachers for their hard work.

Mrs. Wiseman said that she appreciated principals and teachers hard work and that she had enjoyed serving as Board President the past year.

Mrs. Collins thanked everyone for coming and said that administrators and teachers are doing an awesome job. She reminded everyone that scholarship applications to the Decatur Township Scholarship Association are due by February 12th.

Mr. Henson thanked everyone that came and congratulated teachers who graduated from the Teacher Leadership Academy. He said that administrators and teachers are doing what is right for students and the graduation rate shows that.

Mr. Huber congratulated the Teacher Leadership Academy graduates. He thanked Dr. Prusiecki and staff for their hard work and was pleased with increase in the graduation rate.

Mr. Taylor thanked principals and administrators for their hard work and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

7. CLOSING ITEMS (Continued)

7.03 Mr. Henson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Larry Taylor, President

Mr. Timothy Huber, Vice President

Mr. Dale Henson, Secretary

Mrs. Judith Collins, Member

Mrs. Cathy Wiseman, Member