

**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, 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
Mrs. Lisa Cook Human Resources Director
Mr. Tony Burchett, Chief Operating Officer
Mr. Kirk Farmer, Chief Financial Officer

PUBLIC HEARING

1. PUBLIC HEARING

- 0.01 Mr. Taylor opened the Public Hearing for the 2017 Budget at 7:00 p.m.
- 0.02 Mr. Farmer outlined the 2017 Budget.
- 0.03 The public was asked for any feedback and there were no questions or comments.
- 0.04 Mr. Henson made a motion to close the hearing. Mr. Huber seconded the motion. Mr. Taylor closed the hearing.

REGULAR MEETING

1. OPENING ITEMS

- 1.01 Mr. Taylor, Board President called the regular meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. following the Public Hearing. 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 Amy Cozad, Decatur Central graduate and competitor in the 2016 summer Olympic diving competition.

3. ACTION ITEMS

- 3.01 Mr. Huber moved that the August 9, 2016 regular meeting, public hearings, and executive session minutes be approved as presented. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.02 Mrs. Cook presented the staff report and addendum for Board approval. Mr. Huber made a motion to approve the staff report and addendum as presented. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.03 Mr. Farmer presented claims in the total amount of \$4,176,781.69 for approval. Mr. Henson made a motion that the claims be accepted as listed. Mr. Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.04 Mr. Farmer presented the 2017-2028 Bus Replacement Plans for Board consideration. Mr. Henson made a motion to approve the 2017-2028 Bus Replacement Plans. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.05 Mr. Farmer presented 2017-2019 Capital Projects Plan for board consideration. Mr. Huber made a motion to approve the 2017-2019 Capital Projects Plan. Mrs. Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.06 Dr. Prusiecki presented the 2016-17 teacher, support staff, and administrative contracts for board approval. Mr. Henson made a motion to approve 2016-2017 contracts for teachers, support staff, and administrative staff. Mr. Huber seconded the motion. Mrs. Wiseman, Mr. Henson, Mr. Huber, and Mr. Taylor voted yes. Mrs. Collins abstained. The motion carried.
- 3.07 Dr. Prusiecki presented the 2016-17 Board Goals for board adoption. Mrs. Wiseman made a motion to adopt the 2016-17 Board Goals as presented. Mr. Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.08 Mr. Burchett presented corrections to the following NEOLA Board policies for approval: Policy 2260 Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity, Policy 5517 Anti-harassment, and Policy 8400 School Safety. Please see Attachment A (included with these minutes) for details of corrections to NEOLA Board Policy. Mrs. Collins made a motion to approve corrections to the Board Policy as presented. Mr. Henson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. REPORTS

- 4.01 Dr. Duzenbery presented the September College and Career Readiness Report. She shared with the Board the Ivy Tech 2016 Transition to College Partnership of the Year Award that was recently presented to Decatur Central High School.
- 4.02 Mr. Farmer presented a financial report for the General Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Transportation Fund, Rainy Day Fund, and Referendum Fund.

5. OTHER

- 5.01 Mr. Burchett presented DCHS Band trip requests to attend overnight and out of state competitions in 2017. Mr. Huber made a motion to approve the trip requests as recommended. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. CLOSING ITEMS

6.01 Dr. Prusiecki introduced new Assistant Band Director Ryan Day. He recognized Amy Cozad for her hard work and accomplishments adding that she was a great role model for Decatur students. He was pleased the Board approved contracts for all employees. He commended Dr. Duzenbery for her work and the partnership award from Ivy Tech. He announced that due to fall break the next board meeting is scheduled for October 4th and a work session is scheduled for October 5th.

6.02 Mrs. Wiseman thanked the Cabinet for their successful negotiations of the employee contracts. She congratulated Amy Cozad on her accomplishments and being a great role model. She thanked Dr. Duzenbery for her College and Career Readiness Report that shows how colleges are involved at our elementaries.

Mrs. Collins congratulated Amy Cozad and reminded everyone of the Dick Collins golf outing on September 17th.

Mr. Henson congratulated Amy Cozad on her accomplishments. He was pleased the Board was able to approve contracts for all employees. He announced that a fundraiser is scheduled for the Education Foundation at Culvers on September 27th. He said that the Decatur Township Fire Department will be hosting their annual Safe Halloween event on October 31st.

Mr. Huber thanked Amy Cozad for coming and welcomed aboard new Assistant Band Director, Ryan Day. He was pleased the Board was able to approve a salary increase for all staff.

Mr. Taylor congratulated Amy Cozad for her accomplishments. He thanked Mr. Farmer for his presentation of the 2017 budget. He was pleased about signs announcing the upcoming Aqua Hawks swim club.

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

Attachment A

Corrections/Revisions to Board Policy

Policy 2260 Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity

Title IV and EEOA will be included in the list for Compliance Office notification to verify nondiscrimination.

A paragraph regarding the Superintendent's responsibility to identify students with disabilities and students who are Limited English Proficient will be added.

Policy 5517 Anti-harassment

The word "perceived" will be added when referencing harassment – "based on actual or perceived race or color."

"Negative comments about.. cognitive, intellectual, developmental, or emotional disabilities" will be included in the definition of disability harassment.

The definition of sexual harassment will be changed to "submission to or rejection of that conduct or communication by an individual is used to fact in decisions affecting that individual's employment or education."

Language regarding examples of sexual harassment, including "sexual slurs, epithets, threats, verbal abuse or derogatory comments:" and disparaging, offensive, or unwelcome sexual remarks about students enrolled in a predominantly single-sex class" will be added.

The section regarding inappropriate conduct by a staff member will be included.

Policy defining gender based harassment will be added.

Policy 8400 School Safety

The School Safety Committee will continue to deal with bullying and harassment issues and seek input from mental health organizations.

School Safety Police will receive training to deal with individuals with Autism and Asperger's Syndrome and other disabilities.