

April 9, 2025

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
DECATUR COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at Central Office, 2020 N. Montgomery Rd., Greensburg, IN 47240. President Todd Mauer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., Vice President Matthew Hoeing absent.

Under routine matters, on a motion made by Elizabeth Hochstedler and a second by Cory Ross, minutes of the regular board meeting held March 12, 2025 were unanimously approved.

Payment of claims and payroll were ordered on a motion made by Cory Ross with a second by Alison Ortman and passed unanimously.

On a motion made by Elizabeth Hochstedler and a second by Lizette Bell, the following conferences and field trips were unanimously approved.

CONFERENCES

South Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School

Lisa Bennett – Aspiring Principals Conference
April 11-12, 2025

FIELD TRIPS

North Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School

Seniors – Kings Island
Mason, OH – May 2, 2025

Band – Chicago Symphony, Navy Pier, Museum of Science and
Industry & Shedd Aquarium
Chicago, IL - March 14-15, 2025

Archery – Tournament at the Kentucky Expo Center
Louisville, KY - May 8 or 9, 2025

South Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School

7th-8th Grade Honors & Algebra 1 Class – Great American Ball Park
Cincinnati, OH _ April 17, 2025

North Decatur Elementary School

Archery – Tournament at KY Expo Center
Louisville, KY - May 8 or 9, 2025

Sound Waves Choir – Kings Island
Mason, OH – May 17, 2025

On a motion made by Nicholas Anderson and a second by Elizabeth Hochstedler,
the following resignations were unanimously approved.

RESIGNATIONS

North Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School

Olivia Howard – Instructional Assistant
April 8, 2025

Olivia Bohman – English Teacher
March 14, 2025

Doug Laker –Varsity Girls Basketball Coach

South Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School

William Taylor – Science Teacher
May 23, 2025

On a motion made by Alison Ortman and a second by Nicholas Anderson, the
following appointments were unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENTS

North Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School

Samantha Willey – Instructional Assistant
April 7, 2025

Mikayla Tomlin – Guidance Secretary
April 7, 2025

Allison Hunnicutt – Homebound Instruction
3hrs/week – Until May 23, 2025

Tyler Johnson – Varsity Girls Basketball Coach

Lucas Hochstedler – Jr. Varsity Girls Basketball Coach

Jenna Geis – Jr. Varsity Volleyball Coach

Laura Zeck – Volunteer Assistant Volleyball Coach

South Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School

Allison Bennett – Jr. High Softball Coach

Dustin Traylor – Varsity Boys Basketball Coach

August 1, 2025

Elizabeth Hochstedler abstained from voting due to her husband, Lucas Hochstedler, being listed among the appointments.

There was no public comment.

Under Old Business, Dr. Jarrod Burns, Superintendent, gave a second reading of the NEOLA Policy updates. On a motion by Lizette Bell, and a second by Elizabeth Hochstedler, the NEOLA Policy updates were unanimously approved. Under New Business, Rob Smith, Principal of North Decatur Elementary School, presented the Extra Effort Award to fourth grade teachers Kara Brown, Dottie Hellmich and Mandy Messer. Mr. Smith highlighted the advocacy these teachers in particular display for students and staff alike, that they bring in training for professional development, help to obtain grants, organize fun days, and they are an amazing, strong, and committed group of teachers. Stewart Durham, Assistant Principal of North Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School, presented Kelsey Burkett with the Extra Effort Award noting that while she often flies under the radar, Mrs. Burkett is hands on and hardworking, the students trust her enough to step out of their comfort zones, and the overall positive experience she brings to students through learning.

On a motion made by Nicholas Anderson and a second by Alison Ortman, the appointment of Brian Jones to the Decatur County Contractual Public Library Board of Trustees was unanimously approved.

On a motion made by Lizette Bell and a second by Cory Ross, the renewal with Chartwells Foodservice was unanimously approved.

On a motion made by Elizabeth Hochstedler and a second by Alison Ortman, student fundraisers were unanimously approved.

On a motion made by Cory Ross and a second by Nicholas Anderson, the following donation was unanimously approved.

DONATIONS

<i>Donor</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Cause</i>
<i>South Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School</i>		
Top Crop Alliance LLC	\$500.00	FFA

On a motion made by Lizette Bell and a second by Alison Ortman, 635 Chromebooks were unanimously approved as obsolete for disposal.

Under communications or reports, Mr. Smith reported on Touch a Truck, the PTO Book Fair, Autism Awareness Week, theme days, Grandparent's Night with the annual art show and wax museum, Math Bowl, 5th grade YMCA Camp, and a Hanover College tour. Jeremy Sherman, Assistant Principal of North Decatur Elementary School, reported on a Honda grant for balance bikes, honor roll, a theater field trip, Field Day, and Character Counts. Nick Messer, Principal of North Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School, reported on recent flooding at the school, an Academic All-Star Student Banquet, the FFA Banquet, a recent drone meet that NDHS will be a National host in next school year, the school musical, field trips to the race track and for 7th and 8th grade students, I Learn assessments, AP Testing, spring sports, award season, and Scholarship Night. Dr. Burns, reported that Melissa Leap had finished her IASBO certification program for Chief Business Officer.

Under Future Business, the next regular Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Central Office; 2020 N. Montgomery Road, Greensburg, IN 47240.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m. on a motion by Cory Ross and a second by Lizette Bell.

Lizette Bell, Secretary
Board of School Trustees
Decatur County Community Schools
APPROVED BY:

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