

August 10, 2022

**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, August 10, 2022 at the Central Office, 2020 N Montgomery Rd., Greensburg, IN 47240.

Board President Joyce Geis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All members of the board were present.

Under routine matters, on a motion made by Matthew Hoeing and a second by Stephen AmRhein, minutes of the regular board meeting held July 13, 2022 were unanimously approved.

Payment of claims and payroll were ordered on a motion made by Todd Mauer, a second by Chris Owens and passed unanimously.

On a motion made by Todd Mauer and a second by Lizette Bell, the following field trips were unanimously approved.

Field Trips

North Decatur Jr./Sr. High School – 11 & 12 Grade FFA
Indiana FFA Leadership Center PLT Conference
Overnight – August 26-28, 2022

North Decatur Jr./Sr. High School – 9 -12 Grade FFA
Indiana FFA Leadership Center LDW Conference
Overnight – September 9-11, 2022

North Decatur Jr./Sr. High School – 7 -12 Grade FFA
Tri-County High School Meats Contest
Overnight – September 16-17, 2022

North Decatur Elementary School – 5 Grade
Bradford Woods
Overnight – May 18 - 19, 2023

On a motion made by Stephen AmRhein and a second by Todd Mauer, the following resignations and Appointments were unanimously approved.

Resignations

North Decatur Jr./Sr. High School

Julie Helmers – Biology Teacher

Mitch Sefton – PE/Health Teacher

Toni Kellems – Nurse

Chris Thurston – Assistant Principal

Nikki Boone – Instructional Assistant

North Decatur Elementary School

Kim Hornberger – SPED Teacher

Anna Schwering – SPED Assistant – 29 hour

South Decatur Jr./Sr. High School

Tracy Fairchild – Biology Teacher

Amanda Noah – Social Studies Teacher

South Decatur Elementary School

Bridgett Jagger – Assistant

Central Office

Nicholas Messer – School Board Member – Effective July 20, 2022

Appointments

North Decatur Jr./Sr. High School

Nicholas Messer – Assistant Principal

Brittany Menkendick – Biology Teacher

Breanna Metz – PE/Health Teacher- starting August 8, 2022

Lynn Bryan – Intensive Interventionist Paraprofessional (Life Skills Classroom)

Melissa Hahn– Intensive Interventionist Paraprofessional (Life Skills Classroom)

Madison Ewing – Instructional Assistant– Part Time

Kylie Terry – Cover Medical Leave for Kim Sherman until October 7, 2022

North Decatur Elementary School

Tiffany Foga – SPED Life Skills Teacher

Madison Hankins - Intensive Interventionist Paraprofessional (Life Skills Classroom)

Tonya Downey – Music Assistant

Sarah Schwendenman - SPED Teacher

Kelsey Steuver – Occupational Therapist

Mary Rogers – Interventionist

Leeya Metz – SPED Assistant – 29 hour

South Decatur Jr./Sr. High School

Eric Foga - Assistant Principal

Tyler Ewing – PE/Health Teacher – Part Time

Kasey Cleland – Biology Teacher – Beginning August 15, 2022

Claire Coons – Art Teacher

South Decatur Elementary School

Melinda Anderson – Instructional Assistant

Alysson Antunez – Instructional Assistant

Ryken Winchester – Temporary - 15 hours or less per week - \$26.88/hr. – Technician

Central Office

Mike Wilcox – Director of Transportation

Stephanie Hensley – Corporation Bus Driver

There were no agenda topics.

There were no written requests.

There was no old business.

Under new business, Stuart Durham, Principal of South Decatur Jr./Sr. High School, presented the Extra Effort Award to Cathy Pittman. Mr. Durham wanted to honor Mrs. Pitman for the extra effort she has put in dealing with all the vacancies in the building. Mr. Durham also noted that Kathy is the face of the building, being the first one you see when you walk in, and wanted to highlight her consistently good attitude and helpfulness to students, parents, and staff.

Jacob Rader, Vice-Principal of South Decatur Elementary School, presented the Extra Effort Award to both Nancy Wamsley and Casey Bolton. Mr. Rader wanted to honor Mrs. Wamsley and Mrs. Bolton for their extra effort working through their summer break to make South Elementary a better place. Mr. Rader explained that Mrs. Wamsley has played a large role in the outdoor woods project, putting in a lot of her time and effort

doing everything from watering trees, writing grants, and getting other students and groups such as the FFA involved in the project. Mr. Rader wanted to honor Mrs. Bolton's extra effort as the new STEM teacher and Media Specialist. Mr. Rader explained that Mrs. Bolton put in a lot of her time getting certified as a Media Specialist and obtaining her PTLW Certification for the corporation, as well as laying out and setting up the STEM room and making sure it was going to plan.

Mrs. Louise Smith presented the Budget Calendar, and discussed the 2023 Budget, Capital Projects Fund & Bus Replacement Plan. Mrs. Smith gave a brief description of the budget

Mike Wilcox, Director of Transportation, explained there is a contract bus driver who had to relinquish their route and sell their bus. The corporation was able to purchase the bus and had a corporation driver ready to drive, the route just needed to be approved. On a motion made by Matthew Hoeing and a second by Lizette Bell, the new corporation bus route was unanimously approved.

On a motion made by Tim Roscoe and a second by Stephen AmRhein, Brian Jones' appointment to the Decatur County Community Scholarship Foundation Selection Committee was unanimously approved. Matthew Hoeing noted this was a good choice.

Dr. Jarrod Burns, Superintendent, spoke about the Teacher Appreciation Grant (TAG) Policy updates, stating that in conjunction with the DCEA Teacher Association, the corporation will continue their past practice of have a 25% differential between *Highly Effective* and *Effective* teachers off their evaluation from last year. On a motion made by Todd Mauer and a second by Chris Owens, the 2022/2023 Teacher Appreciation Grant (TAG) Policy was unanimously approved. Matthew Hoeing asked what the

timeline was for distribution of this grant money. Dr. Burns explained that the state was supposed to get the money to the corporation by December 5th, and the corporation would have 20 days to distribute it.

The 2022/2023 Certified Evaluations were discussed, with Dr. Burns explained per state statute, any changes in the teacher evaluation plan, handbook, rubric or process must be discussed at an open session with the governing body to allow the evaluation process to start. Dr. Burns then stated that the only significant change is that the corporation is going away from all content literacy goals and letter grades. The other less significant change was the removal of Covid language.

Dr. Burns explained the 2022/2023 Re-Entry plan that must be approved every six months was up for approval, and no changes have been made since the end of last year. On a motion made by Todd Mauer and a second by Lizette Bell, the 2022/2023 Re-Entry Plan was unanimously approved.

On a motion made by Chris Owens and a second by Todd Mauer, the new salary of \$16.50/hour for Special Education Intense Intervention Paraprofessional was unanimously approved. Dr. Burns explained this is a new position to fill a need for Instructional Assistants that work with some of the more challenging Special Education student behaviors.

On a motion made by Matthew Hoeng and a second by Chris Owens, the following donations were unanimously approved:

DONATIONS

District

<i>Donor</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
Jennie Johnson	Customizable wheelchair	Wherever it is needed

South Decatur Elementary School

<i>Donor</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
Matthew Eldridge of First Financial Bank	\$58.22	United Way payroll deduction directed to the school.
Indy Rohrman	\$500	Back to School Night
Bob Rohrman	\$500	Back to School Night

The Board expressed their gratitude and made note of the generosity of those who made donations.

On a motion made by Todd Mauer and a second by Stephen AmRhein, student fundraisers were unanimously approved.

On a motion made by Lizette Bell and a second by Todd Mauer, the following obsolete equipment was unanimously approved for disposal:

OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT

North Decatur Jr./Sr. High School

- HP Color Laser Jet 4700n “Colorsphere” Toners
- Printer #Q7492A; Serial # JP8LB70935; Manufactured March 2009
- Printer #Q7492A; Serial # JP8LB60492; Manufactured December 2009

South Decatur Jr./Sr. High School

- 45 - Precalculus with Limits 7e Textbooks
- 2 - Precalculus with Limits 7e Teacher Edition Textbooks
- 12 - Calculus for AP Textbooks
- 32 - Finite Mathematics 10 e Textbooks
- 1 – Finite Mathematics 10e Print Pages

For Communications or Reports Stuart Durham noted the success of the staff breakfast. Mr. Durham wanted to thank Westport Christian Church for catering staff lunch on the second day back with a cookout. Mr. Durham explained that opening night was a success with great teacher turnout, as well as a great turn out of 7th graders, with all but 7 in attendance. Mr. Durham stated that the building was nearly fully staffed again and new teachers were eager to get into their classrooms and get started. Mr. Durham also wanted to note that Eric Foga, the new Assistant Principal of South Decatur Jr./Sr. High School, was doing a great job settling in and was eager to start the year.

Nicole Stone, Pricipal of South Decatur Elementary School wanted to highlight a new sensory hallway in the building that was purchased by the PTO and is basically a pathway for students to jump, skip, get sensory output. Mrs. Stone explained how the first few days went for students and believes the year is getting off to a great start. Mrs. Stone noted that Westport Baptist Church donated money to bring back the BackSack Program, which will allow 30 students to take food and snacks home every Friday to feed them and their siblings who may not eat otherwise. Mrs. Stone also wanted to note the success of the back to School bash that they put together with 22 community partners, which allowed every student to begin the first day of school with the supplies they needed, haircuts, and other services. Finally, Mrs. Stone said her building was fully staffed and ready for a great year.

The next regular Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at North Decatur Elementary School, 3300 N. State Road 3, Greensburg, IN 47240.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m. on a motion by Todd Mauer and a second by Stephen AmRhien.

Matthew Hoeing, Secretary
Board of School Trustees
Decatur County Community Schools

APPROVED BY:
