

July 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, July 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.

Under routine matters, on a motion made by Matthew Hoeing and a second by Cory Ross, Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held June 11th, 2025 were unanimously approved.

Payment of Claims and Payroll were ordered on a motion made by Lizette Bell with a second by Alison Ortman and passed unanimously.

On a motion made by Cory Ross and a second by Lizette Bell, the following Resignations and Leaves were unanimously approved.

Resignations

Wendy Bohman – NDHS - Secretary – June 25, 2025

Jennifer Robbins – NDHS - Spanish – June 30, 2025

Mikayla Tomlin – NDHS Guidance Secretary – July 17, 2025

Emily Baltus – SDE Instructional Assistant – July 5, 2025

Leaves

Kelsey Steuver – NDE – Medical Leave – August 4 – October 10, 2025

A motion was made by Elizabeth Hochstedler and a second by Nicolas Anderson to separate out the appointment of the Student Services Coordinator from the Appointments. This was unanimously approved.

On a motion made by Alison Ortman and a second by Matthew Hoeing, the following Appointments were unanimously approved.

Hirings

Eric Foga – SDHS Principal – 2025/2026 School Year

Amy Cockburn – SDHS Assistant Principal – 2025/2026 School Year

Lisa Bennett – NDHS Assistant Principal – 2025/2026 School Year

Felicia Harrison – NDHS – English – 2025/2026 School Year

Kasey Waltz – NDHS – Guidance – 2025/2026 School Year

Joyce Jacobs – Medical Leave for Kelsey Steuver

A motion was made by Matthew Hoeing followed by a second by Lizette Bell for the Appointment below.

Amy Gray – NDHS/SDHS Student Services Coordinator – 2025/2026 School Year

Elizabeth Hochstedler stated her concern that the position should be filled with someone who is licensed and certified and that it was nothing personal about Mrs. Gray. Nicolas Anderson agreed that this was a valid point. The appointment was approved with a vote of 5-2, with Elizabeth Hochstedler and Nicolas Anderson voting against the appointment.

Public Comment was given by Barbara Lecher. Mrs. Lecher thanked the board for a great 37 years. She also stated that she wanted to educate the board about the scheduling situation. She added that she and Jennifer Bowles personally met with each student in the spring. She also stated that she communicated with Central Office before school was out about the Wednesday schedules and that it was going to require a lot of work. Mrs. Lecher said that schedules had not yet been run and they left the schedules in the best situation and place they could. She also stated that everything was on student transcripts. She told the board that her

contract was until June 30th and that she found it unusual that no one reached out to her and wanted to let the board know they were willing and able to help do anything they could. Mrs. Lecher also stated that there was a situation in which a school board member reported that they were at El Reparo when they were supposed to be at a conference in Indianapolis. She said they were at the conference and had letters and video showing they were not at El Reparo. Mrs. Lecher stated that there is a lack of communication and transparency. She said that no one from Central Office reached out to congratulate her on her retirement.

There was nothing under Old Business.

Under New Business, Mr. Ernie Ruble and the NDHS State Academic Teams were recognized. Mr. Ruble was joined by student Cletus Rennekamp. Mr. Ruble stated that they have had two really strong years. Last year they received state runner-up in social studies. This year they were state finalists. This year's team consisted of Jessa Wagner, Breanna McBride, Lillian Gardner, Cletus Rennekamp, Vanessa Apostolakos, Alexandria Apostolakos, and Kay Aug. Mr. Ruble explained that all five teams of science, fine arts, social studies, math and English scored high enough that the combined score got them into the state interdisciplinary championship. The state championship team consisted of team captain Jessa Wagner, Gabby Adams, Jenna Richardson, Breanna McBride, Alex Tebbe, Jacob Gearhart, and Dorothy Robbins.

On a motion made by Cory Ross and a second by Alison Ortman, the following Budget Calendar was unanimously approved.

BUDGET CALENDAR

August 13, 2025	Board Review of 2026 Budget (Regular Meeting)
August 27, 2025	Public Hearing on Budget (Special Meeting)
September 10, 2025	Budget Adoption (Regular Meeting)

On a motion made by Matthew Hoeing, a second by Lizette Bell, the 2025/2026 Student Handbooks were approved with a vote of 6-0, with Elizabeth Hochstedler abstaining.

On a motion made by Lizette Bell and second by Cory Ross, the 2025/2026 Athletic Handbooks were unanimously approved.

On a motion made by Alison Ortman and a second by Elizabeth Hochstedler, it was unanimously approved that there would be no changes to the Meal Prices for the 2025/2026 school year.

On a motion made by Nicolas Anderson and a second by Elizabeth Hochstedler, the following Donation was unanimously approved. The board thanked the donor for their donation.

DONATION

<i>Donor</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Cause</i>
	<i>South Decatur Elementary School</i>	
The Napoleon State Bank	\$250	Back to School Night

On a motion made by Cory Ross and a second by Lizette Bell, textbooks and old damaged technology equipment were unanimously approved as obsolete for disposal.

Dr. Jarrod Burns, Superintendent, congratulated Lisa Bennett for her appointment as North Decatur Jr/Sr High School Assistant Principal and Eric Foga on his appointment as South Decatur Jr/Sr High School Principal.

Under Future Business, the next Regular Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, August 13, 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 6:20 p.m. on a motion by Matthew Hoeing and a second by Alison Ortman.

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

APPROVED BY:
