

March 28, 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, March 23, 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.

Chris Owens was absent.

Under routine matters, upon a motion made by Stephen AmRhein and a second by Todd Mauer, minutes of meetings held February 9, 2022 and February 22, 2022 were unanimously approved.

Payment of claims and payroll were ordered on a motion made by Matthew Hoeing and a second by Nicholas Messer and passed unanimously.

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

Field Trip

South Decatur Jr./Sr. High – AP Physics – King’s Island
Mason, OH – May 20, 2022

On a motion made by Todd Mauer and a second by Matthew Hoeing, the following retirements and resignations were unanimously approved.

Retirements

Cynthia Wilkerson – South Decatur Elementary Librarian
Effective Upon Completion of the 2021-2022 School Year – June 1

Mary Ann Smith – South Decatur Elementary Teacher
Effective Upon Completion of the 2021-2022 School Year

Resignation

Abby Hellmich – North Decatur Jr./Sr. High School
Effective March 4, 2022

Phillip Hatton – Bus Driver

On a motion by Lizette Bell and a second by Stephen AmRhein, the following hirings were unanimously approved.

Hirings

Valarie Stephen – Medical Leave for Kelsey Slaughter
North Decatur Jr./Sr. High School

Karen Hudson – co-teaching English - \$300/day
North Decatur Jr./Sr. High School - Beginning March 21, 2022

Cathy Tichenor – co-teaching English - \$300/day
North Decatur Jr./Sr. High School - Beginning March 21, 2022

Rodney Martin – Varsity Football Coach
South Decatur Jr./Sr. High School

Lucas Hochstedler - Anatomy/Physiology – During Prep
Beginning January 4, 2022 - \$4,000 stipend

Quinn Ramsey – Athletics – Volunteer
North Decatur Jr. High Baseball

Larry Stump – Bus Driver

There were no agenda topics or written requests.

Under new business, on a motion made by Matthew Hoeing, and a second by Nicholas Messer, the construction bids for renovations at North Decatur Jr./Sr. High and South Decatur Jr./Sr. High Schools were unanimously approved. Dr. Burns noted that each Jr./Sr. High School project will be \$5,815,000.00.

On a motion made by Stephen AmRhein, and a second made by Lizette Bell, the Resolution to Transfer Amounts from the Education Fund to the Operation Fund were unanimously approved. Dr. Burns noted that business manager, Louise Smith, should be praised as last year the district transfer rate was 8.3%, well below the average of 15%.

On a motion made by Todd Mauer and a second made by Lizette Bell, the purchase of a new Blue Bird Special Education Bus was unanimously approved. It was noted that Jason Holland, Special Education Director, was pivotal to making this purchase happen, as he was instrumental in acquiring a \$103,000 grant! The total purchase price of the bus is \$126,544; \$97,000 of which will be paid by this grant. This leaves \$29,554.00 the district will pay from the Operations Fund for the new bus.

On a motion made by Matthew Hoeing and a second made by Nicholas Messer, the purchase of new Café serving line equipment was unanimously approved. Business manager, Louise Smith, took a moment to note the equipment was moveable, so could be used even after future renovations, and included an extra-extra bar with a central point of sale. The equipment is from C&T Design and will cost \$246,980 per school. Funds will be taken out of the Federal School Lunch Fund.

On a motion made by Lizette Bell and a second made by Stephen AmRhein student fundraisers were unanimously approved.

On a motion made by Matthew Hoeing and a second made by Todd Mauer, the following donations were unanimously approved: for North Decatur Jr./Sr. High School \$100.00 from Charles McDermott Orthotics for academics; \$500.00 from Kennelly and Meyer Construction for academics; \$60.00 from Wessler Excavation for drama; \$100.00 from Exodus Realty for drama; \$100.00 from Gauck Concrete Construction for drama;

\$100.00 from Heritage Industrial Contracting for drama; \$100.00 from Batesville Chrysler Dodge and Jeep for drama; \$1,213.80 from Knight's of Saint John for Special Ed; \$2,500.00 from Caesar's Enterprise for golf bags; \$3,000.00 from John Luensman for the football program; \$250.00 from PSI IOTA XI INC for the library; \$50.00 from Kaywin and Ann Lindsay for academics; \$25.00 from Rivera for a play donation; \$50.00 from Main Attraction for a play donation; \$100.00 from Midtown Diner for a play donation; \$100.00 from Kevin's Mini Storage for academics; \$100.00 from Greensburg Veterinary Clinic for academics; \$50.00 from WTRE for academics; \$100.00 from Gauck Concrete Construction for academics; \$50.00 from Kaywin and Ann Lindsay for academics; \$50.00 from Trenkamp Excavation for academics; \$100.00 from Russ Hubler Automotive for academics; \$100.00 from Batesville Chrysler Dodge and Jeep for academics; \$200.00 from Heritage Industrial Contracting for academics; \$100.00 from First Federal Savings and Loan for academics; \$50.00 from Ford Abstract Corp. for academics; \$20.00 from Joe and Mille Stein for academics; \$75.00 from B&B Tooling for academics; for North Decatur Elementary School \$250.00 from PSI IOTA XI for the library; for South Decatur Elementary School \$2,841.00 from Decatur County REMC for updates to the outdoor science area. Joyce Geis wanted to note the generosity of those who made donations, and say thank you for their donations.

Disposal of obsolete equipment was unanimously approved on a motion made by Lizette Bell and a second by Matthew Hoeing.

Dr. Burns gave the first reading of NEOLA policy updates in which he quickly listed and described the policies being updates. These policies will be approved at the next regular board meeting.

The next regular Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Central Office.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Todd Mauer and a second by Matthew Hoeing at 6:20 p.m.

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

APPROVED BY:

