

November 8, 2023

**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, November 8, 2023 at 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 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 October 18, 2023 were unanimously approved.

Payment of claims and payroll were ordered on a motion made by Todd Mauer, with a second by Lizette Bell and passed unanimously.

On a motion made by Lizette Bell and a second by Tim Roscoe, the following conference was unanimously approved.

CONFERENCES

South Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School

Elijah DeWeerd – Midwest Clinic
Chicago, IL – December 20-21, 2023

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

LEAVE

North Decatur Elementary School

Jackie Blair – Medical
October 30, 2023 – January 2, 2024

South Decatur Elementary School

Briana Imel – Medical
February 8 – April 18, 2024

Brittany Roell – Medical
February 26 – May 20, 2024

On a motion made by Todd Mauer and a second by Cory Ross, the following appointments were unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENTS

North Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School

Olivia Bohman – Volunteer Assistant Girls’ Basketball Coach

Stephen Jones – Volunteer Boys’ Basketball Assistant

Sabrina Goolsby – Varsity Boys’ Track Coach

North Decatur Elementary School

Donna Dykes – Homebound Instruction
Up to 3 hours per week - November 13, 2023

South Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School

Ciara Fogle – English Teacher

Alexis Heath – 2nd Shift Custodian

Katelyn Billingsley – Part-time Teacher

Peyton Moore – Part-time to Full-time Teacher

Mitchell Harrell – 9th Grade Boys’ Basketball Coach

Under new business, Mr. Nicholas Messer, Assistant Principal at North Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School, presented the Extra Effort Award to Mrs. Valarie Stephens. Mr.

Messer explained that Mrs. Stephens always has a great attitude, attends all extra-curricular events, is always around to help, and has been a pleasure to have in the building. Mr. Rob Smith, Principal at North Decatur Elementary School presented Kris Bumbala with the Extra Effort Award noting her reliability, love of her job, willingness to help, and positive attitude no matter the challenge. Mr. Smith showed a short presentation starring Mrs. Bumbala regarding deaf students and safety drills.

Dr. S. Jarrod Burns, Superintendent of Decatur County Community Schools, asked the Board to approve the board appointment of Sheila Kirchoff to the Area Plan Commission for a second term. On a motion made by Lizette Bell and a second by Stephen AmRhein, the appointment was unanimously approved.

Dr. Burns asked the board to approve the 2024-2025 bus driver contract extensions granting drivers an 8% raise from the previous year. On a motion made by Todd Mauer and a second by Cory Ross, the bus driver contract extensions were unanimously approved.

Dr. Burns gave the first reading of the School Library Material Policy. There was no action needed at this time, the policy will be up for approval at the December board meeting, and if approved will go into effect January 1, 2024.

Dr. Burns asked the board to approve the 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027 School Calendars. On a motion made by Matthew Hoeing and a second by Todd Mauer, the school calendars were unanimously approved.

Dr. Burns asked the board to approve the Classified Handbook in which several minor changes had been made. On a motion made by Cory Ross and a second by Lizette Bell, the Classified Handbooks were unanimously approved.

On a motion made by Lizette Bell and a second by Matthew Hoeing, student fundraisers were unanimously approved.

On a motion made by Todd Mauer and a second by Tim Roscoe, the following donations were unanimously approved:

DONATIONS

<i>Donor</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Cause</i>
<i>North Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School</i>		
Big Sky	Gift Cards	Staff October Contest
Kennelly & Daughters Carwash		
Cornerstone Bakery		
Pizza King		
Jimmy Johns		
Starbucks		
Subway		
<i>South Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School</i>		
Lil Dutch Mini Doughnuts	\$360.00	General Donation
Paco's	\$48.00	Spanish Class Field Trip
<i>South Decatur Elementary School</i>		
Stone's Farm Service	\$577.00	Rylie Bennett Memorial
Angela Kelly	\$50.00	
W & K Roofing	\$350.00	Family Fun Night
Anonymous	\$200.00	Cougars Card Program

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

On a motion made by Cory Ross and a second by Stephen AmRhien, the following equipment was unanimously approved as obsolete for disposal:

OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT

<i>Safety Department Decatur County Community Schools</i>			
Model	QTY	Type	Issue/Proposal if Obsolete
TK 3173	2	Kenwood Handheld Radios	Out of Date
NX 300	4		
TK 3180	1		
TK 3402UK	2		
TK 3200	1		
TK3101	2		
TK 8180-HK	1	Kenwood Bus Radios	To sell or donate to local fire departments or EMA
KSL 32	5	Kenwood Battery Chargers	
KSC 35S	3		
KSC 24	2		
KSC 25	3		
<i>North Decatur Elementary School</i>			
Kiln	1		Unused/Unwanted

Under Communications or Reports, Mrs. Debbie Reynolds, Principal of North Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School, reported on the Veteran’s Day Breakfast, student play, and FFA. Mr. Steve Stirn, Social Studies Teacher at North Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School, along with several students from the leadership group, gave a presentation showing the work the leadership group has been doing and the benefits it is having on the student body. Mr. Smith, reported about girls’ basketball, Red Ribbon Week, a 100% attendance rate for parent teacher conferences, breakfast buddies, the upcoming Halloween parade and Pink Out Day. Mr. Jeremy Sherman, Assistant principal of North Decatur Elementary School reported an increase in Notional Honor Roll, archery, and the new robotics program.

The next regular Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Office, 2020 N. Montgomery Rd., Greensburg, IN 47240.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m. on a motion by Tim Roscoe.

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

APPROVED BY:
