

November 9, 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, November 9, 2022 at South Decatur Elementary School, 9302 S. County Road 420 W., 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 Tim Roscoe and a second by Stephen AmRhein, minutes of the meetings held October 5, 2022 and October 26, 2022 were unanimously approved.

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

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

**FIELD TRIPS**

***North Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School***

Varsity Boys Basketball – Bob Wittig Tournament

Overnight – December 28 – 29, 2022 – Richmond High School

***South Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School***

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip - Chicago, IL *OR* St. Louis, MO

May 19, 2023

On a motion made by Matthew Hoeing and a second by Stephen AmRhein, the following resignations and leaves were unanimously approved.

**RESIGNATIONS**

***North Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School***

Morgan McKinney – Jr. High School Cheerleading Coach

Matt Barker – Varsity Girls Basketball Coach

**LEAVE**

***South Decatur Jr. -Sr. High School***

Lindsey Bedel – Medical Leave  
Approximately March 31, 2023 through May 15, 2023

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

**APPOINTMENTS**

***North Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School***

Doug Laker – Varsity Girls Basketball Coach

Tyler Johnson – Jr. Varsity Girls Basketball Coach

Gary Cook – Varsity Girls Assistant Basketball Coach - Unpaid

Breanna Metz – Varsity Girls Assistant Basketball Coach- Unpaid

Hayleigh Kuntz - Jr. High School Cheerleading Coach

Fred Chase - Covering Medical Leave for Erin Hanmer  
Estimated March 27, 2023 – May 26, 2023

***South Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School***

Paige Simon – Special Education Teacher

Anthony Jarvis – Varsity Baseball Coach

*South Decatur Elementary School*

Perry Cook – Covering Medical Leave for Allyson Hudson  
Estimated November 17, 2022 – January 23, 2023

**TERMINATIONS**

*South Decatur Jr.-Sr. High/Elementary Schools*

Mark Smith – Custodial Team Leader

Under new business, Nicole Stone principal of South Decatur County Elementary School honored three staff members with the Extra Effort Award. The first, Sarah Fields, is an aid for several challenging and special students. Mrs. Fields goes above and beyond every day and is a great asset not only to the students she works directly with, but the entire class. Betsy Watts, has a big heart, positive energy and compassion. Mrs. Watts always has a willingness to help because she truly cares for her students. Finally, Joyce Fogle, a 30-year employee of South Decatur Elementary. Mrs. Fogle still comes in early and stays late, is always ready to give and help in any way the students need. She gives her heart to the job and truly makes a difference in the students lives.

Stewart Durham principal of South Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School honored Beth Tomson with the Extra Effort Award. Mrs. Tomson is happy to fly under the radar while making a huge difference in students lives. Mrs. Tomson has exceeded expectations taking on the new Senior Seminar class and made this new course a valuable asset for South Decatur seniors.

Dr. Stephen Burns, Superintendent of Decatur County Schools, opened a Public Hearing on Internet Safety Policy as required by Federal Law. Chris Lindroth, Director of

Technology, explained that there are mandates that must be followed to protect the online safety and security of students. As a district, we complete all requirements with Content Filter and Digital Citizenship. There is no change in the policy and this was not an actionable item. There were no questions or discussions. The Public Hearing was closed.

Dr. Burns asked the board for the approval of the 2022-2023 collective bargaining agreement. Dr. Burns stated that the compensation plan was changing this year with the overall average teacher raise is 5.82% with no increase to health insurance. On a motion by Matthew Hoeing and a second by Chris Owens the 2022-2023 collective bargaining agreement was unanimously approved.

Dr. Burns asked the board to approve the classified and administration salary increase of 5% for the 2022-2023 school year. On a motion by Lizette Bell and a second by Tim Roscoe the classified and administration salary increase was unanimously approved.

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

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

**DONATIONS**  
***South Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School***

<i>Donor</i>	<i>Donation</i>	<i>Cause</i>
Decatur County Farm Bureau	\$1,650	FFA
Janine Gesell	\$100	Varsity Girls Basketball
Decatur County Farmer's Mutual	\$100	Youth Football
Miss Piggy's Pork Shop	\$250	Boys Basketball
Saylor Real Estate Group	\$550	Boys Basketball

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

Dr. Burns acknowledged the generosity of the Decatur County Community Foundation for the following grants awarded to Decatur County Community Schools.

<i>Grant Amount</i>	<i>Awardee</i>	<i>Cause</i>
\$479.00	Claire Coons	Cameras for Photography SHDS
\$500.00	Kyle Nobbe	Community Assets NDHS
\$403.97	Betsy Schwering	Digital Media Tools for the Trade NDHS
\$480.16	Emma Shaver	Literacy Center Library SDES
\$358.60	Casey Bolton	Marble Motion SDES
\$500.00	Amy Henderson	Project Preschool Expansion SDES
\$150.00	Jonathan Black	Spanish-English Dictionaries SDHS
\$486.97	Tara Sample	Start Your Day with a Thinking Brain SDES
\$499.75	Nancy Wamsley	Tolerance Through Media SDES
\$465.52		Writing Center for Kindergartens SDES
\$1,500.00	Connie Krieger	North Decatur e-Sports Project NDHS

Under Communication and Reports, Stewart Durham, Principal for South Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School, reported lots of good things happening at his building; upcoming announcement of Lily finalists, new staff, Veteran’s Day activities, Wreaths Across America, and construction is coming to an end and looks fantastic.

Jacob Rader, Assistant Principal for South Decatur Elementary School, reported many exciting things going in his building as well; Veteran’s Day Concert, all school Thanksgiving meal and thank you to the PTO for making that possible, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade

girls' basketball is in full swing, elementary night, new bridges and an overlook in the Outdoor Lab, Star Lab, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade STEM Night, the Robotics team, and Girl's on the Run raising money for new basketball uniforms.

The next regular Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Office, 202 N. Montgomery Rd., Greensburg, IN 47240.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. on a motion by Tim Roscoe and a second by Stephen AmRhein.

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

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