

September 14, 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, September 14, 2022 at North Decatur Elementary School, 3300 N. State Road 3, Greensburg, IN 47240.

Board President Joyce Geis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Todd Mauer was absent.

Under routine matters, on a motion made by Stephen AmRhein and a second by Matthew Hoeing, minutes of the board meetings held August 8, 2022, August 10, 2022, and August 24, 2022 were unanimously approved.

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

On a motion made by Tim Roscoe and a second by Chris Owens, the following conferences were unanimously approved.

**CONFERENCES**

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

Reed Ulrey - Midwest Clinic International Band & Orchestra Conference  
Chicago, IL - December 19 - 21, 2022

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

Zach Manson - Midwest Clinic International Band & Orchestra Conference  
Chicago, IL - December 19 - 21, 2022

On a motion made by Matthew Hoeing and a second by Lizette Bell, the following resignations and leave were unanimously approved.

**RESIGNATIONS**

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

Brett Muckerheide – Varsity Softball Coach

Ashley Dillon – Varsity Girls Track Coach

***Central Office***

Courtney Snider – Corporation Bus Driver  
Effective September 9, 2022

Stephanie Hensley – Corporation Bus Driver  
Effective August 24, 2022

**LEAVE**

***South Decatur Elementary School***

Allyson Hudson - Third Grade Teacher - Medical Leave  
Estimated November 17, 2022 - January 23, 2023

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

**APPOINTMENTS**

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

Madison Ewing – Moving from Part-time to Full Time  
Instructional Assistant in Life Skills

Phil Nobbe – Varsity Softball Coach

Breanna Metz – Varsity Girls Track Coach

Michelle Russell - 4 hours/week with homebound instruction

*North Decatur Elementary School*

Paige Simon – Covering Medical Leave for Ann Bedel

*South Decatur Jr./Sr. High School*

Katie Antunez – Moving from Part-time to  
Full-time Reading Interventionist/ELL

There were no agenda topics.

There were no written requests.

There was no old business.

Under new business, Rob Smith and Jeremy Sherman, Principal and Assistant Principal of North Decatur Elementary School, presented the Extra Effort Award to Brett Mankin and Connie Krieger. Mr. Sherman wanted to honor Mr. Mankin and Mrs. Krieger for the extra effort they have put in getting the year up and running, getting devices into the hands of students. Mr. Smith wanted to highlight how well these two communicate and keep administration in the loop with what is going on with technology and how helpful that is to teachers. Chris Lindroth, Director of Technology, added that this award is well deserved and that Mr. Mankin and Mrs. Krieger are hard workers supporting thousands of devices and several virtual servers daily, always finding a way to get the job done. Mr. Lindroth wanted to note that Mr. Mankin spearheaded the transition from Filewave to Mosyle as a new iPad management software which is working very well. Mrs. Krieger has been revitalizing the tech student program at the high school. Finally, as a joint effort with Mr. Nicholas Messer, Assistant Principal of North Decatur Jr./Sr. High School, they have been working hard to get a new eSports program off the ground.

Nicholas Messer, Vice-Principal of South Decatur Elementary School, presented the Extra Effort Award to the Special Education Team. Mr. Messer honored Michell Russell, Bre Morris, Georga Cloud, Taylor Isaacs, and Jenelle Trenkamp for their extra effort working through the challenges of integrating the Early College Curriculum into their everyday lessons. Mr. Messer highlighted the team's creativity, out of the box thinking, and student-centered approach. Mr. Messer noted how well the Special Education team has adjusted to some challenging scenarios already this year. Jason Holland, Director of Special Education, mentioned the hard work of the team, their willingness to be at meetings and work hard for not only North Decatur students, but all Decatur County students. Mr. Holland added that this year has held some difficult challenges and he could not have asked for a better team to meet those challenges.

The Board was asked to approve the 2023 budget, as well as act on several resolutions concerning the budget. Business Manager, Louise Smith reviewed the budget and explained each resolution. On a motion made by Matthew Hoeing and a second by Chris Owens, the Resolution to Adopt the 2023 Budget was unanimously approved. On a motion made by Lizette Bell and a second by Stephen AmRhein, the Resolution to Adopt the Capital Projects Plan (2023-2025) was unanimously approved. On a motion made by Tim Roscoe and a second by Matthew Hoeing, the Resolution to adopt the Bus Replacement Plan (2023-2027) was unanimously approved. On a motion made by Chris Owens and a second by Stephen AmRhein, the Resolution to Reduce 2022 Appropriations was unanimously approved.

Dr. Jarrod Burns gave a first reading of the NEOLA Policy updates which will be presented at the next regular meeting for approval.

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

**DONATIONS**

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

<i>Donor</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
James Frink	\$343	Towards new kicking net for Football
Honda (Blackbaud Giving Fund)	\$20	General
First Federal Bank (Delta Dental)	1000 Hand Sanitizers & 1 Adding Machine	
Walterman's Autobody	\$100	Football
Education First – Foreign Exchange Program	\$200	Guidance Assistance
GeComm	\$500	Robotics
The Porter-Oliger-Pearson Funeral Home	\$198	For Counselors to attend <i>My Grief in Bursts</i> Training

***North Decatur Elementary School***

<i>Donor</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
Bar-Cons Federal Credit Union	Kickballs	1 for each class & 5 for the gym
The Porter-Oliger-Pearson Funeral Home	\$99	For Counselor to attend <i>My Grief in Bursts</i> Training

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

<i>Donor</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
Gabriel Myers	\$100	Football
Sandra Kuntz	\$100	Football
Lynch Machining LLC	\$200	Football
Douglas Orr	\$100	Girls Basketball
Mortenson Family Dental	\$50	Basketball
The Porter-Oliger-Pearson Funeral Home	\$198	For Counselors to attend <i>My Grief in Bursts</i> Training

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

On a motion made by Tim Roscoe and a second by Matthew Hoeing, the following obsolete equipment was unanimously approved for disposal:

### **OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT**

#### ***North Decatur Jr./Sr. High School***

- 15 Rusted/unusable filing cabinets- 10 from the choir room - 5 request by maintenance
- Non-working dishwasher from Breann Morris' room
- Broken Tornado Vacuum
- 9 outdated copies of *Succeeding in the World of Work*
- 40 outdated copies of *The Family Guide to the American Workplace*
- 16 outdated copies of *Ready for High School Math*
- 10 outdated copies of *South-Western Accounting & 1 Teacher Manual*
- Band Instruments -Irreparable/Poor Condition
  - Clarinet – Bundy – Serial # 1376759
  - Clarinet – Evette – Serial # 73697
  - 3 Bass Clarinets – Bundy – Serial # 47703; 12770; 35366
  - 4 Timpani – Ludwig – 23”; 26”; 29”; 32”

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

Under Communications or Reports Debbie Reynolds, Principal of North Decatur Jr./Sr. High School, reported on some of her students who are AP Scholars this year and have demonstrated outstanding college level achievement: Eliana Cox, Adam Mack, Caroline Kennelly, Paige Wesseler, Bobbie-Jean Trask, and Blaine Wagner. Mrs. Reynolds reported that they are advancing onto the next stage of Early College, meeting with U Indy virtually in July, with plans of U Indy coming to North Decatur in February 2023. This will hopefully lead to an accreditation for North Decatur Jr./Sr. High School as

an Early College school, which would offer more opportunities for the students. Mrs. Reynolds also reported that they have received a portion of the 3 E Grant and plan on meeting with community manufactures on September 28, 2022 to see how the current student resources can be improved. Mrs. Reynolds reported that the upcoming week was homecoming week with dress up days, a *TV Shows* theme, and a pep rally Thursday.

Rob Smith, Principal at North Decatur Elementary School, reported on the Innovation Studio pointing out the gifts for the Board on the table made in the innovation studio. Mr. Smith invited the Board to look in the Innovation Studio when the meeting was over. Mr. Smith thanked Power of the Past and AG Day for the successful field day for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Mr. Smith reported that basketball and archery was getting ready to start and that Girls on the Run had already begun. The school is signed up for Math and Spell Bowl. Next week the Lion's Club will be conducting student vision screenings for 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. The PTO is hosting a Book Fair on September 26, 2022. Star Lab will be the first week of October 2022. Mr. Smith wanted to acknowledge and thank Marion University for offering free OG training to five teachers next month. Finally, Mr. Smith wanted to highlight that although student teaching has dropped off tremendously in the past few years, there will be 2 college students coming from IUPUC for student observation, that he is hopeful could turn into student teacher opportunities in the second semester.

The next regular Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, October 5, 2022 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 6:30 p.m. on a motion by Matthew Hoeing and a second by Stephen AmRhien.

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

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