

August 9, 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, August 9, 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 Tim Roscoe, minutes of the regular meeting held July 12, 2023 were unanimously approved.

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

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

**FIELD TRIPS**

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

7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Kings Island  
Mason, OH – May 17, 2024

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

FFA – IN FFA Leadership Center  
June 7-9, 2024

Cougar Company / Ground Zero  
New York City – March 15-19, 2024

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

**RESIGNATIONS**

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

Jade Miller – Instructional Assistant

***North Decatur Elementary School***

Amy Gray – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher

Angie Melugin – STEM Lab Instructional Assistant

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

Laura Asche – School Nurse

***South Decatur Elementary School***

Amy Henderson – Instructional Assistant

Vicki Dixon – SPED Teacher

Amanda Reatherford – Instructional Assistant

**LEAVE**

***North Decatur Elementary School***

Dave Sell – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher  
Medical Leave – August 1, 2023 – TBD

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

**APPOINTMENTS**

Theresa Crain – Corporation Bus Driver

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

Crystal Hoover – Instructional Assistant

Sara Berger - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach

Madelyn Bohman - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach

Doug Bohman - Volunteer Assistant Volleyball Coach

Jeremy Meyer – Jr. High Football Coach

Brandon Litmer – Assistant Football Coach

Kylie Ricke – Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach

Morgan Schofield – Instructional Assistant

***North Decatur Elementary School***

Vicki Schrader – Medical Leave for Dave Sell  
August 1, 2023 - TBD

Megan Schildknecht - Moving from Part-time to Full-time

Gretchen Stone – Part Time Instructional Assistant

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

Peyton Moore – PE/Health Teacher

Katelyn Owens – Guidance Registrar

Madyson Bryant – 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Custodian

Raistlin Lee – SPED Instructional Assistant

Jessica Compton - Nurse

Dennis Cox – Medical Leave for Brandy Strand  
August 22, 2023 – October 4, 2023

Lily Rigby – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach

Abby Walls – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach

Mike Rahr – Jr. High Football Coach

Jordan AmRhein – Assistant Varsity Football Coach

Jonathan Shouse – Jr. High Football Coach

***South Decatur Elementary School***

Breanne Helms – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

Cindy Engelking – Instructional Assistant

Bethany Harcourt – Instructional Assistant

Kimberly Sherman – Title I Interventionist

Madelyn Bryant – Kindergarten Teacher

Under new business, Nicole Stone, Principal of South Decatur Elementary School, presented Damon Waggoner, Leann Porter, Wendy Kopplin, Jennifer Chastain, and Emma Shaver with the Extra Effort Award. Mrs. Stone noted that Mr. Waggoner has been a huge asset with technology, Mrs. Porter and Mrs. Kopplin's work in running the back-sack buddy program this year has been awesome, and Mrs. Chastain and Mrs. Shaver for tutoring and feeding students throughout the summer. Stewart Durham, Principal of South Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School presented the Extra Effort award to Carrie Hess, noting her great relationship with students and how much she has helped filling the gaps in guidance over the summer.

On a motion made by Cory Ross and a second by Todd Mauer, the 2023/2024 Budget Calendar was unanimously approved.

Melissa Leap, Business Manager, presented a brief explanation of the proposed 2024 Budget, Capital Projects Plan and Bus Replacement Plan. Mrs. Leap stated the

required documents would be posted on the Gateway System by the end of day Friday, August 11, 2023.

Brian Jones was recommended as the Board representative to the Decatur County Community Foundation Scholarship Committee. On a motion made by Matthew Hoeing and a second by Tim Roscoe, this appointment was unanimously approved.

Dr. Burns asked the Board to approve the Teacher Appreciation Grant (TAG) policy. Dr. Burns stated the policy has not changed from last year. On a motion made by Lizette Bell and a second by Stephen AmRhein, the TAG policy was unanimously approved.

The 2023/2024 Certified Evaluations were discussed, with Dr. Burns explaining there were only minor language changes from last year. There were no questions or discussions.

On a motion made by Matthew Hoeing and a second by Cory Ross, 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>		
Heritage Industrial Contracting	\$500.00	Manufacturing Program

Under Communication and Reports, Stewart Durham, Principal of South Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School, thanked the Board for attending graduation, and thanked Westport Churches for providing food. Mr. Durham reported that the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Open House was a

success, that fall sports are underway, and it looks like South Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School should have 398 students this year. Jacob Rader, Assistant Principal of South Decatur Elementary School, reported that Back to School Night was a huge success, that the school was able to make back packs, school supplies, pizza and free haircuts available to the students. Mr. Rader also reported that the staff lounge has come together nicely, as well as reporting the playground renovations going awesome and that the school was able to provide the Preschool students their own playground area and equipment.

Under Future Business, the annual Budget Hearing will be on August 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Central Office; 2020 N. Montgomery Dr., Greensburg, IN 47240.

The next regular Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at North Decatur Elementary School; 3300 N. State Road 3, Greensburg, IN 47240.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m. on a motion by Todd Mauer and a second by Cory Ross.

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

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