

May 12, 2021

**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, May 12, 2021 at the North Decatur Jr/Sr High School Cyber Security Center, 3172 N. State Road 3, Greensburg, IN 47240

Board President Joyce Geis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All members were present.

Under routine matters, upon a motion made by Todd Mauer and a second by Matthew Hoeing minutes of meetings held April 14, 2021 and April 28, 2021 were unanimously approved.

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

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

Field Trip

South Decatur High School Girls Basketball – D-One Camp
Fort Wayne – June 13-15, 2021

North Decatur High School Music Seniors – Cedar Point
Sandusky, Ohio – June 14, 2021

North Decatur High School Senior Class – Kings Island
Mason, OH - June 7, 2021

On a motion by Todd Mauer and a second by Lizette Bell, the following retirements, resignation and leaves were unanimously approved.

Retirement

Terri West – North Decatur Elementary – End of 2020/2021 School Year

Mary Beth Meyer – North Decatur Elementary – End of 2020/2021 School Year

Resignation

Stacia Neal – South Decatur Elementary – End of 2020/2021 School Year

Leaves

Jesse Haley – South Decatur Elementary
Medical Leave – Approximately August 31-November 1, 2021

Lindsey Bedel – South Decatur High Schools
Medical Leave – Approximately September 7-November 15, 2021

Allison Wilkerson – North Decatur Elementary
Medical Leave – Approximately August 3-October 24, 2021

On a motion by Chris Owens and a second by Nicholas Messer, the following appointments were unanimously approved.

Appointments

Jacob Rader – South Decatur Elementary – Assistant Principal – 2020/2021 School Year

Andrew Hocker – North Decatur High School – Math Teacher – 2021/2022 School Year

Katie Stokes – North Decatur High School – Ag Teacher – 2021/2022 School Year

Jennifer Chastain – Dyslexia Specialist

Mary Kay Schwering – North Decatur Elementary – Secretary – 2020/2021 School Year

Athletics
South Decatur

Jim Wall – Assistant Softball

Summer School Teachers – Up to 84 Hours at Hourly Rate

Sue Hadler
Amy Hurley
Mary Ann Smith
Georga Cloud
Nancy Wamsley
Katy Prairie
Jonathan Black
Tara Youngblood
Laura Johnson
Sandy Storm
Allyson Beverly
Vicky Dixon
Kristen Ross
Dawn Schwering

Summer School Instructional Assistants – up to 80 Hours at \$20/Hour

Angie Melugin
Kaitlyn Woodhull
Kathy Taylor
Lynn Bryan
Christian McKinney
Angie Johnson
Marissa Miller
Amanda Reatherford
Katie Antunez
Erin Shafer
Jamie Meadows
Kathy Rice

Under written requests, Amy Smith acknowledged that it has been a difficult year but stated that with a 99.9974% survivor rate she did not feel that COVID restriction were necessary any longer. She thanked the teachers for making the best of a bad situation and encouraged calls/emails to Dr. Box and Governor Holcomb encouraging them to not mandate masks or vaccinations. Autumn Klosterkemper and James Moore chose not to speak. Kurt Mowery stated that even though he understood questions would

not be answered this evening he asked the Boards thoughts on masking students and State regulations. He also asked if they had spoken to Greensburg city schools, he feels that the schools could stand together to represent Decatur County. Mr. Mowery would like to see a survey go out to parents. He stated that he will not give up the fight to unmask our kids and asked all to fight against the mandate. He feels that we need to make our own choices without it being mandated.

There was no old business.

Under new business, the Extra Effort award was presented to Monique Wilson and Deidre Laker.

Dr. Burns requested approval of Poole Group as CMC for the South Decatur High School Nursing Lab. On a motion by Matthew Hoeing and a second by Stephen AmRhein, Poole Group was unanimously approved.

Dr. Burns requested approval of CSO Architects as Architect for the South Decatur High School Nursing Lab; pending contract from Ice Miller. On a motion by Lizette Bell and a second by Todd Mauer, CSO Architects was approved, pending contract.

Dr. Burns requested the reappointment of Brian Jones as the Board appointment to the Decatur County Contractual Public Library Board of Trustees. On a motion by Todd Mauer and a second by Nicholas Messer, the appointment was unanimously approved.

Dr. Burns requested approval of the summer school memorandum of understanding. This MOA states that summer school teachers will received their regular hourly rate of pay. On a motion by Matthew Hoeing and a second by Stephen AmRhein, the memorandum of understanding was unanimously approved.

Dr. Burns requested approval of the COVID 19 stipend memorandum of understanding. This MOA states that a one-time stipend will be given to all certified staff. On a motion by Lizette Bell and a second by Chris Owens, the COVID stipend memorandum of understanding was unanimously approved.

Dr. Burns requested approval of McGraw Hill for social studies textbooks for grades 4-12. He stated there were no books adopted for grades K-3. On a motion by Chris Owens and a second by Todd Mauer, the adoption of McGraw Hill social studies textbooks were unanimously approved.

Disposal of obsolete equipment was unanimously approved on a motion by Todd Mauer and a second by Lizette Bell.

The following donations to North Decatur Jr/Sr High School were unanimously accepted on a motion by Matthew Hoeing and a second by Nicholas Messer. \$25 from Stephen Legal Group LLC for the Academic Honors Banquet, \$223.20 from S & G Services for mini diploma sponsorship, \$200 each from Big Sky Steakhouse, Pulskamp's Auto Body, Kunz Farms, Bryant's Restaurant, Heritage Automotive Group, Kennelly & Meyer Construction, R & R Properties, Meduit, Bestway, Blackhawk Ag and Batesville Chrysler Dodge Jeep for volleyball 5K sponsorship and \$50 each from Tree Properties, Keith Kramer, Schlemmer Wholesale, Midtown Diner, Eric & Rachel Whitaker, Steel Digital Marketing Solutions, Tad & Angie Parmer and Reideman Trucking for volleyball

5K sign.

North Decatur Elementary Principal Rob Smith reported on 6th grade Mars Yard demonstrations, PTO walk-a-thon raising over \$37,000 with 100% going to kids, 4th grade business day, 5th grade wax museum, student art contest winners and student teachers.

North Decatur High School Principal Debbie Reynolds reported on a successful spring play, kindness chain, band earning gold at the virtual ISSMA, Social Studies academic team earning 2nd place in the State, Battle of the Books winning 1st place in their age group, Philomenia Niese earning 5th in State in archery, FFA award winners, Mrs. Fry receiving a grant used to help NDE students plant flower for Mother's Day, receiving recognition as one of the Best High Schools in the nation, State Representative Randy Frye meeting with seniors, recycling projects, upcoming award banquets and graduation.

The next regular Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at Central Office beginning at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Todd Mauer and a second by Matthew Hoeing at 6:30 p.m.

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

APPROVED BY:

