

April 10, 2013

**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, April 10, 2013, at the Board Office, 2020 N. Montgomery Road, Greensburg, Indiana 47240.

Board President Tim Roscoe called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Brent Muckerheide was absent.

Upon a motion made by Matthew Hoeing and a second by Todd Mauer minutes of meetings held March 13, 2013 were unanimously approved as mailed.

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

On a motion by Todd Mauer and a second by Matthew Hoeing, the following field trip was unanimously approved.

North Decatur Junior High Music Department – Kings Island Trills & Thrills Music
Festival
May 18, 2013 – Mason, Ohio

On a motion by Chris Owens and a second by Annette Geis, the following field trip was unanimously approved.

South Decatur High School Biomed Science Class – Kentucky Science Center
April 26, 2013 – Louisville, KY

On a motion by Annette Geis and a second by Mark Young, the following field trip was unanimously approved.

North Decatur High School Senior Class – Kings Island
May 30, 2013 – Mason, Ohio

On a motion by Annette Geis and a second by Todd Mauer, the following retirement was unanimously approved.

Jim Louder – North & South Decatur Jr/Sr High School
End of 2012/2013 School Year

On a motion by Todd Mauer and a second by Chris Owens, the following resignation was unanimously approved.

Kristen Fuchs – South Decatur High School
End of 2012/2013 School Year

On a motion by Matthew Hoeing and a second by Todd Mauer, the following resignation was unanimously approved.

Jeff Hermesch – South Decatur High School
April 30, 2013

On a motion by Chris Owens and a second by Mark Young, an unpaid leave was unanimously granted to South Decatur High School Teacher Nicole Smith. Mr. Budd reported that he had a memo of understanding with a licensed teacher who would be teaching the classes when Mrs. Smith was on leave.

On a motion by Todd Mauer and a second by Matthew Hoeing the following classified appointment was unanimously approved.

P. Kyle Degler – South Decatur High School
English Teacher – 2013/2014 School Year

On a motion by Chris Owens and a second by Todd Mauer, the following classified appointment was unanimously approved.

Phillip Hellmich – Custodian

On a motion by Todd Mauer and a second by Chris Owens, the following classified appointment was unanimously approved.

Robert Green – South Decatur Elementary
Education Assistant

Under old business, Business Manager Louise Smith reported that results from the environmental study should be in within the next week.

Mr. Budd briefly reviewed the progress and goals of the technology committee regarding the 1:1 initiative. Technology Committee Members Dave Sell, Dottie Hellmich and Casey Bolton presented power point presentations and movies regarding the use of iPads in the classrooms. Nate Sell reported on the approximate cost of purchasing additional Apple TV and iPads.

Under New Business, Business Manager Louise Smith requested Board approval of the Bond Qualified Entity Purchase Agreement. Mrs. Smith explained this is how the pension bonds were funded in 2004 and if we are able to refinance the bond there could be a significant savings for the corporation. On a motion by Annette Geis and a second by Chris Owens, the purchase agreement was unanimously approved. Mrs. Smith asked Board approval of the bond resolution. On a motion by Todd Mauer and a second by Matthew Hoeing, the bond resolution was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Smith reported that she had received a report from the county regarding the impact of the circuit breaker on the corporation. She reported the circuit breaker would cost the corporation \$4,610.

Transportation Director Kathy Land reported we are scheduled to purchase a special education and two activity buses this year. She will be getting prices and bringing them to a future meeting for Board consideration.

Mr. Budd requested approval of curriculum guide and grading policy changes. On a motion by Annette Geis and a second by Todd Mauer the changes were unanimously approved.

In his report, Mr. Budd introduced Brian Robbins who spoke on behalf of the Decatur County Pedestrian Trail. They are asking for permission to have a small parking area on the far south side of the Central Office property. The Board thanked Mr. Robbins for his presentation and will act on the request at the May Board meeting. Mr. Budd and North Decatur High School Principal Gary Cook congratulated Kaleb Kramer for being named the recipient of the Lilly Scholarship. Mr. Budd reported that he, Dr. Wilcox and other staff members would be attending the School Safety Meeting on April 22nd and 23rd. Dr. Wilcox reported on the state school safety audit that was recently conducted at North Decatur Elementary. Dr. Wilcox reported that the school passed with flying colors. Mr. Budd distributed proposed policy updates to Board Members for their review. These policies will be given their first reading in May and will be asked to be approved at the June Board Meeting.

In his report, Dr. Wilcox reported that we had one student that will need to retake the IREAD3 test in June. Dr. Wilcox stated both elementary and high school teachers have been working on curriculum mapping.

North Decatur Elementary Principal Rob Smith congratulated all teachers on the excellent job with IREAD3. Mr. Smith reviewed school safety plans, gearing up for round two of testing, special education conferences, data meetings, teachers observation, kindergarten enrollment as well as congratulation teachers and students on their outstanding work with technology and the iPads. Mr. Smith congratulated Madelin

Hoover whose design was chosen for the Ag. Day t-shirts for this year.

North Decatur Jr/Sr High School principal Gary Cook congratulated Veronica Yager for her selection as District 12 Star Ag Placement nominee and Jenna Meyer for her being selected to play in an all star game in New Castle. Mr. Cook reported on the FFA Banquet, the academic team, staffing issues, testing and the upcoming National Honor Society Inductions.

The next regular Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 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 7:06 p.m.

Todd Mauer, Secretary
Board of School Trustees
Decatur County Community Schools

APPROVED BY:

