

DECATUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Decatur, Michigan

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Upjohn Media Center
September 19, 2016

Members present: Baushke, Grosvenor, McLeese, Southworth, Elmore, Kennedy

Members Absent: Hemenway

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda is approved as printed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Kennedy, seconded by Baushke to approve the August 15, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

PAYMENT OF BILLS AND ACCOUNTS

Moved by Grosvenor, seconded by Elmore that the following bills and accounts be paid in the indicated amounts:

General:	\$ 327,654.17
Athletics	\$ 1,890.00
Activity:	\$ 2,047.91

Ayes: Grosvenor, Southworth, Baushke, Elmore, Kennedy, McLeese

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Grosvenor, seconded by Elmore, that the consent agenda is approved as presented:

MS Math Teacher Hire - James Long
MS Special Education Teacher Hire - Ben Kraker
MS Special Education Teacher Hire - Mitchell Kennedy
Bus Driver Hire - Hollis Benson
Bus Driver Hire - Kurt Weber
Van Driver Hire - Troy Schrader
MS Special Education Teacher Resignation - Sally Raasch
Food Service Resignation - Dorothy Harris
Food Service Hire - Nicole Harrell

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

DESPA CONTRACT

Moved by Baushke, seconded by Southworth that the contract between the Decatur Public School District Board of Education and the Decatur Educational Support Personnel Association for 2016-2017 is approved.

Ayes: Grosvenor, Southworth, Baushke, Elmore, Kennedy, McLeese

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

WRESTLING TOURNAMENT & MHSAA STATE COMPETITION TRIPS

Moved by Baushke, seconded by Kennedy that the Decatur Board of Education approve the overnight trip to the Ithaca Wrestling Tournament on January 13-14, 2017, the overnight trip to Mt. Pleasant for the MHSAA Team Finals on February 24-25, 2017 and the overnight trip in Auburn Hills for the MHSAA State Finals on March 3-4, 2017.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

STATE CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION TRIP

Moved by Grosvenor, seconded by Elmore that the Decatur Board of Education approve the overnight trip for the MHSAA State Finals on November 4-5, 2016.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

DECATUR HIGH SCHOOL RELEASED FROM PRIORITY SCHOOLS LIST

Dr. Creagan received a letter from MDE stating the High School was released from Priority School status.

ANNUAL REFORM PLAN FOR DECATUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Moved by Elmore, seconded by Baushke that the Decatur Public Schools Board of Education approves the Annual Proficiency Targets in English Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies as part of our Annual Reform Plan for Decatur Public Schools, Marion Davis Elementary.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

GIRLS ON THE RUN ANNUAL EVENT

Moved by Baushke, seconded by Southworth that the Girls On The Run Committee be allowed to host the annual event scheduled for May 20, 2017.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

READING NOW NETWORK

Moved by Southworth, seconded by Elmore that the Decatur Public Schools Board of Education fully supports the Reading Now Network and the Board directs the Superintendent to collaborate in the work of the Reading Now Network for the support of students in the district and across the region.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

M-STEP SUMMARY

Dr. Creagan presented information on the 2015-16 M-Step Scores for Decatur Public Schools, the State and other Van Buren County schools.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A parent thanked Mr. McLouth and Dr. Creagan for taking care of the MS issue. He asked about the crowded classrooms in the elementary. A teacher presented dates for activities planned by the Teacher/Parent Group. Other parents also had concerns for the overcrowded classrooms in the elementary. Mr. McLouth shared that MDE will be visiting Decatur Middle School to recognize their achievement in becoming a Rewards School. He also stated Homecoming is next week and the parade will be at 2:40 p.m.

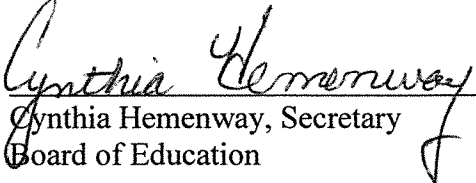
BOARD COMMENTS

Wyatt asked where we were on the roof project. Patrick stated that it was done. Wyatt congratulated the new hires. Joan asked how many students were enrolled. Joan, Jim and Laurie also welcomed the new hires. Dave thanked the staff in all three buildings for their hard work. He welcomed the new hires and wished the ones leaving well. He also thanked the DESPA members for settling the contract.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0


Cynthia Hemenway, Secretary
Board of Education