

April 8, 2026

**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 8, 2026 at Central Office, 2020 N. Montgomery Rd., Greensburg, IN 47240.

President Todd Mauer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under routine matters, on a motion made by Matthew Hoeing and a second by Cory Ross, Minutes of Meetings held on March 11, 2026 and March 25, 2026 were unanimously approved.

Payment of Claims and Payroll were ordered on a motion made by Nicholas Anderson with a second by Alison Ortman and passed unanimously.

The Field Trips listed below were approved unanimously following a motion by Elizabeth Hochstedler and a second by Nicholas Anderson.

Field Trips

NDES/NDHS Archery - National Tournament - Louisville, KY - May 7 or May 8], 2026

NDHS Band/Choir - Kings Island - Mason, OH - May 23, 2026

NDHS FFA - Indiana FFA State Convention - Noblesville, IN - June 15-19, 2026

SDHS HOSA - State Conference - Indianapolis, IN - April 15-17, 2026

On a motion made by Cory Ross and a second by Elizabeth Hochstedler, the following Retirements and Leaves were unanimously approved.

Retirements

Scott Johnson - NDHS - June 15, 2026

Christy Nesbit - NDES - End of School Year

Leaves

Molly Martin - NDHS - Medical Leave - 1st Semester 2026/2027 School Year

Paige DeVore - SDES - Medical Leave - Approximately September 7 - November 1, 2026

On a motion made by Matthew Hoeing and a second by Alison Ortman, the following Appointments were unanimously approved.

Hirings

Sydney Reynolds - NDHS - Nurse

Samantha Reed - NDHS - Instructional Assistant

Athletics

Bryan Gatewood - SDHS - JH Golf Volunteer

Michael Grimes - SDHS - JH Softball

Cy Miller - SDHS - Baseball Volunteer

Summer IREAD

North Decatur Elementary School

Sue Hadler

Linda Smith

Sarah Schwendenman

South Decatur Elementary School

Jennifer Chastain

Sandy Storm

Emma Morrison

Kim Sherman

Janet Hodson

No Public Comment was given.

There was nothing under Old Business.

Under New Business, Mr. Jeremy Sherman, Assistant Principal of North Decatur Elementary School, recognized Taylor Schroder and Elizabeth Holland for the Extra Effort Awards. Mr. Sherman explained that these staff members work with the preschool program, which started this school year at North Decatur Elementary School. He went on to explain how these staff members work well together to provide engaging experiences for students while meeting their educational and emotional needs. Mr. Sherman emphasized the positive parent feedback they have received about the program and staff members.

Mr. Tim Hollendonner, Principal of North Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School introduced Alaina Kessler and Katie Morman as his selections for this month's Extra Effort Awards. Mr. Hollendonner explained how they were building the FFA program and the opportunities they provide for the FFA and Agriculture students. He also explained how they, along with their students, give a lot back to the community.

Mrs. Katie Morman, Agriculture Teacher at North Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School, along with members of her Agri-Business class presented the NDHS Community Garden. Mrs. Morman explained that this garden was a way to give back to the community and provide an educational experience for students. The students, Hudson Muckerheide, Makayla Schath, Kelsey Waltermann, Macy Kinker, Parker Morris, and Brayden Murray presented about how the project was created and how it would be sustained.

Mr. Doug Wilson, the school board attorney, explained the Preliminary Bond Resolution (Exhibit A) and the Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures (Exhibit B). Lizette Bell made a motion and Cory Ross seconded the motion to approve the Preliminary Bond Resolution. The motion passed unanimously. The Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures was also unanimously approved on a motion by Matthew Hoeing and a second by Alison Ortman.

Dr. Jarrod Burns, Superintendent, requested the approval for the renewal with Chartwells Food Service. Dr. Burns explained that this was the second year of the current contract with Chartwells Food Service and he was requesting approval for a 4 percent increase. Mrs. Allison Kunz, Director of Dining Services, reported that they are above profit and participation for what was budgeted for the Food Service Program. She also explained that they would be expanding the Summer Feeding Program and adding an after school Snack Program at North Decatur Elementary School in the fall. With a motion from Elizabeth Hochstedler and a second from Lizette Bell, the board unanimously approved the renewal with Chartwells Food Service.

A motion was made by Nicholas Anderson and a second by Elizabeth Hochstedler for the following Student Fundraisers to be approved. These are unanimously approved.

Fundraisers

NDHS Baseball - Adrenaline Fundraising App Pledges
SDHS HOSA - Fill My Heart for Healthcare Fuel My Future Contributions

On a motion made by Alison Ortman and a second by Matthew Hoeing, the following Donation was unanimously approved. The board thanked the donor for the donation.

Donation

Donor	Amount	Cause
<i>South Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School</i>		
Billy Seegers	Batting Cage	SDHS Athletics

Under Communications and Reports, Mr. Jeremy Sherman, Assistant Principal of North Decatur Elementary School, reported on archery, robotics, National Honor Society, and the preschool program. Mr. John Corn, Principal of North Decatur Elementary School, reported that 77 students participated in kindergarten roundup and that they currently have 176 out of district

applications. Mr. Corn also reported on the partnership with the YMCA for the before and after school care program at the school that will begin next fall. He reported on ILEARN testing, touch a truck, math bowl, grandparent night, field trips, field day, KG and 6th grade graduations, and the retirements of Christy Nesbit and Jane Burkert. Mr. Tim Hollendonner, principal of North Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School reported on the MHC Cheer Competition, National Honor Society Induction, spring sports, the drama production of Footloose, the student council blood drive, the greenhouse plant sale, and ILEARN testing. Mr. Hollendonner reported that SAT testing was completed and that he had compiled data and that the data was trending upward. He also reported on the upcoming prom, AP testing, teacher appreciation week, senior award night, junior high awards, graduation practice, walk and ceremony.

Under Future Business, the Regular Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will take place at Central Office; 2020 N. Montgomery Road, Greensburg, IN 47240.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m. on a motion by Matthew Hoeing and a second by Alison Ortman.

Lizette Bell, Secretary
Board of School Trustees
Decatur County Community Schools

APPROVED BY:

