

August 12, 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, August 12, 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. Lizette Bell attended the meeting virtually.

Under routine matters, on a motion made by Matthew Hoeing and a second by Cory Ross, Minutes of Meeting held on July 8, 2026 were unanimously approved.

Payment of Claims and Payroll were ordered on a motion made by Cory Ross with a second by Elizabeth Hochstedler and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Alison Ortman and a second by Nicholas Anderson for the Conference Attendance and the Field Trip listed below and were unanimously approved.

Conference Attendance

Sierra Kalli - NDHS - Midwest Music Conference - Chicago, IL - December 16-19, 2026

Field Trip

NDHS Varsity Cheer Team - Cheer Camp - Anderson University - July 21-24, 2026

On a motion made by Elizabeth Hochstedler and a second by Matthew Hoeing, the following Retirement, Resignations and Leaves were unanimously approved.

Retirement

Dottie Hellmich - NDES - End of 2026/2027 School Year

Resignations

Lacey Rudd - SDES - PT Instructional Assistant - July 18, 2026
Angela Skelton - SDES - ASL Interpreter - July 21, 2026
Joshua Malone - SDES - Medical Leave - July 28, 2026
Andrew Hocker - NDHS - Math - July 17, 2026
Anthony Jarvis - NDHS - JAG/WBL - July 30, 2026
Betsy Schwering - NDHS - English - July 13, 2026
Ashley Dillon - SDHS - Ag - July 21, 2026
Ciara Fogle - SDHS - English - July 22, 2026

Leaves

Lisa Bryant - SDES - Medical Leave - November 16, 2026 - January 4, 2027
Bridgett Burton - SDES - Medical Leave - Approximately September 8th-30th, 2026

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

Hirings

Emily Baltus - SDES - Medical Leave - August 6 - October 9, 2026
Sandra Collier - SDES - PK Instructional Assistant - 2026/2027 School Year
Katie Gearhart - PT Instructional Assistant - 2026/2027 School Year
Chelsea Robertson - SDES - Medical Leave - September 7 - November 1, 2026
Shania Spurgeon - SDES - Instructional Assistant - 2026/2027 School Year
Betsy Watts - SDES - Reading Interventionist - 1st Semester 2026/2027 School Year
David Espinda - NDHS - Math - 2026/2027 School Year
Christian McKinney - NDHS - JAG/WBL - 2026/2027 School Year
Haley Rose - NDHS - English - 2026/2027 School Year
Lindsey Taylor - NDHS - English - 2026/2027 School Year
Victoria Honnert - SDHS - Ag - 2026/2027 School Year
Jocelyn Hutchins - SDHS - Band - 2026/2027 School Year
Kayla Williams - SDHS - Math - 2026/2027 School Year
Jannie Combs - NDHS/SDHS - Instructional Assistant - 2026/2027 School Year

Athletics

Charlie Clark - SDHS - Varsity Assistant Volleyball
Eric Whitaker - NDHS - Football & JH Basketball
Jody Gray - NDHS - Football
Mark Whitaker - NDHS - JH Basketball

No Public Comment was given.

Under Old Business, was the second reading of the Neola Policy Updates. The policy updates were passed 7-0 on a motion by Matthew Hoeing and a second by Elizabeth Hochstedler.

Under New Business, there were no Extra Effort Awards this month.

On a motion by Nicholas Anderson and a second by Alison Ortman, the Reduction of Appropriation Resolution was also unanimously approved.

Mrs. Melissa Leap, Business Manager, gave a presentation of the proposed 2027 Budget, Capital Projects Plan, and Bus Replacement Plan. Mrs. Leap stated that these items would be posted on the DCCS website and in Gateway by the end of the day, Friday, August 14th. She also explained that the Budget Hearing would be held on Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at 6:00 PM at Central Office.

On a motion made by Nicholas Anderson and a second by Matthew Hoeing, a Supplemental Payment for the three teachers and one substitute teacher who travel between the North and South buildings, in the amount of \$500 per semester per teacher was unanimously approved.

Cory Ross made a motion and Elizabeth Hochstedler seconded the motion to approve the board appointment of Brian Jones to the Lilly Scholarship Committee. The motion passed 7-0.

On a motion made by Elizabeth Hochstedler and a second by Alison Ortman, the following donation was unanimously approved.

Donation

Donor	Amount	Cause
<i>North Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School</i>		
Craig Burkhart	\$ 153.55	Helping Hands Account

The board unanimously approved the following fundraisers on a motion by Elizabeth Hochstedler and a second by Cory Ross.

Fundraisers

NDHS Golf - Mums Sale
NDHS Girls Varsity Basketball - Pick a Calendar Day
NDHS Boys Basketball - Double Good Popcorn Sales
NDHS FFA - Fruit Sale
NDHS FFA - Cider Market (Craft Show)

A motion was made by Alison Ortman and seconded by Nicholas Anderson to declare two buses as obsolete and approve for disposal. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was nothing under Communications and Reports.

Under Future Business, the Budget Hearing will be on Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. and the Regular Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Both meetings will take place at Central Office; 2020 N. Montgomery Road, Greensburg, IN 47240.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m. on a motion by Matthew Hoeing and a second by Elizabeth Hochstedler.

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

APPROVED BY:

