

February 11, 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, February 11, 2026 at Central Office, 2020 N. Montgomery Rd., Greensburg, IN 47240.

Vice-President Matthew Hoeing called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in remembrance of Bob Beesley. Todd Mauer and Elizabeth Hochstedler were absent.

Under routine matters, on a motion made by Cory Ross and a second by Nicholas Anderson, Minutes of Meetings held on January 14, 2026 were unanimously approved.

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

There was nothing to approve under Conference Attendance and Field Trips.

On a motion made by Nicholas Anderson and a second by Alison Ortman, the following Resignations, Leaves, and Retirement were unanimously approved.

Resignations

Lauren Holloway – SDHS – Business Teacher - May 27, 2026

Samantha Willey – NDHS – Instructional Assistant - February 21, 2026

Retirement

Bob Beesley - Corporation Bus Driver - January 23, 2026

Leave

Makenna Bowles - NDES - Medical Leave - May 4, 2026 - End of School Year

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

Hirings

April Snider - Corporation Bus Driver

Cassie Pahl - NDHS - JH Softball Coach

Sierra Kalli - NDHS - JH Boys Track Coach

Aarik Gault - SDHS - Varsity Football Coach

Shon Day - SDHS - JH Baseball Coach

Taylor Baughman - SDHS - Varsity Golf Coach

Ayrika Maschino - SDHS - JH Golf Coach

No Public Comment was given.

There was nothing under Old Business.

Under New Business, Mrs. Nicole Stone, Principal of South Decatur Elementary School, recognized Melissa Day, Kaitlyn Woodhull, and Tara Sample, for the Extra Effort Awards for their work with the preschool program. Mrs. Stone explained that this is the fourth year of the preschool program that has grown from a developmental class to two classrooms. She stated that these staff members work tirelessly to foster skills and learning that students will carry through their lives. Mr. Eric Foga, Principal of South Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School, gave the Extra Effort Award to Stacey Sundal, Donovan Hale, and Debra Young. Mr. Foga commended the amazing job they do in transporting students and how they are always willing to step up to help.

Dr. Jarrod Burns summarized the policies in the first reading of the Neola Policy Updates.

No action was taken at this time.

A motion was made by Cory Ross and a second was made by Nicholas Anderson to approve the change of early release days from Wednesday to Monday beginning in the 2026-2027 school year. Dr. Burns explained that the reason for this was due to the change of the high school schedule. The change was unanimously approved.

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

Donations

Donor	Amount	Cause
<i>North Decatur Elementary School</i>		
Anonymous Donor	\$ 100.00	Field Trip Fee

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

Fundraisers

NDHS Senior Class - Sale of Dirty Sodas
NDHS Senior Class - Sale of Valentine's Day Cards
NDHS High School Track - Calendar Fundraiser
NDHS Softball - Charger Softball Camp
SDES Friends of Rachel - Love to Paws Collection
SDES Honors Art - Cougar Crazy Face Paint
SDES National Honor Society - Crush Sales
SDHS FFA - Strawberry and Popcorn Sales

On a motion by Alison Ortman and a second by Cory Ross, the laminator at North Decatur Elementary School was declared obsolete on a unanimous vote.

Under Communications and Reports, Mrs. Nicole Stone, Principal of South Decatur Elementary School reported on Friends of Rachel visiting Morning Breeze, the American Heart Association Fundraiser, Chat and Chew, Penny Wars with the high school for the American Cancer Society, Kid Biz, and the 101 Dalmatians musical. Mrs. Stone also reported that boys

basketball is underway, progress reports are this week, and preschool registration and kindergarten roundup were coming up soon. Mr. Eric Foga, Principal of South Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School reported on ILEARN Checkpoints, meeting with departments, scheduling and four year plans, and 9th Grade Orientation. Mr. Foga also mentioned the success of the band and choir at ISSMA, the State Welding Contest, FFA Week, the drama production of Freaky Friday, the basketball teams, and the upcoming prom with the theme of Casino Royale.

Under Future Business, the Regular Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, March 11, 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 6:25 p.m. on a motion by Cory Ross and a second by Alison Ortman.

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

APPROVED BY:

