

January 14, 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, January 14, 2026 at Central Office, 2020 N. Montgomery Rd., Greensburg, IN 47240.

President Todd Mauer called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m. Alison Ortman was absent.

Under routine matters, on a motion made by Matthew Hoeing and a second by Cory Ross, Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on December 10, 2025 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 Elizabeth Hochstedler and a second by Lizette Bell for the Field Trips listed below and was unanimously approved.

Field Trips

NDHS FFA – Farm Machinery Show – Louisville, KY – February 13, 2026

SDHS FFA – Farm Machinery Show – Louisville, KY – February 13, 2026

On a motion made by Nicholas Anderson and a second by Cory Ross, the following Resignations and Professional Leave were unanimously approved.

Resignations

David Espinda – NDHS – December 19, 2025

Devin Sutliff – SDHS – Varsity Volleyball Coach

Professional Leave

Courtney O'Shaughnessy – Portugal – February 12-16, 2026

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

Hirings

Jackie Blair – NDES – Homebound – 6 hours/week

Jonathon Blankman – NDHS – Math/Engineering – January 6, 2026

Lilly Rigby – SDES PK Instructional Assistant – January 5, 2026

No Public Comment was given.

There was nothing under Old Business.

Under New Business, Mr. John Corn, Principal of North Decatur Elementary School, recognized the First Grade Teachers, Jane Burkert, Jenni Johnson, and Amy Stringer, for the Extra Effort Awards. Ms. Corn explained that these teachers work well together and thanked them for their hard work and efforts. Mr. Jeremy Sherman, Assistant Principal of North Decatur Elementary School recognized Brittany Welsh for the Extra Effort Award. Mr. Sherman explained Mrs. Welsh's work on packing and dispersing over 300 bags over Christmas. Mr. Tim Hollendonner, Principal of North Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School, gave the Extra Effort Award to Scott Johson. Mr. Hollendonner explained that, as Athletic Director, there are a lot of things that Mr. Johnson does that go unnoticed. He also highlighted all that he does with the Work-Based Learning program. Mr. Hollendonner highlighted Mr. Johnson's skills as an effective communicator.

The Board was asked to approve the Member Disclosure Statements for 2026. On a motion by Matthew Hoeing and a second by Cory Ross, these items were unanimously approved.

On a motion made by Elizabeth Hochstedler and a second by Cory Ross, the following Donations were unanimously approved. The board thanked the donors for their donations.

Donations

Donor	Amount	Cause
<i>Decatur County Community Schools</i>		
Napoleon State Bank	\$3,000.00	Staff Appreciation
<i>North Decatur Elementary School</i>		
Springhill Presbyterian Church	\$ 166.43	Milk/Lunch Fund
<i>South Decatur Elementary School</i>		
Knights of St. John	\$1,259.70	Special Education
<i>South Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School</i>		
Culver's	\$ 152.16	FFA
First Baptist Church of Greensburg	\$ 500.00	FCA
Knights of St. John	\$ 629.85	Special Education
Westport Christian Church	\$1,000.00	Student Christmas
River View Farms, Inc.	\$5,000.00	FFA

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 Girls Basketball - Coaches vs Cancer Night
- NDHS Student Council - Winter Snow Ball Semi-Formal Dance
- NDHS Girls Basketball - Fried Chicken Dinner
- NDHS Yearbook - Chuck-A-Duck
- NDHS Football - Trash Bag Sales
- NDHS FFA - Strawberry Sales
- NDHS FFA - Craft Show
- NDHS Greenhouse - Plant Sale

Under Communications and Reports, Mr. Tim Hollendonner, Principal of North Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School reported on testing, the blood drive, the upcoming Snow Ball Dance, the MHC Academic Meet, Honor Roll, and scheduling. Mr. Hollendonner also discussed the Athletic Hall of Fame, the Optimist Club Essay Contest, the Life Skills Class Coffee Cart, and the Band and Choir programs and contests. Mr. John Corn, Principal of North Decatur Elementary School reported on the 67th day of school celebration and the Thanksgiving meal. Linda Smith, teacher of North Decatur Elementary School reported on Legislator visits and Zoom calls. Mrs. Smith also reported that her class made books to send to the Legislators when asking them to visit. She also reported that she was invited to the Statehouse in February.

Under Future Business, the Regular Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, February 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 6:26 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:

