

May 13, 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, May 13, 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. Elizabeth Hochstedler attended the meeting virtually.

Under routine matters, on a motion made by Matthew Hoeing and a second by Alison Orman, Minutes of Meetings held on April 8, 2026 were unanimously approved.

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

The Field Trip listed below was approved unanimously following a motion by Cory Ross and a second by Alison Orman.

Field Trip

NDES Grade 6 Guidance Group - King's Island - Mason, OH - May 26, 2026

On a motion made by Matthew Hoeing and a second by Cory Ross, the following Resignations and Leave were unanimously approved.

Resignations

Olivia Waechter - SDES - PT Instructional Assistant - End of School Year

Betsy Watts - SDES - PT Instructional Assistant - End of School Year

Leave

Cheyenne Narwold - SDES - Medical Leave - August 6, 2026-October 9, 2026

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

Hirings

Heather Paul - NDES - Art Instructional Assistant - 2026/2027 School Year

Anthony Jarvis - NDHS JAG Specialist/WBL Coordinator - 2026/2027 School Year

Kristen Hicks - SDHS - Athletic Director - 2026/2027 School Year

Aarik Gault - SDHS - JAG Specialist/WBL Coordinator - 2026/2027 School Year

Athletics

Eric Pittman - SDHS - Varsity Boys Basketball

Dustin Traylor - SDHS - Volunteer Assistant Boys Basketball

Madelyn Haley - SDHS - Varsity Assistant Cheer

Tara Johannigman - SDHS - Junior High Cheer

No Public Comment was given.

There was nothing under Old Business.

Under New Business, Mrs. Nicole Stone, Principal of South Decatur Elementary School, recognized Krista Evans, Occupational Therapist, for the Extra Effort Awards. Mrs. Stone explained that Mrs. Evans had the idea for a Sensory Garden at South Decatur Elementary School. She went on to explain that Mrs. Evans did the work in creating this garden to provide sensory experiences for students. The Sensory Garden also honors Trent Jones.

Mr. Eric Foga, Principal of South Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School introduced Amanda Gault, Sierra Kalli, Dawn Gasper, Jennifer Chastain, Angie Green, and Pam Smiley (unable to attend) as his selections for this month's Extra Effort Awards. Mr. Foga explained the time and effort these staff members put in for the prom and after prom.

Mr. Doug Wilson, the school board attorney, opened the Project Hearing Presentation by explaining the purpose of the hearing. Mr. Wilson also explained that notices of the public hearing with respect to the Project and with respect to the additional appropriation of funds for the Project were published in the Greensburg Daily News and Shelbyville News. Dr. Jarrod Burns, Superintendent, explained the educational need for the project. Mr. Jeff Hammond from Baker Tilley, gave a presentation on the overview of the project and the financial impact of the project. Mr. Doug Wilson opened the meeting for any public comments. There were no public comments for the hearing.

The board was asked to approve the Project Resolution. Matthew Hoeing made a motion to approve the resolution with a second from Cory Ross. The board unanimously approved the resolution.

A motion was made by Alison Ortman and a second by Lizette Bell to approve the Additional Appropriation Resolution and was unanimously approved.

With a motion from Lizette Bell and a second by Alison Ortman, the Final Bond Resolution was unanimously approved.

Mr. Doug Wilson, the school board attorney, explained that the project hearing was concluded.

Melissa Leap, Business Manager, explained that the Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement With The Association of Indiana Counties for the Tax Refund Exchange and Compliance System (TRECS) would allow the school district to collect on debt that is owed to the school corporation by individuals. Cory Ross made a motion and Nicholas Anderson seconded the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding, which was unanimously approved.

Dr. Jarrod Burns, Superintendent, explained that due to increasing Natural Gas bills, he was asking the board to approve the ECINGC Interlocal Agreement for the Natural Gas Consortium to assist with cost savings for the purchase of Natural Gas. On a motion by Nicholas Anderson and seconded by Alison Ortman, the agreement was unanimously approved.

The Elementary Student Handbooks for 2026/2027 were approved unanimously on a motion by Lizette Bell and a second by Matthew Hoeing.

The board was asked to approve the Teacher Evaluation Handbook. Mrs. Angel Hocker, Director of Learning, explained that the majority of the changes were formatting changes. Matthew Hoeing made a motion to approve and Lizette Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0 with Elizabeth Hochstedler abstaining.

The board unanimously approved the following fundraisers on a motion by Nicholas Anderson and a second by Alison Ortman.

Fundraisers

NDHS Football - Annual Car Wash

NDHS Life Skills Class - Yard Sale

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

Donation

Donor	Amount	Cause
<i>North Decatur Elementary School</i>		
The Blackbaud Giving Fund	\$ 97.21	General
Psi Lota Xi	\$600.00	Art, Music, Library
Elwood Staffing	\$250.00	Archery Nationals
REMC	\$250.00	Archery Nationals
Dwiggins Transport	\$250.00	Archery Nationals
Moore	\$250.00	Archery Nationals
Hometown Tanning	\$250.00	Archery Nationals

Blake Meyer Enterprise	\$250.00	Archery Nationals
North Decatur Archery Boosters	\$250.00	Archery Nationals
Greensburg Locker: Meat Market	\$250.00	Archery Nationals
WTRE	\$175.00	Archery Nationals
Lane Trucking	\$175.00	Archery Nationals
Burkhart Automotive	\$175.00	Archery Nationals
Bruner Family	\$175.00	Archery Nationals
Russ Hubler	\$175.00	Archery Nationals
YMCA	\$175.00	Archery Nationals
Dialed Dyno Tuning & Service	\$175.00	Archery Nationals
House of Ink	\$125.00	Archery Nationals

South Decatur Elementary School

Brian Jones	\$2,000.00	Sensory Garden
Kaitlin and Mitch Harrell	\$ 250.00	Teacher Appreciation

South Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School

DCMH	\$ 500.00	Student Council
Steel Technologies	\$ 500.00	HOSA
Columbus Regional Health	\$ 500.00	HOSA
Morning Breeze	\$ 500.00	HOSA
Cline King & King P.C.	\$ 100.00	HOSA
Benjamin and Devin Zimmer	\$ 100.00	FFA

The board unanimously approved for the old K-5 reading series to be declared obsolete and ready for removal on a motion by Matthew Hoeing and a second by Lizette Bell.

Under Communications and Reports, Mrs. Nicole Stone, Principal of South Decatur Elementary School, reported on the Start Your Engines event, Grandparents Night and Art Show, the 4th Grade Wax Museum, and Teacher Appreciation Week. Mrs. Stone mentioned many upcoming activities including field trips, Hoosier Hysteria, the talent show, PTO Academic Awards, 6th Grade Graduation, and Field Day on the last day of school. Mrs. Stone also thanked the board for the donuts, cookout and a great year. Mr. Eric Foga, Principal of South Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School reported on the Top Ten Dinner, placing 3rd Place in the Boiler Tech Challenge, the FFA Banquet, SADD Pre-Prom Campaign, the High School Academic Math

Team placing 7th in the state, and the Junior High Academic Team performing well. Mr. Foga also mentioned the 8th Grade St. Louis Field Trip, the High School Band and Choir ISSMA Competition, the Marching Band summer circuit, Prom, 6th Grade introduction meeting, the Senior Picnic, Teacher Appreciation Week, the Bread of Life presentation, and Graduation on May 30th at 9:00 AM.

Under Future Business, the Regular Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, June 10, 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 6:42 p.m. on a motion by Matthew Hoeng and a second by Lizette Bell.

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

APPROVED BY:
