

September 9, 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, September 9, 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. Board member Cory Ross was absent.

Under routine matters, on a motion made by Matthew Hoeing and a second by Elizabeth Hochstedler, Minutes of Meetings held on August 12, 2026 and August 26, 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.

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

Conference Attendance

Dawn Gasper - SDHS - ICASE Fall Conference - Plainfield - September 24-25, 2026

Field Trip

SDHS - AP Juniors & Seniors - Washington, D.C. - March 12-16, 2027

On a motion made by Nicholas Anderson and a second by Matthew Hoeing, the following Resignation and Leaves were unanimously approved.

Resignation

Pam Smiley - SDHS - JH Track

Leaves

Shelbi Grimes - SDES - Medical Leave - Approximately January 5 - February 9, 2027
Katie Stokes Morman - NDHS - Medical Leave - Approximately January 19 - April 5, 2027

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

Hirings

Jackie Robbins - SDES - Medical Leave - November 2 - December 18, 2026

Athletics

Tyler Bumbalough - SDHS - Varsity Baseball
Stacey Sundal - SDHS - Varsity Boys Track
Nathan Root - NDES - Girls Basketball

No Public Comment was given.

Under Old Business, a motion was made by Matthew Hoeing and a second by Elizabeth Hochstedler to amend the traveling supplemental payment. The supplemental payment was approved the previous month for \$1000 and was amended to \$1500. The motion passed 6-0.

Under New Business, Extra Effort Awards were awarded for all four buildings. Mr. Eric Foga, Principal of South Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School presented Extra Effort Awards to Jennifer Tekulve and Kristen Hicks. Mrs. Nicole Stone, Principal of South Decatur Elementary School presented Extra Effort Awards to Leann Porter and Janet Hodson. Extra Effort Awards for North Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School were presented by Principal Mr. Tim Hollendonner to Nyoka Nobbe, Valerie Stephen, and Julie Kirchhoff. Mr. John Corn, Principal of North Decatur Elementary School presented an Extra Effort Award to Sarah Schwendenman.

On a motion by Matthew Hoeing and a second by Alison Ortman, the Resolution to Adopt the 2027 Budget was unanimously approved.

On a motion made by Nicholas Anderson and a second by Elizabeth Hochstedler, the Resolution to Adopt the Capital Projects Plan for 2027-2029 was also unanimously approved.

Lizette Bell made a motion and Elizabeth Hochstedler seconded the motion to approve the Resolution to Adopt the Bus Replacement Plan for 2027-2031. The motion passed 6-0.

Matthew Hoeing made a motion and Alison Ortman seconded the motion to approve the DCCS 2026/2027 Test Security Policy. The policy was unanimously approved.

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

Fundraisers

NDHS Varsity Cheer Team - Power of the Past Wrist Band Sales
NDHS Class of 2027 - Dirty Soda Sales
NDHS Drama Club - Dot Cake Sales
NDHS Student Council - Homecoming Dance Ticket Sales
NDHS Varsity Cheer Team - Princess/Pirate Party Ticket Sales
SDES Robotics - Family Portraits
SDHS STUCO - Teacher's Lounge Snack Sales
SDHS FFA - T-Shirt Sales
SDHS Student Council - Kona Ice Sales
SDHS Varsity Volleyball - Serve-a-thon
SDHS FFA - Souder Farms Kettle Corn Sales

On a motion made by Nicholas Anderson and a second by Alison Ortman, the following donation was unanimously approved. The board thanked the donor for their donation.

Donation

Donor	Amount	Cause
<i>South Decatur Elementary School</i>		
Josh and Rachel Hornberger	\$ 100.00	SDES Sensory Garden

Under Communications and Reports, Mr. John Corn, Principal of North Decatur Elementary School reported on enrollment, new staff members, Back to School Night, the Walk-a-Thon, attendance rates, and the final Friday of each month being a spirit day. Mr. Jeremy Sherman, Assistant Principal of North Decatur Elementary School reported on Hat Day and a licensing visit for preschool. He also reported on Girls Basketball callout, the DC REMC Robotics Fund Grant, and testing with iReady for grade K-2 and ILEARN Checkpoints for grades 3-6. Mr. Tim Hollendonner, Principal of North Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School reported on new staff members, the new modified schedule, the Seminar Class, 7th grade orientation, Homecoming, College Go Week, FAFSA Help Night, and FFA Cider and Snow. Mrs. Nicole Stone, Principal of South Decatur Elementary School reported on Back to School Night, the use of the outdoor lab for Cross Country meets, the Book Buddies program, morning meetings, their attendance rates, the 5th Grade Field Trip, Chat and Chew, 5th and 6th Grade Basketball Camp, and the Fall Festival. The last to report was Mr. Eric Foga, Principal of South Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School. He reported on Family Night, the start of the school year, the new schedule, Senior Nights for fall athletics, accomplishments of fall athletics, After Prom and DC Trip meetings, the 9/11 Ceremony, the Fall Band and Choir Concert, Homecoming, the Fall Musical, and College Go Week.

Under Future Business, the Regular Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at Central Office; 2020 N. Montgomery Road, Greensburg, IN 47240.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 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:

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