



DECATUR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #61
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA

Regular Meeting
Eisenhower High School
Room C133
EHS Auditorium

February 27, 2018
5:00 PM Open Session
Closed Session Immediately Following
6:30 PM Open Session Continuing

Legend: AI = Action Item DI = Discussion Item IO = Information Only

Board of Education Mission Statement:

“As elected representatives of the Decatur community, the Board of Education aspires to make our schools high performing and visionary. We seek to collaborate with and inspire all our stake-holders to promote a student-centered, inclusive, value-driven environment in all our schools. The school board recognizes its fiduciary responsibilities and board members strive to be engaged and promote a culture conducive to learning.”

The Board of Education Core Values:

Engaged ~ Collaborate ~ Inclusive ~ Excellence ~ Citizenship ~ Innovation

IO 1.0 CALL TO ORDER
Roll Call

IO 2.0 CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION
The Board of Education will meet in Closed Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.

IO 3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AI 4.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA, FEBRUARY 27, 2018

IO 5.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Education joins in supporting the National Education Association (NEA) in its focus on motivating children and teens to read through events, partnerships and reading resources in its Reading Across America motivation and awareness program. This year’s celebration takes place on Friday, March 02, 2018. Please join your child in making reading a priority as we proclaim Reading Across America week in District 61!

Community Partners:

- **Building Trades**
- **Decatur Police Department Officers Marty St. Pierre and Chris Hale – ALICE Training**

School Highlights/Spotlights:

- **State Lego Teams Johns Hill Magnet and Dennis Laboratory Schools**
- **Eisenhower High School**
- **Harris Elementary School**

IO 6.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Identify oneself and be brief.
- Comments should be limited to 5 minutes.

AI 7.0 CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Minutes: Open/Closed Meetings February 13, 2018 and Special Open/Closed Meetings February 20, 2018
- B. Financial Conditions Report
- C. Treasurer's Report
- D. Accepting a Gift from Millikin University School of Music

AI 8.0 ROLL CALL ACTION ITEMS

- A. Personnel Action Items

IO 9.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Montessori Training Update: Bobbi Williams, Assistant Superintendent

DI 10.0 BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Board Committee Updates and other Discussion

IO 11.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

IO 12.0 IMPORTANT DATES

- March**
- 05 Casimir Pulaski Holiday
 - **Full Day of School and District Offices are Open**
 - 09 End of 3rd Quarter for Elementary and Middle Schools and High School Midterms
 - 16 Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - **NO School for Students and District Offices are Open**
 - 19 Teacher Institute Day
 - **NO School for Students and District Offices are Open**
 - 20 Report Card Distribution
 - **Elementary and Middle School Students**
 - 20 Mid-term Distribution
 - **High School Students**

NEXT MEETING

The public portion of the next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be at 6:30 PM, Tuesday, March 13, 2018 in the 1st Floor Board Room at the Keil Administration Building.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

**DECATUR DISTRICT 61 BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

DATE/TIME: February 13, 2018

4:00 PM

LOCATION: Keil Administration Building
3rd Floor Conference Room and
1st Floor Board Room

PRESENT: Dan Oakes, President
Kendall Briscoe
Beth Creighton
Sherri Perkins

Beth Nolan, Vice President
Courtney Carson
Brian Hodges

STAFF: Superintendent Dr. Paul Fregeau, Board Secretary Melissa Bradford, Attorney Brian Braun and others

President Oakes called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call for Closed Executive Session	<p>President Oakes called the meeting to order and moved into Closed Executive Session to conduct a student discipline hearing and to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body and pending and/or imminent litigations, and discussion of collective negotiating matter between the Board and representatives of its employees, seconded by Mrs. Perkins.</p> <p>Hearing no questions, President Oakes called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Creighton, Briscoe, Oakes, Nolan, Carson, Perkins, Hodges Nay: None Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Absent</p>	<p>Board moved to Closed Executive Session at 4:00 PM.</p>
Return to Open Session	<p>President Oakes moved to return to Open Session to take action on the student discipline hearing, seconded by Mrs. Perkins. All were in favor.</p>	<p>Board returned to Open Session at 4:55 PM.</p>
Student Discipline Hearing	<p>Superintendent Fregeau recommended that the Board of Education “authorize the issuance of a decision in the expulsion case for Student #1718-0005 consistent with the findings from the Board of Education at this Hearing, and that Student #1718-0005 be expelled from the Decatur Public School District, all events, property and activities of the District for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year and all of the 2018-2019 school year, with a stay for alternative education.</p> <p>Mrs. Perkins moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mrs. Briscoe. Hearing no further discussion, President Oakes called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Oakes, Perkins, Creighton, Briscoe, Carson, Hodges, Nolan Nay: None Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Absent</p>	<p>Student #1718-0005 was expelled from DPS 61 for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year and all of the 2018-2019 school year as presented.</p>

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
Return to Closed Executive Session	<p>President Oakes moved to return into Closed Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, pending and/or imminent litigations, and discussion of collective negotiating matters between the Board and representatives of its employees, seconded by Mr. Hodges.</p> <p>Hearing no further discussion, President Oakes called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Hodges, Carson, Perkins, Oakes, Briscoe, Nolan, Creighton Nay: None Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Absent</p>	Board returned to Closed Session at 4:59 PM.
Return to Open Session	President Oakes motioned to return to Open Session, seconded by Vice President Nolan. All were in favor.	Board returned to Open Session at 6:29 PM.
Open Session Continued	President Oakes noted that the Board of Education had been in Closed Executive Session to conduct a student discipline hearing and to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, pending and/or imminent litigations, and discussion of collective negotiating matters between the Board and representatives of its employees. No action was taken during Closed Executive Session.	
Pledge of Allegiance	President Oakes led the Pledge of Allegiance.	
Approval of Agenda, February 13, 2018	<p>Superintendent Fregeau recommended the Board approve the February 13, 2018 Open Session Board Meeting agenda as presented.</p> <p>Mrs. Creighton moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Hodges. All were in favor.</p>	Agenda was approved as presented.
Special Presentations and District Highlights	<p>Mrs. Robertson noted that the first school spotlight was Hope Academy Magnet School. Henry Walker, Principal at Hope Academy Magnet School, shared information as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Demographics ● Truancy ● Assessment Data (language, reading and math) ● Discipline (declined) ● Community Involvement (increased) ● Strengths (support for IB - majority of staff received level 1 training, school-wide RtI – which has helped with growth, technology, Student Services outreach, community support) ● Weaknesses (lack of consistency with curriculum, staff retention, number of specialists to support new staff, at risk-truant students, parental involvement) ● Opportunities (collaboration through IB, technology usage, track data to support growth, additional professional development) 	Information only.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Threats (shortened day, teacher retention/staff turnover, parental support/involvement, funding, communication, social media) • Challenges - Truancy may possibly be addressed through surveys, address curriculum alignments, additional professional development and increase parental involvement. 	
	<p>Preparations for IB has continued, with a possible summer training this year (2018). The plan is to select an IB Coordinator (teacher) for the 2018/2019 school year. Trauma-informed has also continued at Hope.</p>	
	<p>Principal Walker would like for the “time of day” to increase in order to strategically and efficiently improve building-wide.</p>	
	<p>Mrs. Robertson noted that the second school spotlight was Pershing Early Learning Center. Sarah Knuppel, Principal at Pershing Early Learning Center, noted that the program sites were located at Pershing, Baum, Richland and Southeast. Principal Knuppel shared information as follows:</p>	<p>Information only.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengths (class size and staffing, differentiated instruction and authentic assessment) • Concerns (space, adequate staffing for special needs, reaching all students) • Opportunities (collaboration with kindergarten, increased full day for three-year olds) • Challenges (grant funding and multiple sites) • They currently have multiple community partners. 	
	<p>Principal Knuppel would like to have a building created for all Pre-kindergarten students with indoor and outdoor spaces.</p>	
<p>Public Participation</p>	<p>President Oakes noted that during Public Participation, the Board of Education asked for the following:</p>	<p>Information only.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify oneself and be brief • Comments should be limited to 5 minutes 	
	<p>Sherry Craw, Community Member, spoke to the Board regarding the disrespectful behaviors and disruptions at the schools that she felt does not get reported.</p>	
<p>Consent Items</p>	<p>Superintendent Fregeau recommended the Board approve the Consent Items as presented, which included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes: Special Open/Closed Meetings January 22, 2018 and Open/Closed Meetings January 23, 2018 Monthly Bills Freedom of Information Report Acceptance of a Gift from Chengdu, China Acceptance of a Gift from Apple Inc. for a Conference 	<p>Motion carried. The Consent Items were approved as presented.</p>

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
F.	Interorganizational Agreement between Decatur Public School District 61 and Crossing Healthcare	
G.	Purchase of FOSS Kits for Middle School Students	
H.	Purchase of One (1) Food Service Truck	
I.	Job Description: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claims and Statistical Information Analyst 	
J.	Job Description: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum and Instruction Coordinator 	
K.	Job Description: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Analyst Secretary 	
L.	Job Description: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Childhood Program Coordinator 	
M.	Job Description Macon-Piatt Special Education (MPSED) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Education Alternative Program (SEAP) Principal 	
N.	Approval of School Board Policy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy: Section 02 – School Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 2:112 Student Ambassador Program 	

Mr. Carson moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mrs. Briscoe. Hearing no further discussion, President Oakes called for a Roll Call Vote:
Aye: Carson, Nolan, Briscoe, Creighton, Oakes, Hodges, Perkins
Nay: None
Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Absent

**Roll Call
Personnel
Action Items**

Superintendent Fregeau recommended the Board approve the Personnel Action Items listed in the Memo from Deanne Hillman, Director of Human Resources, as presented.

Motion carried. The Personnel Action Items were approved as presented.

Mrs. Creighton moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Carson. Hearing no further discussion, President Oakes called for a Roll Call Vote:
Aye: Perkins, Hodges, Briscoe, Creighton, Oakes, Nolan, Carson
Nay: None
Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Absent

**DESPA
Settlement
Agreement**

Superintendent Fregeau recommended the Board approve the Settlement Agreement (July 01, 2017 through June 30, 2021) between the Decatur Public School District 61 Board of Education and the Decatur Educational Support Personnel Association (DESPA) as presented.

Motion carried. The DESPA Settlement Agreement was approved as presented.

Mrs. Creighton moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Carson. Hearing no further discussion, President Oakes called for a Roll Call Vote:
Aye: Nolan, Creighton, Briscoe, Perkins, Carson, Hodges, Oakes
Nay: None
Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Absent

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Supt.'s Report	None at this time.	Information only.
Board Discussion Items	<p><u>Board Committee Updates</u></p> <p>Mrs. Creighton noted that she and Mr. Carson attended the Discipline Action Committee meeting last Thursday and reviewed a first draft of the newly revised Code of Conduct Handbook. The next meeting will be in March 2018. Mrs. Creighton also noted that the Schedule B meeting was rescheduled to March 08, 2018.</p> <p>Mrs. Briscoe noted that she and Mrs. Creighton continues to serve on the Community Action Planning Team for the Strategic Plan.</p> <p>President Oakes has been invited to join the Juvenile Justice Committee. The first meeting will be March 02, 2018.</p> <p><u>Board Discussion</u></p> <p>None at this time.</p>	Information only.
Announcements	<p>The Board of Education sends condolences to the families of:</p> <p>William Lee “Bill” “Billy Vegas” Handt, who passed away Wednesday, January 24, 2018. Mr. Handt was a former employee in Decatur Public Schools.</p> <p>Betty Strong, who passed away Wednesday, January 25, 2018. Mrs. Strong was the grandmother of Charlotte Thompson, Director of Curriculum and Instruction-Elementary.</p> <p>William Robert “Bob” Wooters, who passed away Sunday, January 30, 2018. Mr. Wooters was the father-in-law of M. Dianne Wooters, LPN Teaching Assistant.</p> <p>Vernon Pals, who passed away Friday, February 02, 2018. Mr. Pals was the father of Jason Pals, Special Education Cross-Cat Teacher at Hope Academy Magnet School.</p> <p>Dave Daniels, who passed away Friday, February 09, 2018. Mr. Daniels was the father of Courtney Barding, Kindergarten Teaching Assistant at Muffley Elementary School.</p>	Information only.
Important Dates	<p>February 19 President’s Day Holiday</p> <p>– No School and District Offices are Closed</p> <p>20 The DPS 61 Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony for Coaches</p> <p>– During Half Time of the EHS versus MHS Boys’ Varsity Basketball Game at MacArthur High School – Tipoff is at 7:30 PM</p> <p>– Junior Varsity will begin at 6:00 PM</p> <p>21 Half Day of School for Students</p>	Information only.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
March	05 Casimir Pulaski Holiday – Full Day of School for Students and District Offices are Open	
	09 End of 3 rd Quarter for Elementary and Middle Schools and High School Midterms	
	16 Parent/Teacher Conferences – NO School for Students and District Offices are Open	
	19 Teacher Institute Day – NO School for Students and District Offices are Open	
	20 Report Card Distribution – Elementary and Middle School Students	
	20 Mid-term Distribution – High School Students	

NEXT MEETING

The public portion of the next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be at 6:30 PM, Tuesday, February 27, 2018 in the Auditorium at Eisenhower High School, 1200 S. 16th Street, Decatur, IL 62521.

Return to Closed Executive Session

President Oakes asked for a motion to return into Closed Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. Mr. Carson motioned, seconded by Mrs. Perkins. All were in favor.

Board returned to Closed Session at 7:34 PM.

Dan Oakes, President

Melissa Bradford, Board Secretary

**DECATUR DISTRICT 61 BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

DATE/TIME: February 20, 2018

8:00 AM

LOCATION: Keil Administration Building
3rd Floor Conference Room

PRESENT: Dan Oakes, President
Kendall Briscoe
Beth Creighton
Sherri Perkins

Beth Nolan, Vice President
Courtney Carson
Brian Hodges

STAFF: Superintendent Dr. Paul Fregeau, Board Secretary Melissa Bradford, Attorney Brian Braun and others

President Oakes called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call for Closed Executive Session	President Oakes moved to go into Closed Executive Session to conduct student discipline hearings and an employee discipline hearing, seconded by Mrs. Perkins. Hearing no questions, President Oakes called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Creighton, Briscoe, Oakes, Nolan, Carson, Hodges, Perkins Nay: None Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Absent	Board moved to Closed Executive Session at 8:00 AM.
Return to Open Session	President Oakes moved to return to Open Session to take action on the three student discipline hearings, seconded by Mrs. Perkins. All were in favor.	Board returned to Open Session at 9:42 AM.
Student Discipline Hearings #1718-0006	Superintendent Fregeau recommended that the Board of Education “authorize the issuance of a decision in the expulsion case for Student #1718-0006 consistent with the findings from the Hearing Officer’s Report, and that Student #1718-0006 be expelled from the Decatur Public School District, all events, property and activities of the District for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year and all of the 2018-2019 school year, with a stay for alternative education. Vice President Nolan moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Hodges. Hearing no further discussion, President Oakes called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Carson, Perkins, Hodges, Oakes, Nolan, Creighton, Briscoe Nay: None Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Absent	Motion carried. Student #1718-0006 was expelled from DPS 61 for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year and all of the 2018-2019 school year as presented.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Student Discipline Hearings Continued #1718-0007	<p>Superintendent Fregeau recommended that the Board of Education return Student #1718-0007 to MacArthur High School with a plan of restrictions and mentoring.</p> <p>Mrs. Creighton moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Vice President Nolan. Hearing no further discussion, President Oakes called for a Roll Call Vote:</p> <p>Aye: Nolan, Carson, Creighton, Briscoe, Oakes, Hodges</p> <p>Nay: Perkins</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 1 Nay, 0 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. Student #1718-0007 was returned to MHS as presented.</p>
#1718-0008	<p>Superintendent Fregeau recommended that the Board of Education “authorize the issuance of a decision in the expulsion case for Student #1718-0008 consistent with the findings from the Hearing Officer’s Report, and that Student #1718-0008 be expelled from the Decatur Public School District, all events, property and activities of the District for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year, all of the 2018-2019 school year and first semester (December 2019) of the 2019-2020 school year, with a stay for alternative education.</p> <p>Mrs. Briscoe moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Carson. Hearing no further discussion, President Oakes called for a Roll Call Vote:</p> <p>Aye: Hodges, Carson, Perkins, Oakes, Nolan, Creighton, Briscoe</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. Student #1718-0008 was expelled from DPS 61 for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year, all of 2018-2019 school year and 1st semester of 2019-2020 school year as presented.</p>
Return to Closed Session	<p>President Oakes moved to return into Closed Executive Session to conduct an employee discipline hearing, seconded by Vice President Nolan.</p> <p>Hearing no questions, President Oakes called for a Roll Call Vote:</p> <p>Aye: Oakes, Perkins, Creighton, Briscoe, Carson, Hodges, Nolan</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Absent</p>	<p>Board returned to Closed Session at 9:53 AM.</p>
Return to Open Session	<p>President Oakes motioned to return to Open Session, seconded by Mrs. Perkins. All were in favor.</p>	<p>Board returned to Open Session at 10:46 AM.</p>
Open Session Continued	<p>President Oakes noted that the Board of Education had been in Closed Executive Session to conduct student discipline hearings and to conduct an employee discipline hearing of the public body. No action was taken during Closed Executive Session.</p>	
Pledge of Allegiance Approval of Agenda, February 20, 2018	<p>President Oakes led the Pledge of Allegiance.</p> <p>Superintendent Fregeau recommended the Board approve the February 20, 2018 Special Open Session Board Meeting agenda as presented.</p>	<p>Agenda was approved as presented.</p>

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
	Mrs. Creighton moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mrs. Briscoe. All were in favor.	
Public Participation	<p>President Oakes noted that during Public Participation, the Board of Education asked for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify oneself and be brief Comments should be limited to 5 minutes <p>No one requested to speak.</p>	Information only.
Roll Call One-day Suspension without Pay	<p>Superintendent Fregeau recommended the Board approve the One-day Suspension without Pay for Certified Teacher Sarah Brice (Ransdell) as presented.</p> <p>Mrs. Perkins moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mrs. Creighton. Hearing no further discussion, President Oakes called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Briscoe, Carson, Creighton, Nolan, Oakes, Perkins, Hodges Nay: None Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Absent</p>	Motion carried. The One-day Suspension without Pay for Certified Teacher was approved as presented.
Board Discussion	There was no update on Board Committees and there was no Board discussion.	Information only.
Important Dates	<p>NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The public portion of the next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be at 6:30 PM, Tuesday, February 27, 2018 in the Auditorium at Eisenhower High School, 1200 S. 16th Street, Decatur, IL 62521</p>	Information only.
Adjournment	President Oakes asked for a motion to adjourn this Open Session. Mrs. Creighton motioned, seconded by Mr. Carson. All were in favor.	The Board meeting adjourned at 10:49 AM

 Dan Oakes, President

 Melissa Bradford, Secretary



**Board of Education
Decatur Public School District 61**

Date: February 27, 2018	Subject: Monthly Financial Conditions Report
Initiated By: Todd Covault, EdD, Chief Operational Officer	Attachments: Financial Conditions Report
Reviewed By: Dr. Paul Fregeau, Superintendent	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The attached report illustrates the District’s year-to-date revenues and expenditures and provides an explanation of the financial conditions of the Decatur Public School District and Macon-Piatt Special Education District.

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS:

As the District completes January, the seventh month of FY18, the Macon-Piatt Special Education District has expended 58.31% of its overall budget; Decatur 61 has expended 53.65% of its overall budget.

As of February 20, 2018, the State Comptroller is holding FY18 ISBE vouchers in the amount of \$1,688,162 of which \$900,560 is associated with transportation and \$596,388 is associated with the Early Childhood Block Grant.

The District’s January 2018 month-end education fund balance is \$16,333,198; the January 2017 month-end education fund balance was \$14,051,957.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

n/a

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration respectfully requests that the Board of Education approve the Monthly Financial Conditions Report as presented.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- Approval
- Information
- Discussion

BOARD ACTION: _____

**2017-2018 Decatur Public S.D. #61
Fund Balance Summary - January 31, 2018**

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund Balance 07/01/17</u>	<u>Year-to-Date Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures To Date</u>	<u>Net Cash Flow</u>	<u>Change in Fund Balance</u>	<u>Balance 1/31/18</u>	<u>Budget Balance 06/30/18</u>
DISTRICT # 61							
Education	\$15,564,040	\$45,934,847	\$45,165,689	\$769,158	\$0	\$16,333,198	\$ 15,704,445
Operation & Maintenance	\$4,167,372	\$1,858,125	\$3,192,648	(\$1,334,523)	\$0	\$2,832,849	\$ 3,549,492
Debt Service	\$2,016,514	\$4,219,291	\$5,672,215	(\$1,452,924)	\$0	\$563,590	\$ 1,791,289
Transportation	\$2,238,943	\$3,813,238	\$3,052,957	\$760,281	\$0	\$2,999,224	\$ 2,207,210
IMRF	\$1,727,272	\$1,488,071	\$1,472,489	\$15,582	\$0	\$1,742,854	\$ 2,062,711
Social Security	\$2,703,155	\$808,910	\$1,055,723	(\$246,813)	\$0	\$2,456,342	\$ 2,527,259
Capital Projects Fund	\$1,100,537	\$3,271,013	\$1,289,905	\$1,981,108	\$0	\$3,081,645	\$ 3,043,837
Working Cash	\$4,713,279	\$2,376,292	\$2,700,000	(\$323,708)	\$0	\$4,389,571	\$ 4,698,064
Tort Immunity/Judgment	\$2,926,203	\$1,426,042	\$1,211,711	\$214,331	(\$231,548)	\$2,908,986	\$ 3,001,678
Fire Prevention/Safety	\$3,634,915	\$190,309	\$492,583	(\$302,274)	\$0	\$3,332,641	\$ 3,389,019
Totals District 61	\$40,792,230	\$65,386,138	\$65,305,920	\$80,218	(\$231,548)	\$40,640,900	\$41,975,004
Macon-Piatt Special Ed District	\$3,312,959	\$15,209,604	\$11,766,442	\$3,443,162	\$0	\$6,756,121	\$ 3,312,959

Macon-Piatt Special Education District
Report Date: January 2018
Financial Condition as of January 31, 2018

Percent of year passed: 58%

	Revenues	Budget	Actual Y-T-D	Percent Received/Used
12	Education	20,179,245	15,209,604	75.37%
22	Operation & Maintenance	-	-	0.00%
42	Transportation	-	-	0.00%
52	IMRF	-	-	0.00%
	Total Revenues	<u>20,179,245</u>	<u>15,209,604</u>	<u>75.37%</u>

Expenditures

12	Education	18,735,148	11,195,114	59.75%
22	Operation & Maintenance	272,770	9,750	3.57%
42	Transportation	24,150	2,691	11.14%
52	IMRF	1,147,177	558,887	48.72%
	Total Expenditures	<u>20,179,245</u>	<u>11,766,442</u>	<u>58.31%</u>

Net Cash

Total Revenues	20,179,245	15,209,604	75.37%
Total Expenditures	<u>20,179,245</u>	<u>11,766,442</u>	58.31%
Net Cash	<u>-</u>	<u>3,443,162</u>	

Fund Balances

	Actual
12 Education	<u>6,756,121</u>

Decatur Public School District #61
Report Date: January 2018
Financial Condition as of January 31, 2018

Percent of year passed: 58%

	Revenues	Budget	Actual Y-T-D	Percent Received/Used	FY 17 Percent Received/Used As Of 1/31/17
10	Education	89,690,637	45,934,847	51.21%	48.48%
20	Operation & Maintenance	5,334,460	1,858,125	34.83%	70.80%
30	Debt Service	7,314,775	4,219,291	57.68%	56.39%
40	Transportation	6,631,733	3,813,238	57.50%	51.89%
50	IMRF	2,665,983	1,488,071	55.82%	59.89%
51	Social Security	1,794,265	808,910	45.08%	49.83%
60	Capital Projects	3,670,000	3,271,013	89.13%	62.36%
70	Working Cash	2,684,785	2,376,292	88.51%	42.76%
80	Tort Immunity/Judgment	2,772,375	1,426,042	51.44%	50.17%
90	Fire Prevention/Safety	354,105	190,309	53.74%	49.75%
	Total Revenues	122,913,118	65,386,138	53.20%	50.55%

Expenditures

10	Education	89,550,232	45,165,689	50.44%	53.17%
20	Operation & Maintenance	5,952,340	3,192,648	53.64%	52.30%
30	Debt Service	7,540,000	5,672,215	75.23%	70.58%
40	Transportation	6,663,466	3,052,957	45.82%	39.07%
50	IMRF	2,330,544	1,472,489	63.18%	52.75%
51	Social Security	1,970,161	1,055,723	53.59%	50.96%
60	Capital Projects	1,726,700	1,289,905	74.70%	46.60%
70	Working Cash	2,700,000	2,700,000	100.00%	0.00%
80	Tort Immunity/Judgment	2,696,900	1,211,711	44.93%	28.25%
90	Fire Prevention/Safety	600,000	492,583	82.10%	37.69%
	Total Expenditures	121,730,343	65,305,920	53.65%	52.21%

Net Cash

Total Revenues	122,913,118	65,386,138	53.20%
Total Expenditures	121,730,343	65,305,920	53.65%
Net Cash	1,182,775	80,218	

Fund Balances

	Actual
10 Education	16,333,198
20 Operation & Maintenance	2,832,849
30 Debt Service	563,590
40 Transportation	2,999,224
50 IMRF	1,742,854
51 Social Security	2,456,342
60 Capital Projects	3,081,645
70 Working Cash	4,389,571
80 Tort Immunity/Judgment	2,908,986
90 Fire Prevention/Safety	3,332,641
Total Funds	40,640,900



Board of Education Decatur Public School District #61

Date: February 27, 2018	Subject: Treasurer's Report
Initiated By: Todd Covault, EdD, Chief Operational Officer	Attachments: Treasurer's Report
Reviewed By: Dr. Paul Fregeau, Superintendent	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The attached report details the District's investments and the status of the District's cash as of January 31, 2018.

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS:

Due to a transition with a new employee, the investment earnings were not posted in December. The December and January interest earnings are posted on this January report.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration respectfully requests that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- Approval
- Information
- Discussion

BOARD ACTION: _____

DECATUR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #61

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 2018

	Cash/Investments as of 12/31/17	Receipts	Disbursements	Change/Interest	Cash/Investments as of 01/31/18
Education	20,898,314.36	7,989,011.57	10,262,937.83	37,414.49	18,661,802.59
Operations & Maintenance	3,254,012.91	4,412.92	430,933.01	4,555.81	2,832,048.63
Debt Service	137,502.53	426,087.38	0.00	0.00	563,589.91
Transportation	3,067,225.25	1,619,514.50	1,709,018.97	3,878.40	2,981,599.18
IMRF	1,607,242.94	284,977.00	151,747.17	2,381.92	1,742,854.69
Social Security	2,563,812.40	1,209.56	112,449.25	3,769.51	2,456,342.22
Capital Projects	3,065,596.08	29,009.16	13,296.09	336.36	3,081,645.51
Working Cash	4,382,490.48	0.00	0.00	7,080.94	4,389,571.42
Tort/Judgment Immunity	3,189,437.76	64.98	305,240.28	4,723.13	2,888,985.59
Fire Prevention & Safety	3,328,558.29	0.00	1,682.50	5,764.72	3,332,640.51
Macon-Piatt Special Education	6,568,335.61	1,714,308.75	1,533,832.50	6,708.84	6,755,520.70
Activities	516,594.87	50,139.11	23,985.76	773.02	543,521.24
	52,579,123.48	12,118,734.93	14,545,123.36	77,387.14	50,230,122.19
				Dr. Todd Covault	01/31/18



Board of Education Decatur Public School District #61

Date: February 27, 2018	Subject: Accepting a Gift from Millikin University – School of Music
Initiated By: Charlotte Thompson, Director of Curriculum and Instruction – Elementary and Josh Peters, Director of Curriculum and Instruction – Secondary	Attachments: Millikin Piano Donation List
Reviewed By: Dr. Paul Fregeau, Superintendent	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Board Policy 8:80 provides that the Board of Education accepts gifts from any education foundation or other entity or individual provided the gift can be used in a manner compatible with the Board’s educational objectives and policies. All gifts received become the School District’s property.

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS:

The District received a donation from Millikin University for 16 pianos. The District’s intent is to place the pianos at schools with the greatest need (see attached). Principal provided interest to Rhonda Cox in the curriculum department. The 13 buildings that responded are scheduled to receive at least one piano. The three buildings with the greatest need are scheduled to receive two (2) pianos.

Administration has provided a letter of acknowledgement to Millikin thanking them for the gracious gift.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

If the District were to purchase the pianos new, the Yamaha U1 has a current MSRP of \$11,399 and the Yamaha P22 has a current MSRP of \$7,549. Millikin has noted that the insurable value of this gift is \$115,168.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration respectfully requests that the Board of Education accept the gracious donation of thirteen (13) pianos from Millikin University as presented.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- Approval
- Information
- Discussion

BOARD ACTION: _____

Millikin Piano Donation

School	Request	Piano/Serial Number	Room Number	Number of Piano Haul Away
Pershing	1	P22 -- T159936	Conference Room	No removal
Eisenhower	2	P22 -- T207665 U1 -- 4706360	Room C120 Room C126	One piano removal from C126
Garfield	1	U1 -- R3512899	Workroom inside of the teachers lounge	Upright in teacher workroom removed
Stevenson	1	P22 -- T147884	Auditorium	Remove existing
Johns Hill	1	P22 -- T164921	Room 106	Current piano in 106 moved to auditorium stage, auditorium piano removed from building
Stephen Decatur	2	P2 -- T2827682 P22 -- T1049339	Choir Room 41 Auditorium	Three (3) removed, one (1) in auditorium will be moved to Eisenhower, two (2) in choir room 41 and room 41 closet
Parsons	1	P22 -- T158863	Auditorium	Remove existing
Thomas Jefferson	1	P2 -- T114881	Room 126	Move auditorium piano to EHS recording studio
MacArthur	2	P22 -- T2166900 P22 -- T1264921	B203 inside room B201 Orchestra Pit in Auditorium	No removal
Franklin	1	U1 -- B2256584	Room 14	Remove existing
Enterprise	1	U1 -- B2256577	Upstairs, room 17	Remove existing
Durfee	1	U1 -- 3512910	Room 15B	No removal
Hope	1	P22 -- T205020	Room 096	No removal

February 23, 2018


ATTN: Dr. Patrick White
Millikin University
1184 W. Main Street
Shilling Hall, Room 202
Decatur, IL 62522

Dear Dr. White:

On behalf of the Decatur Public Schools District #61, I would like to personally thank you and Millikin University for the very generous gift of pianos. Your gift is and will be greatly appreciated by our music department, students, and staff.

Thank you for thinking of District #61 and our students!

With greatest regards,


Dr. Paul Fregeau
Superintendent of Schools



Board of Education Decatur Public School District #61

Date: February 27, 2018	Subject: Personnel Action
Initiated By: Deanne Hillman, Director of Human Resources, and the Human Resources Department	Attachments: 5 Pages of Personnel Action
Reviewed By: Dr. Paul Fregeau, Superintendent	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Per Board Policy 5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria – The District hires the most qualified personnel consistent with budget and staffing requirements and in compliance with School board policy on equal employment opportunities and minority recruitment.

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS:

All offers of employment are contingent upon the approval of the Board of Education. Accordingly, anyone who is offered and begins employment prior to the approval of the Board of Education understands that they will do so as a substitute. If the approval of the Board of Education is obtained, these substitutes will then be made whole retroactive to their first day of employment.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

These positions are in the budget.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration respectfully requests the Board of Education approve all Personnel Action Items as presented.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- Approval
- Information
- Discussion

BOARD ACTION: _____

To: Board of Education
Fr: Deanne Hillman
Human Resources Director
Date: February 22, 2018
Board Date: February 27, 2018
Re: Personnel Action

EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

SECURITY PERSONNEL:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Curtis Graham	School Security Officer, Various	March 12, 2018

CUSTODIANS:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Toby Propst	2nd Shift Custodian, Garfield/Johns Hill	February 12, 2018
Shannon Williams	2nd Shift Custodian, Baum/Thomas Jefferson	February 20, 2018

SCHEDULE B:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Katelin Klimczak	Head Girls Soccer Coach, Eisenhower	February 26, 2018

SUMMER CAMP

ADMINISTRATORS:

Name	Position
Heather Ethell	Administrator, Camp Discovery/Smash Camp
Julie Fane	Administrator, Camp Discovery/Smash Camp
Kelley Larrick	Administrator, Camp Connections
Henry Walker	Administrator, Camp Connections

TEACHERS:

Name	Position
Kristine Boomer	Facilitator, Camp Connections
Merijha Branson	Facilitator, Camp Connections
Angela Bryles	Facilitator, Camp Discovery
Carissa Craven	Facilitator, Smash Camp Senior
Christina Angle	Facilitator, Smash Camp Junior
Julie Daly	Wellness, Smash Camp Junior/Senior
Jesse Danbury	Wellness, Camp Connections
Ann Downey	Facilitator, Camp Connections
Jaime Goodman	Lead Facilitator, Camp Connections
Jewel Grady	Camp Coordinator, Camp Connections
Deb Harper	Camp Coordinator, Smash Camp
Harl Hillman	Camp Coordinator, Camp Discovery
Ashley Jennings	Lead Facilitator, Camp Connections
Leslie Johnson	Lead Facilitator, Camp Connections
Deb Kwasney	Operational Coordinator, Camp Connections
Lyndsay Lemanczyk	Facilitator, Camp Connections
Tiara Mackins	Facilitator, Camp Connections
Jamie Mansfield	Facilitator, Camp Discovery
Kamie Meador	Lead Facilitator, Smash Camp Senior
Tessa Meinders	Facilitator, Camp Connections
Ryan Morgan	Facilitator, Camp Discovery
Tisha Neeley	Facilitator, Smash Camp Senior
Keturah Owens	Facilitator, Camp Connections

Paula Patterson	Facilitator, Camp Discovery
Melissa Prasun	Facilitator, Camp Connections
Deborah Rapson	Facilitator, Camp Connections
Tara Russell	Facilitator, Smash Camp Junior
Julie Turner	Lead Facilitator, Camp Discovery
Terry Wolpert	Wellness, Camp Discovery
Judith Wood	Facilitator, Camp Connections
Leslie Woolsey	Facilitator, Camp Connections

TRANSFERS

TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT OF RETIRED TEACHERS (not to constitute continuous contractual employment)

Name	Position	Effective Date
Debra Aubert	From Social Emotional Development, SEAP to Social Emotional Development, Muffley	January 8, 2018

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Anthony Mansur	From Admin Intern, Durfee Technology Magnet to Assessment Administrator, PDI	February 26, 2018

OFFICE PERSONNEL:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Debbie McInerney	From Secretary to the Elementary Principal, Parsons to Data Analyst Secretary, Research	March 5, 2018

RESIGNATIONS

TEACHING ASSISTANT:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Kimberly Livingood	Special Education Teaching Assistant, MacArthur	February 23, 2018

OFFICE PERSONNEL:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Jill Bone	Part time Elementary Secretary, French Academy	February 28, 2018

SCHEDULE B:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Justin Brooks	Middle School Boys Track & Field Coach, Dennis	February 16, 2018
Jenna Eaker	Assistant Girls Soccer Coach, Eisenhower	February 21, 2018

RETIREMENTS

TEACHING ASSISTANT:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Dena Bruce	KDG/1 Instructional Teaching Assistant, Franklin	End of the 2017-2018 School Year

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

TEACHER:

Name	Leave	Effective Date
Mindy Parks	General Leave	For the 2018-2019 School Year

TEACHING ASSISTANT:

Name	Leave	Effective Date
Brandon Rosensteel	General Leave	For the 2018-2019 School Year

RETURN FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE

TEACHERS:

Name	Leave	Effective Date
William Pitts	General Leave	For the 2018-2019 School Year



Board of Education Decatur Public School District #61

Date: February 27, 2018	Subject: Montessori Training Update
Initiated By: Bobbi Williams, Assistant Superintendent	Attachments:
Reviewed By: Dr. Paul Fregeau Superintendent, Josh Peters and Charlotte Thompson, Directors of Curriculum and Instruction	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Garfield and Enterprise Schools must train teachers in the methods of Montessori. During the last five years, 19 staff members have been trained. The approximate amount spent on training from 2012-2017 is \$204,857.

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS:

A committee has been researching the feasibility of the Decatur School District becoming a Montessori Accredited Training Site in order to become self-sustaining and more cost effective.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The costs of training teachers in Montessori Methodology is expensive and requires on-going training. The average yearly cost of training over the last five years have been approximately \$40,000 a year.


STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration respectfully requests that the Board of Education accept this informational report as presented.


RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- Approval
- Information
- Discussion

BOARD ACTION: _____



How Can Decatur School District #61 Become a Montessori Accredited Training Center?



Requirements to Become a Successful Montessori Training Center

- Montessori Trainers Must be Certified
- Establish Niche; Student Curriculum Must Be Written
- Create a New Curriculum for each level (4)
- This is the Staff Curriculum for the Training Courses
- Staff Trained on the Curriculum and Fully Implemented with Fidelity
- Accreditation a Requirement through a Montessori Organization
 - Submit application and pay fees
 - Submit a self study (5-6 sections)
 - Staff analysis
 - On-Site visit
 - Case analysis and board of directors review



Approximate Timeline for Accreditation

- An aggressive timeline would be a 3 year process.
 - 1 year for curriculum development
 - 1 year for curriculum implementation and refinement
 - 1 year for accreditation



Summary and Recommendations

- **Ensure all of our Montessori students have the same access to resources.**
 - Combine the two programs on the Taylor Road campus
 - Provide a Montessori learning environment for all DPS children ensure an adequate number of spots are available.
- **Develop comprehensive Ag based Montessori curriculum**
 - Utilizing various Ag Ed components that will be housed on the Taylor Road site as part of the Andreas Ag Academy and HS FFA programs.

Questions

