



DECATUR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #61  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AGENDA

Regular Meeting  
Keil Administration Building  
101 W. Cerro Gordo Street  
Decatur, IL 62523

May 23, 2023  
4:00 PM Open Session  
Closed Session Immediately Following  
6:30 PM Open Session Reconvened

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

***Strategic Plan Mission:***

*The mission of Decatur Public Schools, the destination district of our community, is to unlock students' unique and limitless potential to achieve their personal aspirations as fully prepared, contributing citizens in a global society through learning experiences distinguished by:*

- *commitment to the whole person resulting in student growth and confidence*
- *relevant, innovative, personalized academic pathways that promote passion and pride*
- *a learning environment that fosters curiosity and the thirst for achievement and discovery*
- *a culture of diversity, adaptability, and resilience*
- *meaningful and lasting relationships*
- *extraordinary school and community connections*

**The Board of Education Parameters that Guide Our Work:**

- We will make decisions in the best interest of all students.
- We will treat all people with dignity and respect.
- We will seek input and collaboration throughout our diverse community.
- We will practice responsible stewardship of all our resources.

**AI 1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

**CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board of Education will meet in Closed Executive Session to conduct employee discipline hearings and to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body and discussion of collective negotiating matters between the Board and representatives of its employees.

Roll Call

**IO 2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**AI 3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA MAY 23, 2023**

**IO 4.0 DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS**

- Hope Academy's Published Authors
- Montessori Academy for Peace

**IO 5.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- Identify oneself and be brief.
- Comments should be limited to 3 minutes.
- Any public comments submitted to the Board Secretary will be included in the record.

**DI 6.0 STUDENT AMBASSADORS' REPORT**

**BOARD DISCUSSION**

**AI 7.0 CONSENT ITEMS**

- A. Minutes: Open/Closed Meetings May 09, 2023
- B. Financial Conditions Report
- C. Treasurer's Report
- D. Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) 2023-2024 Membership Dues

**AI 8.0 ROLL CALL ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Possible Suspension Without Pay or other Disciplinary Action of a Custodial Employee
- B. Possible Suspension Without Pay or other Disciplinary Action of a Teaching Assistant
- C. Possible Discipline and/or Dismissal of a Schedule B Employee
- D. Possible Discipline and/or Dismissal of a Schedule B Employee
- E. Rescind the Vote for an Assistant Principal Transfer from Hope Academy to Montessori Academy for Peace
- F. Transfer of an Assistant Principal from Hope Academy to Montessori Academy for Peace
- G. Personnel Action Items
- H. Professional Development – Achieving Excellence in Leadership Conference for School Leaders
- I. Professional Development – National Institute for Urban School Leadership Conference for School Leaders
- J. Renaissance Fastbridge Subscription One (1) Year Renewal
- K. St. Mary's Hospital Athletic Trainer Services Agreement – Second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Amendment
- L. Resolution: Heartland Vocational Region Intergovernmental Agreement

**IO 9.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Board of Education and Administration sends condolences to the family of:

Kay Green, who passed away Sunday, May 14, 2023. Mrs. Green was a retired Elementary Teacher from Decatur Public Schools.

**IO 10.0 IMPORTANT DATES**

**May** 29 Memorial Day Holiday

– District Offices are Closed

**30 Last Day of School Attendance for PreK – 12**

**June** 06 Special Closed Executive Session Meeting

05 – 29 Summer School Programs for PreK through 12<sup>th</sup> Grades

– Monday through Thursday, 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

**Please note: For any and all questions regarding the Summer School Programs, please contact the Director of P12 Teaching and Learning Office, Dr. Larry Gray, at 217 362-3041 and/or via email at [ldgray@dps61.org](mailto:ldgray@dps61.org).**

**NEXT MEETING**

The public portion of the next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be at 6:30 PM, Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at the Keil Administration Building.

**AI 11.0 ADJOURNMENT**



Mary Anderson- Principal 1st Semester  
Nathaniel Tallent- Interim Principal 2nd Semester  
Pamela Helm- Assistant Principal



**Mission: Montessori Academy for Peace, a Decatur public school, that is committed to providing a strong academic program that meets the needs of the whole child by offering a curriculum based on the principles and practices of Dr. Maria Montessori.**



**Vision: As a public Montessori school, our purpose is to educate and develop the whole child within a peaceful environment that encourages independence and student ownership of individualized learning.**



# Data

684 Students

## Summative Designation Commendable School

A school that has no underperforming student groups, a graduation rate greater than 67%, and whose performance is not in the top 10% of schools statewide.

### Points scored

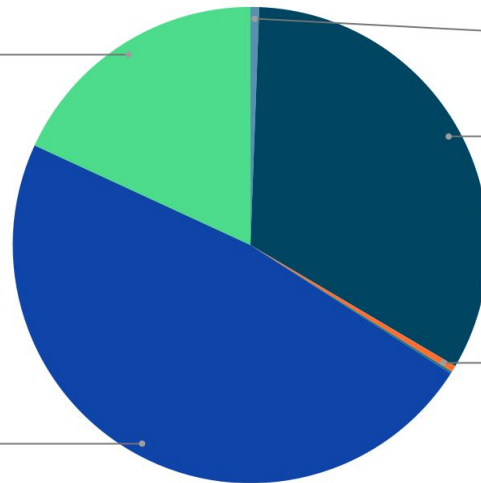
Two or More Races  
18.1%

White  
47.8%

Asian  
0.6%

Black  
32.9%

Hispanic  
0.4%



### # Infractions by Offense/Referral

Offense/Referral

● Offense ● Referral



# Community Partners

**HEARTLAND  
TECHNICAL  
ACADEMY**



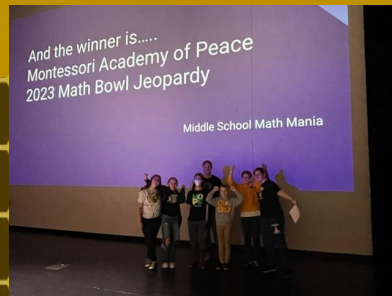
- Girl Scouts
- Lampstand Church Partner
- 4H and U of I Extension
- Rotary Club
- Richland Community College
- Milikin University
- Heartland Technical Academy
- Shelton Academics
- Owen Raleigh & Cassie Shaffer- Super Scream Bro's
- Northeast Community Fund- Cereal Drive
- Growing Strong
- Boy Scouts- Recently reached out to grow a partnership
- Think it on a Shirt
- DPS Foundation
- READiculous





# Incredible Student Accomplishments

- 8th grade Boys Basketball went to State
- 7th grade Girls Basketball Regional Champs
- 7th grade Girls Volleyball Regional Champs
- Math Bowl Champions
- Student go to Regional Spelling Bee
- High School Musical- 2 sold out shows
- Student went to state for Track
- MS Orchestra 1st place in Missouri Competition
- MS students taking High School math
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## School Events

- Book Fair
- Crafts and Cocoa
- Gourd Gala
- Orchestra, Band, & Choir Concerts
- Sports, academic competitions
- Musical
- Various fundraisers and drives
- Upcoming- Zoo Night- Tomorrow, May 24th



# Students





# Staff





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

DATE/TIME: May 09, 2023

4:30 PM

LOCATION: Keil Administration Building  
101 W. Cerro Gordo Street  
Decatur, IL 62523

PRESENT: Bill Clevenger, President  
Alana Banks  
Al Scheider

Jason Dion, Vice President  
Kevin Collins-Brown

ABSENT: Mark Reynolds and Will Wetzel

STAFF: Superintendent Dr. Rochelle Clark, Board Secretary Melissa Bradford, Attorney Brian Braun and others

President Clevenger called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Call for Closed Executive Session</b>	President Clevenger called the meeting to order and moved into Closed Executive Session to conduct a student discipline hearing, discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, pending litigation, and discussion of collective negotiating matters between the Board and representatives of its employees, seconded by Vice President Dion.	Board moved to Closed Executive Session at 4:30 PM.
	President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Dion, Scheider, Banks, Collins-Brown, Clevenger Nay: None Absent: Wetzel and Reynolds Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Absent	
	For the record, Board Member Jason Dion left Closed Executive Session at 5:56 PM.	
<b>Returned to Open Session</b>	President Clevenger moved to return to Open Session, seconded by Ms. Banks. All were in favor.	Open Session at 6:10 PM.
<b>Open Session Continued</b>	President Clevenger noted that the Board of Education had been in Closed Executive Session to conduct a student discipline hearing and discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, pending litigation, and discussion of collective negotiating matters between the Board and representatives of its employees. <u>No action was taken during Closed Executive Session.</u>	Information only.
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>	President Clevenger led the Pledge of Allegiance.	
<b>Approval of Agenda,</b>	Superintendent Clark recommended the Board of Education approve the May 09, 2023 Open Session Board Meeting Agenda as presented.	Agenda was Approved as

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
May 09, 2023	Dr. Collins-Brown moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Ms. Banks. All were in favor.	presented.
<b>District Highlights</b>	<p>Maria Robertson, Director of Community Engagement, introduced and/or acknowledged the following District highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● IPA Student Leadership Awards               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Two students from Decatur Public Schools received the Award of Excellence in Student Leadership at the IPA Student Recognition breakfast in Springfield:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 8<sup>th</sup> Grader Isabella Springer – Johns Hill Magnet School                       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Isabella was nominated by Assistant Principal Michelle Bonebrake.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Junior Azharien Perry – Eisenhower High School                       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● AZ was nominated by Assistant Superintendent of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Jeff Dase.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● Stephen Decatur Middle School               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Interim Principal Jared Lamb presented information regarding several events at SDMS as follows:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Adopt a School Program – met great people and look forward to working with some of the groups next school year.</li> <li>▪ Highlighted 6<sup>th</sup> graders – they toured the school and visited some classrooms.</li> <li>▪ The new outside track and renovations in the building.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Mr. Lamb invited the Board Members to visit SDMS.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Hope Academy               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dr. Collins-Brown noted that the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class wrote a book that was published. The students were very excited and he was very proud of the school and students. He asked the Board Members to visit Hope Academy and to also read the book.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Information only.
<b>Public Participation</b>	<p>President Clevenger noted that during Public Participation, the Board of Education asked for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Identify oneself and be brief.</li> <li>● Comments should be limited to 3 minutes.</li> <li>● Any public comments submitted to the Board Secretary will be included in the record.</li> </ul> <p>For our listening audience, please note that during any Board of Education meeting and public participation, Board Members do NOT respond and/or comment to public comments; ALL COMMENTS ARE REFERRED TO ADMINISTRATION. Furthermore, the Board refrains from referring to specific students or staff members by name, and requests that public commenters refrain from doing so as well. The request that you omit names was made to protect you from allegations of libel or slander or from violations of the Illinois School Student Records Act. It was not intended to shield an employee from criticism.</p>	Information only.

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<b>Public Participation Continued</b>	The Board Secretary noted that a public comment from Sarah VanKirkley would be entered into the record with the May 09, 2023 Open Session minutes.	Information only.
	Elizabeth Osborne, Teacher at Hope Academy, spoke to the Board regarding their support for Benjamin West. She asked him to remain at Hope. He was an excellent fit for any school and goes above and beyond for students and staff. Mr. West gives freely and takes the time to talk eye to eye to the students. She asked the Board to table the vote for Mr. West. She also presented two letters from others.	
	Ms. Bradford noted that the two letters would be entered into the record with the May 09, 2023 Open Session minutes.	
	Bailey Salyards, Teacher at Hope Academy, spoke to the Board regarding their support for Benjamin West (attached). Mr. West formed meaningful and lasting relationships with students and staff at Hope. Many positions, at Hope Academy, were filled by long-term substitutes and/or vacant. It was crucial for staff to remain at Hope Academy to build relationships and provide consistency with expectations. Mr. West has built those relationships with students. Mr. West was an advocate for retaining staff in order to improve the behavior and academics of students with a sense of consistency. Mr. West encourages and celebrates staff and goes above and beyond for others. Ms. Bailey asked the Board to reconsider the transfer of Mr. West.	
	Ms. Bradford was handed another letter that would be entered into the record with the May 09, 2023 Open Session minutes.	
	Michelle Mitchell, President of Decatur Federation of Teaching Assistants (DFTA), spoke to the Board regarding people at the table during negotiations. They need someone there who could make a difference and make decision, when needed. They have had five meetings at two hours each. She asked for the Board to be ready to bargain so that DFTA and the District could move forward. They were asking for simple things and will not suffer in silence.	
<b>Student Ambassadors Board Discussion</b>	No report.	Information only.
	Ms. Banks thanked the Teaching and Learning Department for the nice mugs the Board Members received.	Information only.
	Mr. Scheider asked about recruitment and retention. There was progress in the last year with recruitment, but he was concerned with the retention. He handed out a document to the Board Members with the following:	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On a scale of 1 (worst) to 10 (best), rate the performance of the DPS 61 Board of Education.</li> <li>Do you wish to see any changes in our policies regarding use of electronic devices in your classroom?</li> <li>Given that "curriculum" can be defined as one of the following, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the subject matter for a certain grade level</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	

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- b. the methods used to teach that subject matter
- c. the courses offered in a middle or high school
- d. the K-12 "connections" for each Core subject,
- e. please list below any comments/suggestions that you have regarding which particular above definition you are referencing.

President Clevenger asked for this to be referred to Superintendent Clark and her staff to review and discuss and asked them for their recommendations and thoughts.

<b>Consent Items</b>	<p>Mr. Scheider asked to discuss and vote separately on Consent Item G. Learning Partner Contract with 95 Percent Group LLC and Parsons Elementary School.</p> <p>Superintendent Clark recommended the Board of Education approve the Consent Items as presented, which included:</p>	<p>Motion Carried.</p> <p>Consent Items were approved as presented.</p>
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- A. Minutes: Open/Closed Meetings April 25, 2023 and Special Open Session Meetings May 02, 2023
- B. Freedom of Information Report
- C. Bills
- D. Acceptance of the Grant from the Community Foundation of Macon County for Franklin Grove Elementary
- E. Resolution Authorizing Recycling of Technology Equipment
- F. Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Technology Equipment
- G. Learning Partner Contract with 95 Percent Group LLC and Parsons Elementary School – **Voted on Separately (see below)**

Ms. Banks moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Scheider.

Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Clevenger, Collins-Brown, Scheider, Banks

Nay: None

Absent: Dion, Reynolds, Wetzel

Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 3 Absent

<b>Consent Item G.</b>	<p>Superintendent Clark recommended the Board of Education approve Consent Item G. Learning Partner Contract with 95 Percent Group LLC and Parsons Elementary School as presented.</p> <p>Ms. Banks moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Dr. Collins-Brown.</p> <p>Mr. Scheider asked for more information regarding this item. Mary Ann Schloz, Assistant Director of Finances, Grants and Special Projects, noted that this item was through Title I and grant funded. It would help frame the reading block component and provide supports. This item was for Parsons Elementary at this time.</p>	<p>Motion Carried.</p> <p>Consent Items were approved as presented.</p>
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	Superintendent Clark noted that each school was working with people to help with their particular student population and needs. If other schools wanted to participate, they could if they chose to do so.	
	Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Clevenger, Collins-Brown, Scheider, Banks Nay: None Absent: Dion, Reynolds, Wetzel Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 3 Absent	
<b>Potential Student 2223-0022 Expulsion</b>	Superintendent Clark recommended the Board of Education authorize the issuance of a decision in the expulsion case for Student #2223-0022 consistent with the findings from the Hearing Officer's Report, and that Student #2223-0022 be expelled from the Decatur Public School District, all events, property and activities of the District for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year and all of the 2023-2024 school year through April 18, 2025 (2024-2025 school year), with a stay for independent study until a placement could be made with an alternative setting; Student #2223-0022 return date to District 61 would be April 21, 2025.  Ms. Banks moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Scheider. Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Clevenger, Banks, Scheider Nay: Collins-Brown (voted no because the student made progress with grades and attendance) Absent: Wetzel, Reynolds, Dion Roll Call Vote: 3 Aye, 1 Nay, 3 Absent	Motion carried. Student 2223-0022 was expelled for the remainder of 22-23 SY, all of the 23-24 SY through April 18 <sup>th</sup> of the 24-25 SY as presented.
<b>Personnel Action Items</b>	Superintendent Clark recommended the Board of Education approve the Personnel Action Items listed in the Memo from Jason Fox, Director of Human Resources and the Human Resources Department as presented.  Dr. Collins-Brown moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Ms. Banks. Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Scheider, Banks, Collins-Brown, Clevenger Nay: None Absent: Reynolds, Dion, Wetzel Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 3 Absent	Motion carried. Personnel Action Items were approved as presented.
<b>Employment of a Principal at Baum Elementary</b>	Superintendent Clark recommended the Board of Education approve the Employment of Sergio Reyna as the Principal at Baum Elementary School, as presented.  Ms. Banks moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Scheider.  Dr. Collins-Brown noted that he was getting personal phone calls, emails and text messages that some of these people did not want to move.	Motion carried. Sergio Reyna, Principal at Baum, was approved as presented.

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He asked to make a motion to table C through K because he would like to hear from these candidates to make sure he and/or she wanted to move. Superintendent Clark replied that there had been conversations with each individual and some personnel she could not discuss in Open Session. She also noted that the one individual in question said yes.

Dr. Collins-Brown noted that he said no and in good faith he would like to hear from people regarding their move. Superintendent Clark noted that she previously discussed three people with the Board Members and the three people had no choice regarding the move.

Ms. Bradford, Board Secretary, asked President Clevenger if they could take a five-minute break. President Clevenger replied yes, but he noted that the Board of Education and the Superintendent have responsibilities. Staffing the facilities was a responsibility of the Superintendent not the Board of Education as administration has the expertise.

Dr. Collins-Brown noted that others came to him directly asking him to say no to a move as we may lose staff and it was justified for him to ask questions.

President Clevenger noted that we need to support the Superintendent's leadership. Dr. Collins-Brown replied that he did not say anything about not supporting the Superintendent and he would like to hear from each candidate and/or table the items.

The Board of Education took a break/recess.

The Board of Education resumed the Open Session meeting.

Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Scheider, Clevenger, Collins-Brown, Banks

Nay: None

Absent: Wetzel, Dion, Reynolds

Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 3 Absent

**Employment of  
a Principal at  
Franklin-Grove  
Elementary**

Superintendent Clark recommended the Board of Education approve the Employment of Heather England as the Principal at Franklin-Grove Elementary School, as presented.

Dr. Collins-Brown moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Ms. Banks.

Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Banks, Clevenger, Scheider, Collins-Brown

Nay: None

Absent: Reynolds, Dion, Wetzel

Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 3 Absent

Motion carried.  
Heather  
England,  
Principal at FG,  
was approved  
as presented.

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<b>Employment of a Principal at Stephen Decatur Middle School</b>	<p>Superintendent Clark recommended the Board of Education approve the Employment of Jared Lamb as the Principal at Stephen Decatur Middle School, as presented.</p> <p>Ms. Banks moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Dr. Collins-Brown. Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote:  Aye: Collins-Brown, Scheider, Banks, Clevenger  Nay: None  Absent: Reynolds, Wetzel, Dion  Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 3 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. Jared Lamb, Principal at SDMS, was approved as presented.</p>
<b>Employment of an Assist. Principal at Dennis Lab (Mosaic)</b>	<p>Superintendent Clark recommended the Board of Education approve the Employment of Karissa Tucker as the Assistant Principal at Dennis Lab School (Mosaic), as presented.</p> <p>Mr. Scheider moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Ms. Banks. Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote:  Aye: Clevenger, Scheider, Collins-Brown, Banks  Nay: None  Absent: Wetzel, Dion, Reynolds  Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 3 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. Karissa Tucker, AP at Dennis Lab (Mosaic), was approved as presented.</p>
<b>Employment of an Assist. Principal at Eisenhower High School</b>	<p>Superintendent Clark recommended the Board of Education approve the Employment of Austin Jesse as the Assistant Principal at Eisenhower High School, as presented.</p> <p>Dr. Collins-Brown moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Ms. Banks. Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote:  Aye: Collins-Brown, Banks, Clevenger, Scheider  Nay: None  Absent: Dion, Reynolds, Wetzel  Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 3 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. Austin Jesse, AP at EHS, was approved as presented.</p>
<b>Employment of an Assist. Principal at Hope Academy</b>	<p>Superintendent Clark recommended the Board of Education approve the Employment of Brandon Jelks as the Assistant Principal at Hope Academy, as presented.</p> <p>Ms. Banks moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Dr. Collins-Brown. Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote:  Aye: Clevenger, Collins-Brown, Scheider, Banks  Nay: None  Absent: Wetzel, Dion, Reynolds  Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 3 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. Brandon Jelks, AP at Hope, was approved as presented.</p>



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<b>Employment of an Assist. Principal at Johns Hill Magnet School</b>	<p>Superintendent Clark recommended the Board of Education approve the Employment of Jason Pals as the Assistant Principal at Johns Hill Magnet School, as presented.</p> <p>Dr. Collins-Brown moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Ms. Banks. Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote:  Aye: Collins-Brown, Scheider, Clevenger, Banks  Nay: None  Absent: Reynolds, Wetzel, Dion  Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 3 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. Jason Pals, AP at Johns Hill, was approved as presented.</p>
<b>Employment of an Assist. Principal at Stephen Decatur Middle School</b>	<p>Superintendent Clark recommended the Board of Education approve the Employment of Matthew Grossman as the Assistant Principal at Stephen Decatur Middle School, as presented.</p> <p>Ms. Banks moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Dr. Collins-Brown. Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote:  Aye: Scheider, Banks, Collins-Brown, Clevenger  Nay: None  Absent: Reynolds, Dion, Wetzel  Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 3 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. Matthew Grossman, AP at SDMS, was approved as presented.</p>
<b>Employment of a .5 Assist. Principal at Baum &amp; .5 Assist. Principal at Muffley Elementary Schools</b>	<p>Superintendent Clark recommended the Board of Education approve the Employment of Maria Wiggins as the .5 Assistant Principal at Baum and .5 Assistant Principal at Muffley Elementary Schools, as presented.</p> <p>Ms. Banks moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Dr. Collins-Brown. Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote:  Aye: Banks, Collins-Brown, Scheider, Clevenger  Nay: None  Absent: Wetzel, Dion, Reynolds  Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 3 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. Maria Wiggins, .5 AP at Baum &amp; .5 AP at Muffey, was approved as presented.</p>
	<p>Superintendent Clark read the following statement:  For the listening audience, there is one personnel action item that will be placed on the May 23, 2023 Board agenda for further discussion.</p>	<p>Information only.</p>
<b>Agreement: Futures and Milligan Academy</b>	<p>Superintendent Clark recommended the Board of Education approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Futures Unlimited and Milligan Academy Programs between the Macon-Piatt Regional Office of Education 39 and Decatur Public School District 61, as presented.</p> <p>Mr. Scheider moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Ms. Banks. Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote:  Aye: Clevenger, Banks, Collins-Brown, Scheider  Nay: None</p>	<p>Motion carried. Futures &amp; Milligan Agreement was approved as presented.</p>

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	Absent: Dion, Reynolds, Wetzel Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 3 Absent	
<b>Skyward Software Service Annual Renewal</b>	<p>Superintendent Clark recommended the Board of Education approve the Skyward Software Service Annual Renewal, as presented.</p> <p>Dr. Collins-Brown moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Ms. Banks.</p> <p>Mr. Scheider noted that he was going to support the recommendation, but had concerns with Skyward as other staff had concerns as well.</p> <p>Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Scheider, Clevenger, Banks Nay: Collins-Brown Absent: Dion, Wetzel, Reynolds Roll Call Vote: 3 Aye, 1 Nay, 3 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried.</p> <p>Skyward Annual Renewal was approved as presented.</p>
<b>PD-Achieving Excellence in Leadership Conf for School Leaders</b>	<p>Superintendent Clark recommended the Board of Education approve the Professional Development – Achieving Excellence in Leadership Conference for School Leaders, as presented.</p> <p>Ms. Banks moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Scheider.</p> <p>Mr. Scheider asked for explanations of each conference. Mary Brady, Director of P12 shared information regarding the two conferences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AEL – This conference is through Harvard and would share information regarding additional leadership skills that would help improve instruction for teachers and increase student growth.</li> <li>• ULS – This conference is through Harvard and show how leadership looks different in an urban school setting.</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Larry Gray noted that the conferences would help increase confidence and leadership skills.</p> <p>Mr. Scheider was in support of what was needed, but asked for the total cost before they vote.</p>	<p>Motion was <b>NOT</b> carried to TABLE.</p>
<b>PD-Achieving Excellence in Leadership Conf for School Leaders &amp; National Institute for Urban School Leadership</b>	<p>Mr. Scheider moved to table, seconded by Dr. Collins-Brown.</p> <p>Superintendent Clark noted that she shared this information with the Board Members previously and this was not a cost to the District.</p> <p>Dr. Collins-Brown noted that he had concerns too.</p> <p>Ms. Bradford clarified that there was a motion and a second on the floor to table this item. Mr. Scheider noted that he motioned to table both items N. Professional Development – Achieving Excellence in Leadership Conference for School Leaders and O. Professional Development – National Institute for Urban School Leadership</p>	<p>Motion did <b>NOT</b> carry to TABLE Items N. and O.</p>

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<b>Conference for School Leaders</b>	Conference for School Leaders. Attorney Braun noted that there could be one vote to table both items N. and O.  Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Scheider, Collins-Brown Nay: Banks, Clevenger Absent: Wetzol, Reynolds, Dion Roll Call Vote: 2 Aye, 2 Nay, 3 Absent  <b>MOTION DID NOT CARRY TO TABLE ITEMS N. AND O.</b>  Attorney Braun noted that the Board Members need to vote on each item N. and O. separately.	
<b>PD-Achieving Excellence in Leadership Conf for School Leaders</b>	Superintendent Clark recommended the Board of Education approve the Professional Development – Achieving Excellence in Leadership Conference for School Leaders, as presented.  Ms. Banks moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by President Clevenger. Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Clevenger, Banks, Nay: Scheider (wants more information) Abstain: Collins-Brown (wants more information) Absent: Wetzol, Reynolds, Dion Roll Call Vote: 2 Aye, 1 Nay, 1 Abstain, 3 Absent  <b>MOTION DID NOT CARRY</b>	Motion did <b>NOT</b> carry.
<b>PD-National Institute for Urban School Leadership Conference for School Leaders</b>	Superintendent Clark recommended the Board of Education approve the Professional Development – National Institute for Urban School Leadership Conference for School Leaders, as presented.  Ms. Banks moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by President Clevenger. Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Banks, Clevenger Nay: Scheider (wants more information) Abstain: Collins-Brown (wants more information) Absent: Wetzol, Reynolds, Dion Roll Call Vote: 2 Aye, 1 Nay, 1 Abstain, 3 Absent  <b>MOTION DID NOT CARRY</b>	Motion did <b>NOT</b> carry.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Important Dates</b>	<b>IMPORTANT DATES</b> <b>May</b> 12 2023 DPS Retirement Celebration – The Decatur Club, Doors Open at 5:30 PM, Program Starts at 6:00 PM 20 <b>MHS</b> Class of 2023 Graduation Ceremony – 11:00 AM, <b>MHS</b> Gymnasium 20 <b>EHS</b> Class of 2023 Graduation Ceremony – 2:00 PM, <b>EHS</b> Field (weather permitting) – If needed, the ceremony will move into the <b>EHS</b> Gymnasium 29 Memorial Day Holiday – <b>NO School for Students and District Offices are Closed</b> <b>30 Last Day of School Attendance for PreK – 12</b>	Information only.
	<b>NEXT MEETING</b> The public portion of the next <u>regular</u> meeting of the Board of Education will be at 6:30 PM, Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at the Keil Administration Building.	
<b>Adjournment</b>	President Clevenger asked for a motioned to adjourn. Dr. Collins-Brown motioned, seconded by Mr. Scheider. All were in favor.	Board adjourned at 7:46 PM.

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 Bill Clevenger, President

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 Melissa Bradford, Board Secretary

May 9, 2023

# DPS 61 SCHOOL BOARD


101 W. CERRO GORDO/ DECATUR, IL 62523

Last week, Mrs. Burks announced the board's decision to transfer Mr. West to another school and out of Hope. I am very dismayed at this decision! Hope needs Mr. West. The students in our school see constant change. Without consistency, behaviors will continue to be unruly. Mr. West has created and shown genuine care for the community and school where he is serving. The relationships he has built will improve referral numbers. Please do not transfer him!

I understand that the district has openings; however, the needs of Hope seem to far outweigh those of other schools. We have higher student/staff ratio's due to subs and teachers leaving. The openings at Hope always exceed those of other schools.

Mr. West is doing a great job at Hope. Why fix what isn't broken? On the contrary, he is a caring compassionate leader and needs to stay here at Hope!

SINCERELY,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shara Schutter', written over a horizontal line.

SHARA SCHUTTER

**Subject:** Hope Academy AP placement

**Date:** Monday, May 1, 2023 at 7:50:27 PM Central Daylight Time

**From:** Alexandria Pomorin

**To:** Rochelle Clark, Jason Fox

Good evening. I am writing in regard to our Hope Academy Assistant Principal's, Ben West, placement for the next 2023-2024 school year. Keeping him at Hope Academy, where he is needed, would be the best decision. We have a high turnover rate, and keeping team members who want to be here is vital to our success. Ben loves Hope Academy. He is working to make the changes we have talked about during my three years at Hope. Hope has a certain reputation that makes it difficult to find staff. With Ben we have someone who legitimately wants to stay and make a difference.

Furthermore, we have a strong team, who work well together, and are making strides in the right direction with our staff and students. Moving a key member would cause us to take a step backward. Our staff and students need stability. Our K-3 has had tremendous improvements this year and I attribute much of that to the leadership of Ben West.

I love Hope Academy and I love my students. Even I, however, have considered changing districts due to the instability and lack of support. Having a supportive admin, like Ben, who wants to stay but may be forced to move, makes it even more frustrating. Especially when things seem to be heading in the right direction.

Please consider letting Ben West stay with us at Hope Academy. He is dedicated to Hope, he wants to be here, and he makes a huge impact on our staff and students!

Alexandria Pomorin

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher

Hope Academy



May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Dear School Board Members and Superintendent:

Mr. Benjamin West has been a huge asset to Hope Academy this year, and I know I can speak for the majority of our staff when I say the news of his transfer was heartbreaking. Mr. West has formed meaningful and lasting relationships with so many students and staff this school year, and I can't imagine being at Hope without him.

Hope Academy has a 54.5% teacher retention rate, which is very low in comparison to other schools in the district and outside of it (Illinois Report Card). Many of our positions are filled with long-term substitutes or left completely vacant. This results in a lack of consistency in structure, routine, and discipline throughout the school. Our students are quite familiar with teachers leaving in the middle of the year and even more familiar with teachers not returning the following school year.

With as many referrals and behavior concerns as our school has, it's crucial for teachers, administrators, and other staff members to remain at Hope for years to come in order to build relationships with students and provide consistency in expectations. Mr. West has already built so many relationships with students from kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and my own 3<sup>rd</sup> graders have made it clear how much they love him. The last thing they need is for an assistant principal who they love and respect to be gone the following school year, especially when Mr. West himself is passionate about staying. I know my students would be crushed to find out Mr. West won't be returning to Hope Academy.

Mr. West himself has been an advocate for retaining as many strong teachers as possible in order to improve the behavior and academics of our school. He's told me personally that what Hope needs is teachers and staff who are committed to staying for the students and giving the school some sense of consistency. He is someone who would be in it for the long haul to really see our school at its best and give teachers the support we need to do the same.

As a first-year teacher, this school year has been very overwhelming, but Mr. West is one of the reasons I decided to stay at Hope. He's encouraged me on the bad days and celebrated my good days with me. He's already discussed changes he's made to scheduling and communication for the 2023-2024 school year that made me feel more reassured about teaching at Hope. In only one school year, he's taken on so much to try to make our school a better place.

I have never seen an administrator go above and beyond like Mr. West has. From mopping the cafeteria floors to planning field trips to serving green eggs and ham in a *Cat in the Hat* suit, he is truly open to doing anything that he believes is beneficial to our students. He understands our students because he takes the time to listen to them and empathize with them, even though he has so many things he could be doing instead. He stays for hours after school to complete work and meet with teachers or students because he clearly has a passion for working here.

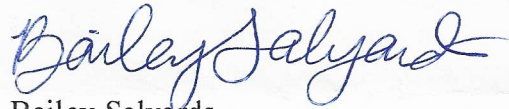
I've always felt comfortable going to Mr. West with any concerns, questions, or even simple celebrations. Almost any colleague I've spoken about this with has said they feel the same way.



This is the kind of admin support that is absolutely necessary to keep teachers at Hope, especially during a time when there's so much turnover.

Please reconsider transferring Mr. West out of Hope Academy because we truly need him here, and we would not be the same without him. We need more people like him at Hope, and it's unfair to our students, staff, and admin for him to be removed from our school. I can guarantee our students are looking forward to seeing his smiling face again next school year.

Sincerely,



Bailey Salyards  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher, Hope Academy

**From:** Sarah VanKirkley <svanr01s@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023 3:06 PM

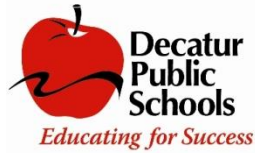
**To:** Melissa Bradford <MBradford@dps61.org>

**Subject:** Comments for Board Meeting - Sarah VanKirkley on No Playground at Garfield

The Alternative Education Program is a temporary placement. Therefore, there is no Parent-Teacher Organization with the resources to raise funds; there is also no budget for this program. While new playground equipment was installed at schools with existing playgrounds, there seem to be no plans for any playground at Garfield, not even to repurpose equipment from other schools. The only work planned for Garfield was the installation of a secured vestibule. While both Muffley and South Shores had more playground equipment installed, Garfield still does not have a secured entry, and of course no playground. Garfield's building has a vibrant entryway from when it was a magnet school, but they mismatch the now empty school yard where a playground once sat.

Garfield's resolute faculty and staff rely on card or board games in the classroom and a whole lot of creativity, as some hope for gym access during recess or request extra PE time trying to squeeze recess into an already chaotic day full of behavior challenges. This should not be part of already underpaid yet often overqualified faculties' battles. Can we research the feasibility of repurposing playground equipment from the schools that received new equipment?

Now the story being told is that there is a playground for Garfield, but it just hasn't been installed yet. Why? Installing a playground would not disrupt school operations at this building? Providing K-8 students at every other school in the district campus playgrounds and/or adjacent park playgrounds, while denying access to any playground equipment for students sent to an alternative education setting is discriminatory and unacceptable.



## Board of Education Decatur Public School District 61

<b>Date:</b> May 23, 2023	<b>Subject:</b> Monthly Financial Conditions Report
<b>Initiated By:</b> Dr. Mike Curry, Chief Operational Officer	<b>Attachments:</b> Financial Conditions Report
<b>Reviewed By:</b> Dr. Rochelle Clark, 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 April, the tenth month of FY23, the Macon-Piatt Special Education District has expended 64.62% of its overall budget; Decatur 61 has expended 60.32% of its overall budget.

As of May 17, 2023 the State Comptroller is holding FY23 ISBE vouchers in the amount of \$2,731,257.92 of which \$2,686,387 is associated with Evidence-Based Funding.

The District's April 2023 month-end, Education Fund balance is \$41,756,603; the April 2022 month-end Education Fund balance was \$30,378,864.

### 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2022-2023 Decatur Public S.D. #61**  
**Fund Balance Summary - April 30, 2023**

<b><u>Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Fund Balance 07/01/22</u></b>	<b><u>Revenues To Date</u></b>	<b><u>Expenditures To Date</u></b>	<b><u>Net Cash Flow</u></b>	<b><u>Change in Fund Balance</u></b>	<b><u>Balance 04/30/23</u></b>	<b><u>Estimated Balance 06/30/23</u></b>
<b>DISTRICT # 61</b>							
<b>Education</b>	\$24,297,686	\$98,044,949	\$80,586,032	\$17,458,917	\$0	<b><i>\$41,756,603</i></b>	<b>\$ 25,270,369</b>
<b>Operation &amp; Maintenance</b>	\$1,726,331	\$6,245,772	\$6,682,885	(\$437,113)	\$0	<b><i>\$1,289,218</i></b>	<b>\$ 1,804,288</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>	\$9,828,518	\$7,659,653	\$5,621,519	\$2,038,134	\$0	<b><i>\$11,866,652</i></b>	<b>\$ 7,154,534</b>
<b>Transportation</b>	\$3,672,575	\$4,272,090	\$3,916,465	\$355,624	\$0	<b><i>\$4,028,199</i></b>	<b>\$ 1,945,821</b>
<b>IMRF</b>	\$135,342	\$3,592,455	\$2,783,889	\$808,566	\$0	<b><i>\$943,908</i></b>	<b>\$ (194,654)</b>
<b>Social Security/Medicare</b>	\$929,217	\$1,889,919	\$2,029,519	(\$139,600)	\$0	<b><i>\$789,617</i></b>	<b>\$ 552,240</b>
<b>Capital Projects Fund</b>	\$9,147,766	\$51,320	\$2,447,343	(\$2,396,023)	\$0	<b><i>\$6,751,743</i></b>	<b>\$ 8,483,227</b>
<b>Working Cash</b>	\$5,926,430	\$490,467	\$0	\$490,467	\$0	<b><i>\$6,416,897</i></b>	<b>\$ 6,286,330</b>
<b>Tort Immunity/Judgment</b>	\$5,093,239	\$3,148,237	\$2,483,370	\$664,867	(\$350,365)	<b><i>\$5,407,741</i></b>	<b>\$ 5,521,547</b>
<b>Fire Prevention/Safety</b>	\$5,752,167	\$447,619	\$3,475,125	(\$3,027,506)	\$0	<b><i>\$2,724,661</i></b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b><i>Totals District 61</i></b>	<b><i>\$66,509,271</i></b>	<b><i>\$125,842,480</i></b>	<b><i>\$110,026,147</i></b>	<b><i>\$15,816,334</i></b>	<b><i>(\$350,365)</i></b>	<b><i>\$81,975,239</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 56,823,702</i></b>
<b>Macon-Piatt Special Ed District</b>	<b>\$7,480,866</b>	<b>\$14,271,624</b>	<b>\$13,163,587</b>	<b>\$1,108,037</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b><i>\$8,588,903</i></b>	<b>\$ 6,156,512</b>

**Macon-Piatt Special Education District**  
**Report Date: April 2023**  
**Financial Condition as of April 30, 2023**

**Percent of year passed: 83%**

	<b>Revenues</b>	<b>Adopted Budget</b>	<b>Actual Y-T-D</b>	<b>Percent Received/Used</b>
12	Education	19,046,786	14,271,624	74.93%
22	Operation & Maintenance	-	-	0.00%
42	Transportation	-	-	0.00%
52	IMRF	-	-	0.00%
	<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>19,046,786</b>	<b>14,271,624</b>	<b>74.93%</b>

	<b>Expenditures</b>			
12	Education	18,545,439	12,047,380	64.96%
22	Operation & Maintenance	448,980	162,048	36.09%
42	Transportation	21,750	8,480	38.99%
52	IMRF	1,354,971	945,679	69.79%
	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>20,371,140</b>	<b>13,163,587</b>	<b>64.62%</b>

	<b>Net Cash</b>			
	Total Revenues	19,046,786	14,271,624	74.93%
	Total Expenditures	20,371,140	13,163,587	64.62%
	Net Cash	(1,324,354)	1,108,037	

	<b>Fund Balances</b>	<b>Actual</b>
12	Education	8,588,903

**Decatur Public School District #61**  
**Report Date: April 2023**  
**Financial Condition as of April 30, 2023**

**Percent of year passed: 83%**

	<b>Revenues</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual Y-T-D</b>	<b>Percent Received/Used</b>	<b>FY 22 Percent Received/Used As Of 4/30/22</b>
10	Education	141,006,354	98,044,949	69.53%	71.29%
20	Operation & Maintenance	7,946,441	6,245,772	78.60%	89.93%
30	Debt Service	5,363,921	7,659,653	142.80%	107.95%
40	Transportation	4,332,976	4,272,090	98.59%	105.40%
50	IMRF	2,615,500	3,592,455	137.35%	72.29%
51	Social Security	1,910,450	1,889,919	98.93%	99.63%
60	Capital Projects	5,700,000	51,320	0.90%	81.04%
70	Working Cash	359,900	490,467	136.28%	102.61%
80	Tort Immunity/Judgment	3,101,500	3,148,237	101.51%	104.39%
90	Fire Prevention/Safety	367,900	447,619	121.67%	102.25%
	<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>172,704,942</b>	<b>125,842,480</b>	<b>72.87%</b>	<b>75.75%</b>

**Expenditures**

10	Education	140,033,671	80,586,032	57.55%	58.18%
20	Operation & Maintenance	7,868,484	6,682,885	84.93%	86.26%
30	Debt Service	8,037,905	5,621,519	69.94%	65.31%
40	Transportation	6,059,730	3,916,465	64.63%	63.33%
50	IMRF	2,945,496	2,783,889	94.51%	89.15%
51	Social Security	2,287,427	2,029,519	88.72%	79.06%
60	Capital Projects	6,364,539	2,447,343	38.45%	86.44%
70	Working Cash	-	-	0.00%	0.00%

80	Tort Immunity/Judgment	2,673,192	2,483,370	92.90%	59.47%
90	Fire Prevention/Safety	6,120,067	3,475,125	56.78%	52.98%
	Total Expenditures	182,390,511	110,026,147	60.32%	61.88%

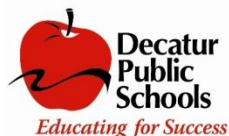
### Net Cash

Total Revenues	172,704,942	125,842,480	72.87%
Total Expenditures	182,390,511	110,026,147	60.32%
Net Cash	(9,685,569)	15,816,334	

### Fund Balances

	Actual
10 Education	41,756,603
20 Operation & Maintenance	1,289,218
30 Debt Service	11,866,652
40 Transportation	4,028,199
50 IMRF	943,908
51 Social Security	789,617
60 Capital Projects	6,751,743
70 Working Cash	6,416,897
80 Tort Immunity/Judgment	5,407,741
90 Fire Prevention/Safety	2,724,661
Total Funds	81,975,239





## Board of Education Decatur Public School District #61

<b>Date:</b> May 23, 2023	<b>Subject:</b> Treasurer's Report
<b>Initiated By:</b> Dr. Mike Curry, Chief Operational Officer	<b>Attachments:</b> Treasurer's Report
<b>Reviewed By:</b> Dr. Rochelle Clark, Superintendent	

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The attached report details the district's investments and the status of the district's cash as of March 31, 2023.

**CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS:**

N/A

**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

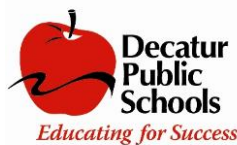
**BOARD ACTION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DECATUR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #61**  
**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**March 2023**

	Cash/Investments as of 02/28/23	Receipts	Disbursements	Change/Interest	Cash/Investments as of 03/31/23
Education	48,332,636.73	7,520,186.93	11,254,406.47	30.77	44,598,447.96
Operations & Maintenance	(259,962.99)	2,688,566.53	577,347.54	0.00	1,851,256.00
Debt Service	10,735,902.93	646,334.35	0.00	0.00	11,382,237.28
Transportation	3,805,309.55	0.00	105,288.68	0.00	3,700,020.87
IMRF	874,418.96	504,734.46	205,581.60	0.00	1,173,571.82
Social Security	1,125,893.91	2,793.36	162,833.32	0.00	965,853.95
Capital Projects	7,404,622.36	0.00	182,341.79	0.00	7,222,280.57
Working Cash	6,416,897.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,416,897.18
Tort/Judgment Immunity	5,762,197.82	996.09	191,265.75	0.00	5,571,928.16
Fire Prevention & Safety	3,326,006.52	0.00	601,345.86	0.00	2,724,660.66
Macon-Piatt Special Education	8,670,737.06	1,526,751.30	1,194,638.05	0.00	9,002,850.31
Activities	554,226.80	22,128.26	29,667.47	0.00	546,687.59
	96,748,886.83	12,912,491.28	14,504,716.53	0.00	95,156,692.35

Dr. Michael Curry

05/08/23



## Board of Education Decatur Public School District

<b>Date:</b> May 23, 2023	<b>Subject:</b> Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) 2023-2024 School Year Membership Dues
<b>Initiated By:</b> Melissa Bradford, Board Secretary	<b>Attachments:</b> IASB Invoice
<b>Reviewed By:</b> Dr. Rochelle Clark, Superintendent	

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Decatur Public Schools has been a member of the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) for many years. This membership provides many services for its members such as their website (including a news blog, videos, Facebook posts and Twitter feeds) print publications (including the Illinois School Board Journal), lobbying, consultations with staff and a reduced fee for service programs such as executive searches, policy services, in-district and regional workshops and the annual conference. IASB also provides many workshops and mandatory trainings for school boards and superintendent's secretaries.

In addition, IASB provides the Policy Reference Education Subscription Service, which is known as PRESS. This resource is used by school districts to help access current policies and procedures along with any additions and/or deletions that would affect your students and staff. It also provides the legal references and rationale that supports them. Our District is using this feature extensively in order to maintain updates to all of our Board of Education Policies and Procedures, which in turn, helps make sure our policy implementation is professional and legal.

### CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS:

A school district's dues increase only if its enrollment increases beyond its range or if the district's operating expenses goes up. IASB limits the dues increase by capping the increase each year. The Board is requested to renew its membership for the 2023-2024 in the amount of \$13,488.00.

### FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The membership dues are \$13,488.00 for 2023-2024 and are budgeted in the Board of Education Membership Dues line item.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration respectfully requests that the Board of Education approve continuation of its membership in the amount of \$13,488.00 with the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year as presented.

### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- ☒ Approval
- ☐ Information
- ☐ Discussion

**BOARD ACTION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Remit Payment To:**

Illinois Association of School Boards  
2921 Baker Drive  
Springfield, Illinois 62703-5929

**Total Due: \$13,488.00**

Amt Remitted : \_\_\_\_\_

**Bill To:**

Customer #: 550610

Invoice #: 378419

Decatur SD 61  
101 W Cerro Gordo St  
Decatur, IL 62523-1001

**Select Payment Method**☐ Check Enclosed      Check Number \_\_\_\_\_

If you wish to use another form of payment, please contact IASB at 217/528-9688, ext. 1145. Please note that due to processing fees, payment via credit card will incur an additional 3% transaction fee.

*PLEASE DETACH AND REMIT WITH YOUR PAYMENT*

Customer #: 550610

**BILL TO**

Decatur SD 61  
101 W Cerro Gordo St  
Decatur, IL 62523-1001

2921 Baker Drive  
Springfield, Illinois 62703-5929  
217/528-9688  
Fax: 217/528-2831  
FEIN: 31-1540788

Invoice #: 378419

Invoice Date: 5/1/2023

## Annual Dues

Current Year Dues	\$13,488.00
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Previous Year Dues	\$13,095.00
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**AMOUNT DUE: \$13,488.00**

*Please note: By accepting membership in the Illinois Assn. of School Boards  
you are consenting to the receipt of faxed and e-mailed solicitations.*

ACCOUNTS

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PAYABLE

## **Roll Call 7. E. Vote to Rescind from May 09, 2023 BOE Meeting**

**To: Board of Education**

**From: Jason E. Fox, Director of Human Resources**

**Date: May 4, 2023**

**Board Date: May 23, 2023**

**Re: Personnel Action**

### **EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION**

#### **TRANSFER**

**ADMINISTRATORS:**

Name	Position	Effective Date
Benjamin West	From Assistant Principal, Hope Academy to Assistant Principal, Montessori Academy	July 24, 2023

## Roll Call 7. F. Vote to Transfer

**To: Board of Education**  
**From: Jason E. Fox, Director of Human Resources**  
**Date: May 4, 2023**  
**Board Date: May 23, 2023**  
**Re: Personnel Action**

### **EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION**

#### **TRANSFER**

##### **ADMINISTRATORS:**

Name	Position	Effective Date
Benjamin West	From Assistant Principal, Hope Academy to Assistant Principal, Montessori Academy	July 24, 2023



## Board of Education Decatur Public School District #61

<b>Date:</b> May 23, 2023	<b>Subject:</b> Personnel Action
<b>Initiated By:</b> Jason E. Fox, Director of Human Resources, and the Human Resources Department	<b>Attachments:</b> 9 Pages of Personnel Action
<b>Reviewed By:</b> Dr. Rochelle Clark, 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**  
**From: Jason E. Fox, Director of Human Resources**  
**Date: May 19, 2023**  
**Board Date: May 23, 2023**  
**Re: Personnel Action**

**EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

**TEACHER:**

Name	Position	Effective Date
Ashley Knox	Cross Categorical, American Dreamer	August 10, 2023

**ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT:**

Name	Position	Effective Date
Cheyenne Patterson	Coordinator of Budgets & Accounting, Business Office	May 30, 2023

**TEACHING ASSISTANTS:**

Name	Position	Effective Date
Lisa Feriozzi	K/2 Assistant, Dennis Kaleidoscope, 6 hours per day	August 9, 2023
Gabrielle Fletcher	K/2 Assistant, South Shores, 6 hours per day	August 9, 2023
Elizabeth Herbord	Special Ed (SELA) Assistant, SELA, 6 hours per day	August 9, 2023
Justin Neufeld	K/2 Assistant, Dennis Kaleidoscope, 6 hours per day	August 9, 2023
Malaysia Phillips	K/2 Assistant, Dennis Mosaic, 6 hours per day	August 9, 2023
Tami Wildersman	Special Ed Assistant (SELA), SELA, 6 hours per day	August 9, 2023
Melody Wilkinson	K/2 Assistant, Johns Hill, 6 hours per day	August 9, 2023



**OUTREACH PERSONNEL:**

Name	Position	Effective Date
Ouniel Perez	TAEOP Caseworker, Stephen Decatur	August 10, 2023

**SUMMER SCHOOL 2023****ADMINISTRATORS:**

Name	Position	Effective Date
Allison Brinkoetter	Principal, Hope Academy	June 5, 2023
Matt Grossman	Principal, Hope Academy	June 5, 2023
Eric Newbon	Principal, Hope Academy	June 5, 2023

**SUMMER SCHOOL 2023****TEACHERS:**

Name	Position	Effective Date
Summer Boyd	Pre K-Grade 2, Hope Academy	June 5, 2023
Devan Ingram	Cross Categorical, Hope Academy	June 5, 2023
Ashley Petrie	Grades 3-6, Hope Academy	June 5, 2023
Dennis Robinson	Floater, Hope Academy	June 5, 2023

**SUMMER SCHOOL 2023****SECURITY PERSONNEL:**

Name	Position	Effective Date
Adam Banner	Security Officer, Eisenhower	June 5, 2023
Terise Bryson	Security Officer, MacArthur	June 5, 2023
Sheila Green	Security Officer, Eisenhower	June 5, 2023
Ameisha Johnson	Security Officer, MacArthur	June 5, 2023
Tyris Matthews	Security Officer, Hope Academy	June 5, 2023

**SUMMER SCHOOL 2023****OFFICE PERSONNEL:**

Name	Position	Effective Date
Amy Creath	Summer School Secretary, Hope Academy	June 5, 2023

**SUMMER SCHOOL 2023****TEACHING ASSISTANT:**

Name	Position	Effective Date
Shalyn Shull	Teaching Assistant, Hope Academy	June 5, 2023

**SCHEDULE B:**

Name	Position	Effective Date
Kim Vy Williams	Yearbook Advisor, MacArthur	August 10, 2022

**TRANSFERS****TEACHERS:**

Name	Position	Effective Date
Dalton Collins	From Grade 3, Johns Hill to Grade 5, Johns Hill	August 10, 2023
Amy Gillen	From School Social Worker, Dennis Mosaic to School Social Worker, MacArthur	August 10, 2023
David Harding	From Social Studies, Stephen Decatur to Middle School Social Studies, American Dreamer	August 10, 2023
Sarah Jones	From Math, Stephen Decatur to Middle School Math, American Dreamer	August 10, 2023
Nicole Long	From Language Arts, Stephen Decatur to Grade 6, American Dreamer	August 10, 2023
Laura Marino	From Grade 5, Johns Hill to Grade 3, Johns Hill	August 10, 2023
Barbara Scarlett	From Grades 4-6, Montessori Academy to Grade 4, Franklin Grove	August 10, 2023

## TEACHING ASSISTANTS:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Tami Fowler	From One on One Assistant, Johns Hill, 6 hours per day to K/2 Assistant, Johns Hill, 6 hours per day	August 9, 2023
Erin Hedges	From Special Ed Assistant, Parsons, 6 hours per day to K/2 Assistant, Parsons, 6 hours per day	August 9, 2023
Janet Loehr	From Library Media Assistant, Dennis Mosaic, 6 hour per day to Library Media Assistant, South Shores, 6 hours per day	August 9, 2023
Kaylee Rigsby	From Special Ed Assistant, Franklin Grove, 6 hours per day to K/2 Assistant, Franklin Grove, 6 hours per day	August 9, 2023

## OUTREACH PERSONNEL:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Laura Chapman	From Hourly School Nurse, Hope Academy to Hourly School Nurse, Hope Academy/SELA	August 10, 2023

## EXTENDED DAY:

Name	Position	Effective Date
DeAnte Smith	From Non Certified Staff, Franklin Grove to Non Certified Staff, American Dreamer	May 5, 2023

## CUSTODIAN:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Derrick Bradshaw	From 2nd Shift Custodian, Hope Academy to 2nd Shift Custodian, Baum/Montessori Academy	May 2, 2023

**CATEGORY CHANGE:**

Name	Position	Effective Date
Jennifer York	From Secretary to the Assistant Principal, Eisenhower to Medicaid/Home Study Coordinator, Macon Piatt	June 5, 2023

**RESIGNATIONS****TEACHERS:**

Name	Position	Effective Date
Paige Brehm	Science, MacArthur	June 29, 2023
Christian Castro	English, Eisenhower	May 5, 2023
Charles Durst	Grade 5, Franklin Grove	End of the 2022-2023 School Year
Marissa Gibbens	English, MacArthur	End of the 2022-2023 School Year
Courtney Kirk	Grade 1, American Dreamer	June 30, 2023
Mary Rossi	Grade 3, American Dreamer	May 30, 2023
Caroline Schorsch	SED, Eisenhower	End of the 2022-2023 School Year

**TEACHING ASSISTANTS:**

Name	Position	Effective Date
Mikhala Sumption-Brown	Grant Funded Assistant, Parsons	End of the 2022-2023 School Year
Markeyla Warden	Special Ed Assistant (Early Childhood), Pershing	May 9, 2023

**SCHEDULE B:**

Name	Position	Effective Date
Paige Brehm	Freshman Volleyball Coach, MacArthur	May 30, 2023

Steve Thompson	Assistant Football Coach, MacArthur	End of the 2022-2023 school year
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**SECURITY PERSONNEL:**

Name	Position	Effective Date
Mark Thomas	School Security Officer, Hope Academy	May 3, 2023

**EXTENDED DAY:**

Name	Position	Effective Date
Lekisha Lloyd	Non Certified Staff, Johns Hill	May 12, 2023

**COMPENSATION RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- The following staff members should be compensated **\$24.99** for participating in New Educator Academy on May 2, 2023 at PDI:

Stacey Knutson	Grace Oxley
Kelsey Rigsby	Stacie Patterson
Olivia Triplett	Caitlyn Brock
Raymond Hoffman	Madison Lima
Katelyn Voce	Dalton Collins
Rachel Roberts	Sarah Adams
Ben Kuxmann	Cindy Lewis
Katie Thomas	Amber Rezinias
Alicia Atkins	Elizabeth Osborne
Heidi Perales	Aric Greenberg
Marissa Gibbens	Christina Menna
Taylor Mitchell	Bette Felstead
Christina Cullison	Kate McCray
Nathan Gipson	Robert O'Brien
Stephen Massey	

- The following staff members should be compensated **\$16.67** for participating in PRIDE/PBIS Team Meeting on May 11, 2023 at Muffley:

Diane Orr	Jennifer Eastham
Vanessa Kelson	Christine Cullison
Stephanie Meis	Katie Thomas
Natalie Gower	Jody Giberson

- The following staff members should be compensated for participating in Encore Curriculum Work Session on April 27, 2023 at PDI:

Julie Andrews	\$57.75	Nathan Schorfheide	\$33.00
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Rhonda Thomas-Cox    \$132.00

- The following staff members should be compensated **\$750.00** for participating in Building Leadership Team during the 2022-2023 school year at Pershing:

Jaclyn Augustine	Kelsi Squires
Ashley Major	Camille Benning
Brittney Moran	

- The following staff member should be compensated **\$99.00** for participating in Planning on April 11, 2023 at Dennis Mosaic/Kaleidoscope:

Renee Comstock

- The following staff members should be compensated for participating in Dual Credit Teacher on January-May 2023 at Eisenhower:

Delia Jackson	\$1,500.00	Ron Lybarger	\$1,500.00
Rick Koetje	\$1,500.00	Jennifer Morrow	\$1,500.00
Stuart Leo	\$3,000.00	Angela Thomas	\$1,500.00

- The following staff members should be compensated **\$25.00** for participating in Long Term Subs Faculty Meeting on April 27, 2023 at American Dreamer:

Jennifer Hutton	Michaela Wolfman
Kristy Jackson	Paree Evans
Katherine Macri	

- The following staff member should be compensated **\$33.00** for participating in Interpreting on April 24, 2023 at Pershing:

Ruth Dendariarena

- The following staff members should be compensated **\$16.67** for participating in CCE Team Meeting on March 28, 2023 at Muffley:

Melissa Cripe	Jennifer Eastham
Julie Comerford	Stacie Patterson

- The following staff members should be compensated **\$16.67** for participating in PCE Team Meeting on March 22, 2023 at Muffley:

Libby Kirkland	Kelly Thomas-Millburg
Joseph Krouse	Kimberlee Decesaro
Tressa James	

- The following staff members should be compensated **\$16.67** for participating in School Improvement Plan Team on March 8, 2023 at Muffley:

Megan Noel	Vanessa Kelson
Melissa Cripe	Jamie Reed
Diane Orr	

- The following staff members should be compensated **\$33.34** for participating in Instructional Leadership Team on March 21 & April 11, 2023 at Muffley:

Kelly Bailey	Ashley Robinson
Melissa Prasun	Susan Barnes
Jamie Reed	Libby Kirkland
- The following staff members should be compensated **\$16.67** for participating in Data Review Team on April 6, 2023 at Muffley:

Jessica Meier	Jamie Reed
Megan Noel	Jobeth Sweeney
- The following staff members should be compensated **\$33.34** for participating in PRIDE/PBIS Team Meeting on March 5, 2023 at Muffley:

Diane Orr	Jennifer Eastham
Vanessa Kelson	Christine Cullison
Stephanie Meis	Katie Thomas
Skyler Flesch	Jody Giberson
Natalie Gower	Kelly Thomas-Millburg
- The following staff members should be compensated for participating in Special Education Team on January 30 & March 27, 2023 at Muffley:

Jamie Reed	\$33.34	Julie Comerford	\$16.67
Kimberlee Decesaro	\$33.34	Jennifer Eastham	\$16.67
Natalie Gower	\$16.67		
- The following staff members should be compensated for participating in Pre Calculus Planning on April 15, 2023 at Eisenhower:

Kelli Murray	\$66.00	Kim Vy Williams	\$132.00
Hannah Lybarger	\$132.00		
- The following staff members should be compensated **\$33.00** for participating in ESSA Planning on May 15, 2023 at Johns Hill:

Kris Boomer	Billie Hall
Patricia Elam	Leslie Johnson
- The following staff members should be compensated for participating in Mentoring during 2nd Semester of the 2022-2023 school year at PDI:

Tina Calhoun	\$750.00	Jennifer Young	\$1,500.00
Melissa Schulz	\$750.00	Krista Hudson	\$250.00
Elizabeth Case	\$750.00	Angela Thomas	\$750.00
Katherine Moore	\$750.00	Sarah Pritts	\$750.00
Kathryn Rodgers	\$750.00	Kelli Murray	\$1,750.00
Merry Lanker	\$1,500.00	Vernadene Wells	\$750.00
Joni Grubbs	\$750.00	Katherine White	\$750.00

Sara Kelly	\$750.00	Lori Griffy	\$1,500.00
Joshua Fazekas	\$750.00	Ron Lybarger	\$1,500.00
Ashlee Smith	\$750.00	Jennifer Morrow	\$1,000.00
Ann Downey	\$1,000.00	Jamie Reed	\$250.00
Chelsea Brewer	\$1,500.00	Jennifer Roberson	\$250.00
Sharon Bird	\$1,875.00	Dena Flanigan	\$750.00
Samantha Stark	\$750.00	Cassie Mann	\$1,500.00
Diane Orr	\$750.00	Sarah Boline	\$750.00
Alex Moody	\$750.00	Dorothy Nisbet	\$250.00
Stacey Long	\$250.00	Katie Jostes	\$750.00
Denisha Patrick	\$750.00	Carrie Haley	\$750.00
Terri Ellis	\$1,500.00	Sean Flaherty	\$1,500.00
Jaclyn Augustine	\$750.00	Paula Patterson	\$750.00
Sam Mills	\$750.00	Jessica Meier	\$1,500.00
Melissa Durbin-Staples	\$250.00	Benjamin Troung	\$750.00
Elizabeth Turner	\$1,500.00	Libby Kirkland	\$750.00
Karen McFadin	\$750.00	Brandon Phillips	\$750.00
Yolanda Minor	\$250.00	Brenna Tripp	\$1,000.00
Rhonda Thomas-Cox	\$2,250.00	Kristi Adams	\$750.00
Krystina Petitt	\$1,500.00		

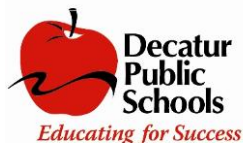
- The following staff members should be compensated **\$132.00** for participating in 4th Quarter Tutoring from May 8-10, 2023 at Parsons:

Heather Groves	Stacey Wilson
Theresa Tozer	Andrea Wakeland
Hannah Bird	Tara Lueras
Christina Woo	Courtney Odle
Caitlin Brock	Kylie Hale

- The following staff members should be compensated for participating in Talk Moves Book Study on April 6, 13, 27 & May 4, 2023 at Parsons:

Heather Groves	\$75.02	Carrie Sager	\$75.02
Elizabeth Case	\$100.02	Olivia Mannlein	\$50.01
Stacey Wilson	\$100.02	Julie Mower	\$50.01





## Board of Education Decatur Public School District #61

<b>Date:</b> May 23, 2023	<b>Subject:</b> Professional Development – Achieving Excellence in Leadership July 09-14, 2023
<b>Initiated By:</b> Mary Brady & Dr. Larry Gray, P-12 Directors of Teaching & Learning	<b>Attachments:</b> Invoice
<b>Reviewed By:</b> Dr. Rochelle Clark, Superintendent	

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Per Board Policy 4:60 – Purchases and Contracts – The District requires purchases over \$25,000 to be approved by the Board.

### CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS:

Being a school principal means attending to a seemingly endless series of urgent tasks that can challenge your resilience and confidence. *Achieving Excellence: Leadership Development for Principals* (AEL) is designed to give school leaders a chance to step away from day-to-day challenges, deeply explore their values as educators, and build a concrete plan that centers those values for the benefit of their school communities. This six-day institute brings together new and experienced principals from across the country and around the world to engage in dialogue and define educational frameworks that empower school leaders, students, families, and staff.

### FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Title II Funds will be utilized. Individual Cost \$4,425.00 – 10 Administrators Total Cost \$44,250.00

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration respectfully requests that the Board of Education approve the invoice for the Professional Development – Achieving Excellence in Leadership (AEL) July 09-14, 2023 for School Leaders as presented.

### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- ☒ Approval
- ☐ Information
- ☐ Discussion

**BOARD ACTION:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Invoice

### Professional Education Harvard Graduate School of Education

**Payment Terms:** Payment in full is due by the payment deadline indicated below, or your enrollment will be automatically withdrawn. **Please note that your enrollment is not complete unless full tuition payment is received by the indicated date.**

#### Payment Instructions

**Purchase Order:** Please send a copy to our finance department by email at [ppefinar@gse.harvard.edu](mailto:ppefinar@gse.harvard.edu). A purchase order will reserve your participation. **However, full payment is still required by the payment deadline indicated in this invoice.**

**Check:** Make payable to 'Harvard University'. Federal Tax ID 04-2103580. Include the Invoice number and Participant Name on all checks. US funds only (USD). **Remittance must be mailed to: Finance Department, Professional Education, HGSE, 13 Appian Way, 5th Floor, Cambridge, MA 02138.**

**Wire Transfer:** Bank Name: Bank of America. Bank address: 100 Federal Street, Boston, MA 02110. Bank Account Name: President and Fellows of Harvard College GSE Wire. Bank Account Number: 9428-370230. Bank identifier number (ABA): 026-009-593, (SWIFT): BOFAUS3N, (ACH): 011000138. The Memo should consist of the Invoice Number and Participant Name. Please make sure you pay any applicable bank fees in addition to the total due.

**Credit Card:** [Credit card payments](#) can be made online in the Professional Education Community, under My Learning.

**Bill to:** Mary Brady

**Institution Information:** TPN Self Registered

**Decatur Public Schools AEL 7/9/2023:** Holly Kitson, Kamra Meador, Kristi Mullinix, Kelley Morrison, Larry Gray, Michelle Bonebrake, Nate Tallent, Paul Ranstead, Sergio Reyna

Invoice No:	PPE-036912
PO#:	
Invoice Date:	04/20/2023
Due Date:	06/09/2023

#### Program Charges

Item	Description	Qty	Rate	Price
Program	Achieving Excellence: Leadership Development for Principals 7/9/2023-7/14/2023	10	\$4425.00	\$44250.00

Grand Total	\$44250.00
Payments Total	\$0.00
Amount Due	\$44250.00

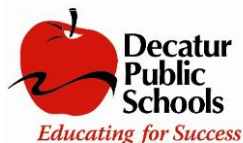
#### Terms and Conditions:

**Cash Payments:** We are not able to accept cash payments.

**Refund Policy:** Please see the website below:

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## Board of Education Decatur Public School District #61

<b>Date:</b> May 23, 2023	<b>Subject:</b> Professional Development – National Institute for Urban School Leadership July 24-28, 2023
<b>Initiated By:</b> Mary Brady & Dr. Larry Gray, P-12 Directors of Teaching & Learning	<b>Attachments:</b> Invoice
<b>Reviewed By:</b> Dr. Rochelle Clark, Superintendent	

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Per Board Policy 4:60 – Purchases and Contracts – The District requires purchases over \$25,000 to be approved by the Board.

### **CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS:**

In today's environment of high-stakes accountability and limited resources, urban educators must be able to address urgent challenges on multiple fronts. Urban school leaders are on the front line of this work, and research points to the important role they play in creating the conditions to improve student achievement.

The National Institute for Urban School Leaders, a program of The Principals' Center, examines best practices and research-based techniques in for leading school improvement efforts in urban schools. The program provides an in-depth exploration of the leadership skills needed to set high expectations for all and to accelerate learning across classrooms.

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

Title II funds will be utilized. The individual cost is \$3995.00. The total cost for 10 individuals is \$39,995.00

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

The Administration respectfully requests that the Board of Education approve the invoice for the Professional Development – National Institute for Urban School Leadership July 24-28, 2023 for School Leaders as presented.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

- ☒ Approval
- ☐ Information
- ☐ Discussion

**BOARD ACTION:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Bill to:** Mary Brady

**Institution Information:** TPN Self Registered

**Decatur Public Schools USL 7/24/2023:** Cordell Ingram, Holly Kitson, Kamra Meador, Kristi Mullinix, Kelley Morrison, Larry Gray, Michelle Bonebrake, Paul Ranstead, Querida Ellis

Invoice No:	PPE-036863
PO#:	
Invoice Date:	04/19/2023
Due Date:	06/26/2023

#### Program Charges

Item	Description	Qty	Rate	Price
Program	National Institute for Urban School Leaders 7/24/2023-7/28/2023	10	\$3995.00	\$39950.00

Grand Total	\$39950.00
Payments Total	\$0.00
Amount Due	\$39950.00

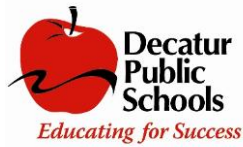
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## Board of Education Decatur Public School District #61

<b>Date:</b> May 23, 2023	<b>Subject:</b> Renaissance FastBridge Subscription Renewal
<b>Initiated By:</b> Mary Brady & Dr. Larry Gray, P-12 Directors of Teaching & Learning	<b>Attachments:</b> Quote #RPNQ2935460
<b>Reviewed By:</b> Dr. Jay Marino, Assistant Superintendent and Dr. Rochelle Clark, Superintendent	

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Renaissance is the provider of FastBridge. FastBridge is the assessment tool that is currently utilized as the Universal Screener, Progress Monitoring tool, and source of Tier 2 and Tier 3 interventions for students in Reading and Mathematics.

### CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS:

The attached is the quote for a 1 year subscription renewal.

### FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The subscription will be paid in full using Title I funds.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration respectfully requests that the Board of Education approve the Subscription Renewal with Renaissance for FastBridge as presented.

### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- ☒ Approval
- ☐ Information
- ☐ Discussion

**BOARD ACTION:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Federal I.D. 39-1559474  
[www.renaissance.com](http://www.renaissance.com)

## Subscription Renewal

### Decatur School District 61 - 186558

101 W Cerro Gordo St  
Decatur, IL 62523-1001  
Contact: Jay Marino - (217) 362-3000  
Email: [jjmarino@dps61.org](mailto:jjmarino@dps61.org)

Quote #: RPRNQ2935460

Reference ID: 645583

Subscription Ends:  
6/30/2023

### Quote Summary

School Count: 1

Renaissance Products & Services Total	\$65,312.00
Applied Discounts	\$(6,123.00)
Shipping and Processing	\$0.00
Sales Tax	\$0.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>USD \$59,189.00</b>

### This quote includes: FastBridge.

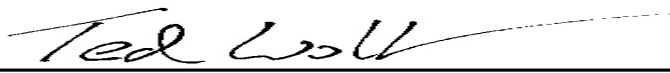
By signing below, Customer:

- acknowledges that the Person signing this Quote is authorized to do so;
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Please check here if your organization requires a purchase order prior to invoicing: [ ]

Renaissance Learning, Inc.	Decatur School District 61 - 186558
	By:
Name: Ted Wolf	Name:
Title: VP - Corporate Controller	Title:
Date: 3/20/2023	Date:
	Invoice Date:

Email: [electronicorders@renaissance.com](mailto:electronicorders@renaissance.com)

If your billing address is different from the address at the top of this Quote, please add that billing address below.

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**If changes are necessary, or additional information is required, please contact your account executive at (800) 338-4204, Thank You.**

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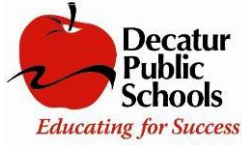
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## Board of Education Decatur Public School District #61

<b>Date:</b> May 23, 2023	<b>Subject:</b> Approval of Second Amendment to the Athletic Trainer Services Agreement
<b>Initiated By:</b> Dr. Mike Curry, Chief Operational Officer and Craig Bundy, District Athletic Coordinator	<b>Attachments:</b> Amendment to the Athletic Trainer Services Agreement
<b>Reviewed By:</b> Dr. Rochelle Clark, Superintendent	

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

HSHS St. Mary's Hospital was contracted to provide athletic trainer services from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. Services include, but not limited to, daily visits during in-school education days, practice coverage availability (on campus or central location), regular season events, post season play and special events and tournaments. The services include the athletic trainer time, travel time, services performed, and all needed medical supplies. In April of 2022, an amendment was approved to amend the original agreement by extending the athletic trainer service from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2026.

### CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS:

St. Mary's Hospital has provided the attached second amendment to the athletic trainer services agreement. The amended agreement shall provide an athletic trainer for each institution covered in the district. The current agreement provides two (2) Athletic Trainers for the District with one (1) Athletic Trainer dedicated to each District high school.

### FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

From July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026, the District will continue to be invoiced at a monthly rate of \$5,800 (\$2,900 per high school) for an annual amount of \$69,600. The contract will terminate on June 30, 2026, and may be renewed upon agreement of the parties.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration respectfully requests that the Board of Education approve the second amendment to the athletic trainer services agreement as presented.

### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- ☒ Approval
- ☐ Information
- ☐ Discussion

**BOARD ACTION:** \_\_\_\_\_

## SECOND AMENDMENT TO ATHLETIC TRAINER SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Second Amendment to Athletic Trainer Services Agreement (“**Second Amendment**”) is entered into as of the last date of signature below (“**Second Amendment Effective Date**”) by and between Decatur Public School District 61 (“**District**”) and St. Mary’s Hospital, Decatur, of the Hospital Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis (“**Hospital**”) (individually, each a “**Party**”, collectively, the “**Parties**”).

**WHEREAS**, District and Hospital entered into an Athletic Trainer Services Agreement effective March 11, 2021, and a First Amendment to Athletic Trainer Services Agreement effective April 12, 2022 (collectively, the “**Agreement**”); and

**WHEREAS**, Hospital and District wish to amend the Agreement as set-forth below.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the terms and conditions contained herein, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Section I. Hospital Responsibilities. As of the Second Amendment Effective Date, Section I(D) of the Agreement is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following language:

D. It is understood that the Hospital shall provide an Athletic Trainer for each institution covered in the District.


2. Effect of Amendment. This Second Amendment shall be incorporated into and made a part of the Agreement. All provisions of the Agreement not expressly modified or amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.

3. Defined Terms. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Agreement.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, a duly authorized representative of the Parties has executed this Second Amendment to Athletic Trainer Services Agreement as of the day and year written below.

HOSPITAL:

DocuSigned by:

  
Theresa Rutherford  
President and CEO

DISTRICT:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Rochelle Clark  
Superintendent

4/24/2023 | 10:52:25 EDT

Date

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Date

## **HEARTLAND VOCATIONAL REGION INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**THIS AGREEMENT** is entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 by and between the Board of Education of the Argenta-Oreana Community Unit School District No. 1, the Board of Education of the Central A & M Community Unit School District No. 21, the Board of Education of the Cerro Gordo Community Unit School District No. 100, the Board of Education of the Decatur Public Schools No. 61, the Board of Education of the Deland-Weldon Community Unit School District No. 57, the Board of Education of the Maroa-Forsyth Community Unit School District No. 2, the Board of Education of the Meridian Community Unit School District No. 15, the Board of Education of the Mt. Zion Community Unit School District No. 3, the Board of Education of the Sangamon Valley Community Unit School District No. 9, and the Board of Education of the Warrensburg-Latham Community Unit School District No. 11 (collectively referred to as “Member Districts” or “Boards of Education”).

### **RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, the Member Districts are school districts organized and operating under *The School Code*, as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 10 of the Constitution of the State of Illinois and the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act authorize units of local government and school districts to contract and otherwise associate among themselves to obtain or share services and to exercise, combine or transfer any power or function in any manner not prohibited by law; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 10-22.31a of *The School Code* authorizes Boards of Education to enter into Joint Agreements with other school boards or public institutions of higher education to establish an authorized educational program; and

**WHEREAS**, on or about 1986, the Illinois State Board of Education (the "ISBE") established certain Education for Employment regions (commonly referred to as EFE) with such EFE regions to provide certain vocational-technical educational programs to students of Member Districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Member Districts have been assigned by the ISBE to the Heartland Vocational Region; and

**WHEREAS**, certain vocational funds can only be accessed through an Illinois State Board of Education EFE; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1986, the Member Districts formed the Heartland Vocational Region Joint Agreement (hereinafter "Heartland" or "Joint Agreement"), a joint educational program that has been organized to provide vocational-technical programming for students of the Member Districts; and

**WHEREAS**, under the terms of the *Intergovernmental Cooperation Act*, an agreement is necessary to establish the obligations of the Member Districts to the Heartland Region Vocational Joint Agreement and the obligations of the Heartland Region Vocational Joint Agreement to the Member Districts.

#### **AGREEMENT**

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals, the mutual covenants herein contained, and other good and valuable consideration (the adequacy, sufficiency, and delivery of which are acknowledged by the parties by their execution hereof), the parties agree as follow:

## **ARTICLE I**

### **ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

*Section 1.1* The name of this Joint Agreement shall be the Heartland Region Vocational Joint Agreement (hereinafter “Heartland” or “Joint Agreement”).

*Section 1.2* This Joint Agreement is established as a Joint Agreement pursuant to the authority of the *Intergovernmental Cooperation Act* and Section 10-22.31a of *The School Code*.

*Section 1.3* The Joint Agreement shall be administered consistent with the terms of this Joint Agreement, or as hereinafter amended.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT**

*Section 2.1* As provided for by Section 10-22.31a of *The School Code*, the administrative agent shall serve as the legal and fiscal agent on behalf of the Joint Agreement. A member district board of education or Regional Superintendent of Schools (hereinafter “Administrative Agent”), as authorized by 105 ILCS 5/3-13.14, may serve as such legal and fiscal agent.

*Section 2.2* The Administrative Agent’s term shall coincide with the fiscal year of the Joint Agreement with such appointment continuing until the occurrence of one of the events contained in *Section 2.3*, below.

*Section 2.3* The Administrative Agent will serve in its capacity as the legal and fiscal agent on behalf of the Joint Agreement until one of the following events occur:

*Section 2.3.a* The designated Administrative Agent provides notice to the Chairperson of the Board of Control and the Vocational Director no later than July 1 of its intent to no longer serve as the legal and fiscal agent for the following fiscal year. By way of illustration of the preceding sentence, if the Administrative Agent determines that it will

no longer serve as the administrative district commencing July 1, 2012, notice to the Board of Control Chairperson and Vocational Director must be provided by July 1, 2011.

*Section 2.3.b* The Board of Control, by majority vote of the entire Board of Control, names a successor administrative agent. In such event, at least one year's notice (on or before July 1) prior to the effective change in legal and fiscal agent shall be provided to the both the current and successor legal and fiscal agent. Any such transition of Administrative Agent shall occur at Midnight on July 1.

*Section 2.4* The Administrative Agent shall have no power to levy taxes, or to incur any indebtedness, except within the annual budget for the Joint Agreement or as may be provided by and consistent with any existing law, regulation, or rule.

*Section 2.5* The Administrative Agent shall exercise those powers required under *The School Code*, including but not limited to, the following:

*Section 2.5.a* Hold an annual budget hearing and approve the final budget. Such authority to approve a final budget shall only be exercised following a majority vote of the entire Board of Control.

*Section 2.5.b* Enter into contracts for the appointment and employment of persons, including a Vocational Director, to operate the Joint Agreement's programs. Such authority to enter into such contracts or terminate such employment contracts or call for the dismissal of employees shall only be exercised following a majority vote of the entire Board of Control.

*Section 2.5.c* Enter into other agreements, including the purchase and/or lease of facilities, as necessary for the efficient and effective provision of vocational education services to students residing in the Joint Agreement territory. Such authority to enter into other agreement shall only be exercised following a majority vote of the entire Board of Control.

*Section 2.5.d* Take any action which by law may only be taken by the designated legal and fiscal agent. No programs shall be instituted and no additional funds expended without approval of a majority vote of the entire Board of Control.

*Section 2.5.f* Authorize the incurring of indebtedness within the annual budget for the Joint Agreement. Indebtedness shall only be authorized following approval by a majority vote of the entire Board of Control.

*Section 2.6* The Joint Agreement and its member districts assume full and complete responsibility for the proper and lawful operation of the Joint Agreement, its financial



responsibilities, programming, personnel and services, to the maximum extent permitted by law, and for advising, recommending or approving such actions to the Administrative Agent as are needed or required for the Joint Agreement to properly and lawfully function. The relationship of the Administrative Agent to the Joint Agreement shall be solely as the agent of the Joint Agreement, to complete or ratify such legal, financial or operational actions, recommendations or decisions as may be made by the Joint Agreement and required of the Administrative Agent for the proper, lawful operation of the Joint Agreement. The Joint Agreement and its member districts hereby assume joint liability for any actions or omissions by, consequences to or claims or actions against the Administrative Agent while the Administrative Agent is serving in its role as the legal and fiscal agent for the Joint Agreement. The Joint Agreement and its member districts further agree to hold the Administrative Agent, its employees and agents, harmless from any and all claims, actions, or liabilities, including the costs and fees related to the defense thereof, resulting from the Administrative Agent serving in the capacity of legal and fiscal agent for the Joint Agreement, and in the implementation of the responsibilities of the Administrative Agent under this Agreement.

The above protections are not intended to cover or apply to disputes which may arise solely between the Joint Agreement and/or its member districts or any single member district, and the Administrative Agent, in relation to the operation of the Joint Agreement or the proper implementation of this Agreement.

*Section 2.7* Heartland shall maintain on its behalf normal and customary policy(ies) of insurance. Such policy(ies) shall protect Heartland for any errors and omissions of its Board of Control and its Administrative Agent (for those actions taken on behalf of Heartland by the Administrative Agent), liability for property and/or personal injury, and insurance protecting

against worker's compensation claims. All insurance policies shall name the Member Districts as an additional insured, insuring them against all actions by and on behalf of Heartland.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE –BOARD OF CONTROL**

*Section 3.1* The Board of Control shall have the authority to direct the ongoing operations of the Joint Agreement in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

*Section 3.2* The Board of Control shall consist of the appointed Superintendents of Member Districts (or his/her authorized designee). The Regional Superintendent of Schools of the Counties of Macon and Piatt shall be an *ex officio* member of the Board of Control, and, therefore, be non-voting, advisory member. Further, the Regional Superintendent's presence or absence from such a meeting shall not be determinative of whether or not a quorum exists. If, however, the Regional Superintendent of Schools serves as the Administrative Agent for the Joint Agreement, the Regional Superintendent of Schools of the Counties of Macon and Piatt shall be a voting member of the Board of Control and the Regional Superintendent's presence shall be considered when determining whether or not a quorum exists.

*Section 3.3* The Board of Control shall meet regularly and shall elect its own officers and establish procedures for the conduct of its meeting and business. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the Board of Control. Unless otherwise stated herein, measures shall be deemed passed when approved by a majority of those Board of Control members present who vote on an issue. Each member shall have one vote. An abstention shall not be considered a vote. The Board of Control is subject to The Open Meetings Act and shall operate in accordance with such Act. Further, its meetings shall be held in accordance with the policies adopted by Heartland.

*Section 3.4* Annually, the Board of Control shall appoint, by a majority vote of those attending a duly called meeting, a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson and a Secretary. The Secretary may, but is not required to be, a member of the Board of Control.

*Section 3.5* The Board of Control shall exercise such powers and duties consistent with this Agreement and in the best interest of Heartland. Such duties shall include, but not be limited to the following:

*Section 3.5.a* Employ a Vocational Director upon majority approval of the entire Board of Control.

*Section 3.5.b* Employ other professional employees of the Joint Agreement upon majority approval of the entire Board of Control.

*Section 3.5.c* Provide for administration, staff, programs, financing, housing, and transportation for the benefit of the student served by the Joint Agreement.

*Section 3.5.d* Operate the Joint Agreement in accordance with the approved budget.

*Section 3.5.e* Negotiate, or direct the Administrative Agent on behalf of the Joint Agreement to enter into collective bargaining agreements with sole and exclusive bargaining agents, as certified by the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board in respect to persons employed by the Joint Agreement.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **ADMINISTRATION**

*Section 4.1* The Administrative Agent, with the advice and consent of the Board of Control, shall appoint a Vocational Director. The Vocational Director shall be the head of the Joint Agreement and shall, as such, be the chief administrative officer of the program. The Vocational Director shall be evaluated by and report to the Board of Control.

*Section 4.2* The Board of Control shall define and provide for the scope and limit of duties, responsibilities and authority of the Vocational Director. The Vocational Director shall be responsible for reporting to the Board of Control regarding the operations of the

Heartland Technical Academy. Further, the Director shall exercise the following duties on behalf of the Board of Control:

- (a) Submit all grant applications and comply with the terms of such grants, including compliance with GATA accountability and reporting, submitting grant budget amendments, and submitting grant performance reports as required by the Illinois State Board of Education;
- (b) Implement and provide oversight of all CTE programming and grant activities; and
- (c) Assess and evaluate the operations of the Heartland Technical Academy, consistent with any Perkins Secondary Performance Indicators and as required by the Perkins Grant and provide the assessment and evaluation as required by the Illinois State Board of Education.

*Section 4.3* The Board of Control recognizes the importance of equity, diversity and inclusion in programs offered by the Heartland Technical Academy. Annually, with the oversight of the Board of Control, the Vocational Director will:

- (a) Provide equitable access for all students wanting to participate in the Heartland Technical Academy's programs;
- (b) Provide targeted, supported activities, informed by evidence-based practices, to support students from diverse backgrounds;
- (c) Provide evidence-based professional learning and resources to Member Districts to assist the Heartland Technical Academy and Member Districts in collecting and using data to improve activities and services to support equity, diversity and inclusion in programs offered; and
- (d) Seek collaboration and support from various organizations within the communities comprising the Heartland Technical Academy to provide support to students from all backgrounds that are interested in technical education opportunities.

## ARTICLE V

### FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF HEARTLAND AND THE RESPECTIVE MEMBER DISTRICTS

*Section 5.1* Annually, the Administrative Agent, with majority approval of the entire Board of Control, shall approve a Budget for the Joint Agreement programs. Such Budget shall be approved in accordance with the following:

*Section 5.1.a* The Director shall present a tentative budget to the Board of Control at its regular meeting on or before the Board of Control's *July* regular meeting of the applicable fiscal year in order that the Board of Control may make recommendations for a final budget. Such final recommended budget shall be approved by a majority of the entire Board of Control. Such final budget shall be approved by the Administrative Agent no later than September 30 of the applicable fiscal year.

*Section 5.1.b* Within five (5) days after adoption the Secretary shall serve by United States mail, a copy thereof, as finally approved by the Administrative Agent, upon the Secretary of the Board of Education of each Member District and the County Clerk of each County encompassed by the Joint Agreement.

*Section 5.1.c* After adoption of the budget for any fiscal year, the Administrative Agent may amend the same, or any items, thereof. Such proposed budget amendment(s) shall first be approved by a majority vote of the entire Board of Control. Budgetary increases and amendments shall conform to *The School Code*.

*Section 5.1.d* Within five (5) days after such revision in the budget, the Secretary shall serve by United States mail a copy of the revised budget upon the Secretary of the Board of Education of each Member District and the County Clerk of each County encompassed by the Joint Agreement.

*Section 5.1.e* A copy of such budget shall be provided to the Illinois State Board of Education, consistent with any requirement it imposes, any agency or department of the State of Illinois and/or United States of America.

*Section 5.1.f* The Director or designee is responsible for submitting to the Illinois State Board of Education any required expenditure reports.

*Section 5.1.g* An annual audit of the Heartland Technical Academy's financial records shall be completed after the end of the fiscal year. The Director or designee shall work cooperatively with the auditor to ensure timely completion of such audit.

*Section 5.2* Each Member District shall, and hereby agrees to pay to the Joint Agreement, its pro rata share of the operational costs as provided for in this Article.

*Section 5.2.a* Annually, the Board of Control shall determine the operating costs for the Joint Agreement programs.

*Section 5.2.b* After off-setting any and all monies received from grants or other non-Member District funding sources, the Director shall determine a program participation cost for participation in Joint Agreement programs (hereinafter “program participation cost”). Such program participation cost shall be annually approved by a majority of the Board of Control members.

*Section 5.2.c* Each Member District shall, on a semester basis, be assessed a program participation cost for each Member District student participating in Joint Agreement program(s) for such semester.

*Section 5.3.c* In the event the Board Control determines that the assessed program participation costs exceeds the actual cost of operating the Joint Agreement programs, the Board of Control may (a) refund any excess proportionate share to such Member District; or (b) carry-over such proportionate share to the following fiscal year with such Member District receiving a credit for such carry-over.

*Section 5.2.e* In the event the Board of Control determines that there were not sufficient funds to meet the operational expenses an additional program participation cost assessment shall be assessed to Member Districts. Such assessment shall be based on Member District student participation in the Joint Agreement programs. Within thirty (30) days after the Board of Control makes such determination and provides notice to the Member District(s) of such Member District(s)’s assessed costs, the Member District shall pay all amounts due and owing to the Joint Agreement.

*Section 5.3* Each Member District shall provide transportation for participating students in accordance with each Member District’s Board of Education policies. The Director shall make recommendations to the Board of Control regarding the joint transportation of students.

## ARTICLE VI

### TEACHERS AND OTHER PERSONNEL

*Section 6.1* The Vocational Director shall annually establish the work assignment for teachers and other certified personnel. Such assignment shall be consistent with any collective bargaining agreement in effect.

*Section 6.2* The Director shall annually establish the work assignment, including the work year schedule, for all Heartland employees, including but not limited to teachers, certified personnel and educational support personnel. Such assignment shall be consistent with any collective bargaining agreement in effect. Further, the Director shall evaluate Heartland employees.

*Section 6.3* The Vocational Director is responsible for the certification and required approvals for all certified and, if required, for educational support personnel.

*Section 6.3* Employment of certificated staff by the Joint Agreement is subject to the provisions of Sections 24-11 and 24-12 of *The School Code*.

*Section 6.4* Dismissal procedures under *The School Code* or any other applicable law, statute or regulation shall be carried out by the Administrative Agent. Dismissal shall only occur upon the approval of a majority of the entire Board of Control.



## **ARTICLE VII**

### **TITLE IN PROPERTY**

*Section 7.1* Title in all real and personal property shall be held in the name of the Administrative Agent, in its capacity as the legal and fiscal agent on behalf of the Joint Agreement. In the event of transfer of the Administrative Agent, all necessary acts shall be taken to transfer title to any and all real and personal property in the name of the newly designated Administrative Agent. Such designation shall state that title is held solely in its capacity as the legal and fiscal agent on behalf of the Joint Agreement. It is understood that no member district, in its own name, shall hold title to Joint Agreement property.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **LEASE OF PROPERTY**

*Section 8.1* Annually, the Administrative Agent, with majority approval of the entire Board of Control, may lease certain real property to house the programs offered by the Joint Agreement. Such leased property shall be used for the exclusive use of the Joint Agreement programs, unless otherwise agreed to by majority approval of the entire Board of Control.

*Section 8.2* The Administrative Agent, with majority approval of the entire Board of Control, may lease certain personal property for the continued operation of the Joint Agreement programs.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **INVOLUNTARY REMOVAL OF A MEMBER DISTRICT**

*Section 9.1* Membership in the Joint Agreement is conditional upon compliance with obligations assumed by Member Districts upon joining the Joint Agreement. Hence, involuntary removal is not equivalent to a voluntary withdrawal and is not subject to voluntary removal procedures.

*Section 9.2* The Administrative Agent may involuntarily remove a member school district if the Administrative Agent finds that a member school district has failed to comply with the requirements of the Agreement. Such action can only be taken by the Administrative Agent upon approval of a majority vote of the entire Board of Control.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **WITHDRAWAL FROM THE JOINT AGREEMENT**

*Section 10.1* A member district wishing to withdraw from Heartland must provide written notice of its intent to withdraw to the Board of Control Chairperson and the Vocational Director at least one calendar year prior to the effective date of withdrawal. Such notice shall be sent the United States Postal Service, certified mail, return receipt requested. The Vocational Director shall provide such notice to the Superintendent of the appropriate Regional Office(s) of Education.

*Section 10.2* A Withdrawing Member District (hereinafter referred to as "Withdrawing District") may submit a petition to the Regional Board(s) of School Trustees in the form and manner consistent with Article VII and Section 22.31 of *The School Code*. It is hereby agreed between the parties to this Joint Agreement that at least one year's notice must be provided to the Chairperson of the Board of Control before any such Petition can be filed with the Regional

Board(s) of School Trustees. If such withdrawal is approved by the Regional Board(s) of School Trustees, such withdrawal shall take effect on July 1 following approval by the Regional Board(s) of School Trustees.

*Section 10.3* In the event of a Member District's withdrawal from the Joint Agreement, the withdrawing school district shall remain responsible for that District's Member assessments for the period prior to the date the withdrawal is effective, although such payment may occur after the effective date of the withdrawal. Further, the withdrawing school district's share of the equipment and assets of the Joint Agreement shall be forfeited. The former Member District shall have no interest of any nature in the assets of the Joint Agreement.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **AMENDMENTS**

*Section 11.1* Proposed amendments to these Articles may be submitted at any time by a Member District through the Board of Control. The Board of Control must approve such proposed amendment by a majority of the entire membership of the Board of Control. Upon approval by the required majority, such amendment shall be forwarded to all Member Districts for approval. Within thirty days following Member District action, the Member District superintendent shall notify the Vocational Director, in writing, of the action taken by the Member District Board of Education. Any amendment to the Articles of this Joint Agreement must be approved by an eighty (80%) percent vote of the Member Districts.

*Section 11.2* Any proposed amendment which receives the favorable vote shall become effective on the date that favorable approval is achieved or such subsequent effective date as specified in the proposed amendment.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **JOINT AGREEMENT WITH OTHER JOINT EDUCATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND COOPERATIVES**

*Section 12.1* The Administrative Agent, on behalf of the Joint Agreement, may enter into a joint agreement with other programs or cooperatives. Such joint agreement is only authorized upon a majority vote of the entire membership of the Board of Control.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

### **SPECIAL AGREEMENTS**

*Section 13.1* The Joint Agreement may accept students from other than Member Districts. The Director will plan for placement and may negotiate necessary financial arrangements for the cost of such services. The decision whether to accept such student(s) shall lie with the Board of Control.

## **ARTICLE XIV**

### **CONTRACTS**

*Section 14.1* Heartland shall receive all the assets and assume all the liabilities and obligations of Heartland, including Heartland's liabilities and obligations under any contracts with its employees and any contracts with its suppliers.

## **ARTICLE XV**

### **DISSOLUTION**

*Section 15.1* Voluntary dissolution of the Joint Agreement may be authorized by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) the Member District's Board of Education. Such voluntary dissolution shall occur in the following manner:

*Section 15.1.a* Any Member District Board of Education may file a Resolution, in writing, with the Board of Control Chairperson proposing that the Joint Agreement be dissolved voluntarily, and that a question of such dissolution be submitted to a vote of each Member District.

*Section 15.1.b* Such written Resolution shall be filed at least twelve (12) months prior to the requested effective date of the dissolution with such dissolution occurring at 11:59 p.m. on the next June 30 after the twelve (12) months' notice has been provided. Upon receipt of such written resolution by the Chair, the Chair shall provide a copy of the written resolution to the President of each Member District. Such Notice shall establish a date by which each Member District shall be required to act. Such Notice shall afford each Member District at least ninety (90) days to act on the proposed Resolution. Each Member District hereby acknowledges that it must act within the time specified in the Notice provided by the Chair. The failure of the Member District to act shall be considered as approval of the proposed Resolution.

*Section 15.1.c* Each Member District, after it has acted on the Resolution, shall, within 15 business days following action, notify the Board of Control Chairperson of the action taken by it. A certified copy of the Resolution adopted by the Member District shall be included.

*Section 15.2* Dissolution of the Joint Agreement terminates its existence and upon dissolution, the Joint Agreement shall not thereafter carry on any business except that necessary to conclude and liquidate its business and affairs, including:

*Section 15.2.a.* Collecting its assets.

*Section 15.2.b* Liquidating and/or disposing of its assets.

*Section 15.2.c* Discharging or making provision for discharging its liabilities.

*Section 15.2.d* Distributing its remaining assets in the same proportion to the total assets for the final fiscal year of Heartland as the Member District's student enrollment for such final fiscal year bears to the student enrollment of all Member Districts for such final fiscal year.

*Section 15.2.e* Causing the honorable dismissal of or otherwise termination the Joint Agreement's employees.

*Section 15.2.f* Doing such other acts as are necessary to wind up and liquidate its business and affairs.

## **ARTICLE XVI**

### **EFFECT OF AGREEMENT**

*Section 16.1* In the event of conflict between this Agreement, or any other Intergovernmental Agreements, this Agreement shall prevail and supersede the other agreement(s).

*Section 16.2* In the event that any section or part of any section of this Joint Agreement violates any applicable statute or other binding rule and regulation, such section or part thereof shall be invalid and therefore shall not be binding on the parties. Such partial invalidation shall not in any way affect the validity of the remainder of the Agreement, which shall remain in full force and effect.

*Section 16.3* This Agreement may be executed in counterparts and shall be effective when at least one such counterpart shall have been executed by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Member Districts.

## **ARTICLE XVII**

### **AREA SECONDARY VOCATIONAL CENTER DESIGNATION**

*Section 17.1* The Joint Agreement shall continue to operate Heartland Technical Academy in accordance with the Illinois State Board of Education regulations for a designated Area Secondary Vocational Center. This Intergovernmental Agreement shall serve as the participation agreement between all of the member districts of the joint agreement to participate in the Area Secondary Vocational Center program.

*Section 17.2* The Director will take the necessary actions for continued approval of Heartland Technical Academy as a designated Area Secondary Vocational Center, in accordance with all of the requirements of Article 23 of the Illinois Administrative Code, Subpart T, Sections 254.2010-254.2098, or such other statutes or regulations as now exist or may be

amended that apply to Area Secondary Vocational Centers. The Director will notify the Board of Control of any actions that may jeopardize the status of Heartland Technical Academy as a designated Area Secondary Vocational Center.

**APPROVED ON \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.**

***Board of Education of the Argenta-Oreana  
Community Unit School District No. 1***

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Its President*

***ATTEST:***

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Its Secretary*

***Board of Education of the Central A & M  
Community Unit School District No. 21***

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Its President*

***ATTEST:***

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Its Secretary*

***Board of Education of the Cerro Gordo  
Community Unit School District No. 100***

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Its President*

***ATTEST:***

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Its Secretary*

***Board of Education of the Decatur Public  
School District No. 61***

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Its President*

***ATTEST:***

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Its Secretary*

***Board of Education of the Deland-Weldon  
Community Unit School District No. 57***

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Its President*

***ATTEST:***

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Its Secretary*

***Board of Education of the Maroa-Forsyth  
Community Unit School District No. 2***

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Its President*

***ATTEST:***

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Its Secretary*



**Board of Education of the Meridian  
Community Unit School District No. 15**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Its President

**ATTEST:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Its Secretary

**Board of Education of the Mt. Zion  
Community Unit School District No. 3**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Its President

**ATTEST:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Its Secretary

**Board of Education of the Sangamon Valley  
Community Unit School District No. 9**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Its President

**ATTEST:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Its Secretary

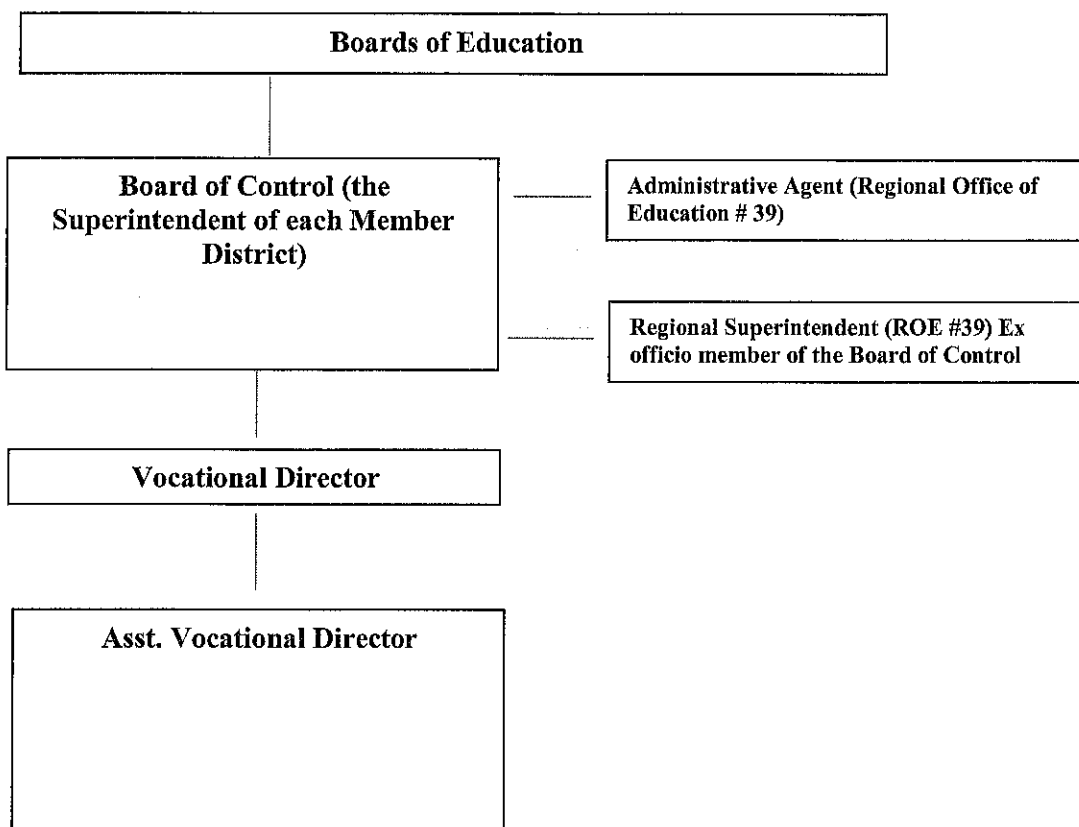
**Board of Education of the Warrensburg-  
Latham Community Unit School District No.  
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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Its President

**ATTEST:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Its Secretary

## ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



**RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT TO THE  
HEARTLAND REGION VOCATIONAL JOINT AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the **SCHOOL DISTRICT** is a Member District participating in the Heartland Region Vocational Joint Agreement (hereinafter the “Heartland”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Control has determined that it is in the best interest of Heartland that the Joint Agreement be amended in order to comply with its obligations and responsibilities as imposed under law, including federal and state regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board of Education has reviewed and considered the amendments to the Heartland Regional Vocational Joint Agreement and hereby finds that it is in the best interest of the **SCHOOL DISTRICT** to approve the amendment to the Heartland Region Vocational Joint Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, Be It Resolved by the Board of the **SCHOOL DISTRICT**, that:

**SECTION 1:** The Board of Education hereby approves the amended Heartland Region Vocational Joint Agreement (the “Agreement”). A copy of such Agreement is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as **Exhibit A**.

**SECTION 2:** The President of the Board of Education and Secretary are hereby authorized to sign the Heartland Region Vocational Joint Agreement.

**SECTION 3:** Within thirty (30) days, the Superintendent is hereby directed to provide a signed copy of the signed Agreement to the Director.

**SECTION 4:** The amendment to the Agreement shall be effective upon approval by 80% of the Member District’s Boards of Education.

**ADOPTED** this \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*President*, Board of Education of the ***SCHOOL***  
***DISTRICT***

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Secretary*, Board of Education of the ***SCHOOL DISTRICT***