



DECATUR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #61  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AGENDA

Regular Meeting  
Keil Administration Building  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Board of Education Room

April 23, 2013  
5:00 PM Closed Session  
6:30 PM Open Session

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

The Decatur Public School District is “**committed to educating all students for life-long success.**” The 2012-2013 school year theme is, “*Accountability. Excellence. Success!*” **District Strategic Plan Goals:** 1. Improving Academic Achievement 2. Promoting a Positive Learning Environment 3. Fostering Trusting Relationships Among Staff 4. Maximizing parent and Community Involvement

**IO 1.0 CALL TO ORDER**  
Roll Call

**IO 2.0 CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
The Board of Education will meet in closed executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, possible litigation and discussion of collective negotiating matters between the Board and representatives of its employees.

**IO 3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**AI 4.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA, APRIL 23, 2013**

**IO 5.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS**

**Official Farewell to Board Members Daniel Winter, Kevin Moore, Jackie Bullard and LaVell Peete!** These Board Members dedicated and served countless hours on the Decatur Public Schools Board of Education.

**Proclamation of National Administrative Office Professionals Day:  
April 24, 2013!**

**Proclamation of Teacher and Teaching Assistant Appreciation Week:  
May 6 – 10, 2013!**

**National Teacher Appreciation Day is Tuesday, May 7, 2013.**

**Congratulations to Courtney Ferriell, Parsons Elementary School Teacher, who was named the March 2013 Rotary Teacher of the Month!**

**Congratulations to Susan Freeman, Enterprise Elementary School Teacher**, who was named the April 2013 Rotary Teacher of the Month!

**Congratulations to the Johns Hill Destination Imagination (DI) Team!**

The DI program encourages teams of learners to have fun, take risks, focus and frame challenges while incorporating STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics), the arts and service learning. Our participants learn patience, flexibility, persistence, ethics, respect for others and the collaborative problem solving process. Teams may showcase their solutions at tournaments.

On February 23, 2013, the DI Team won 1<sup>st</sup> place at the regional tournament in Pekin, IL, which led them to move onto the state tournament. On April 13, 2013, the DI Team won 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the state tournament at Northern Illinois University.

The DI team consist of the following coach and students:

**Principal:** Rob Prange, **Coach:** Karyn Webb

**Team Members:** Elliot Briscoe, Lauren Jacobson, Emily King-Nobles, Delaney Kwasny, Makenna Ingle, Caleb Maxey and Edgar Onate.

*Decatur Public School District is proud of you!*

**IO 6.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**AI 7.0 CONSENT ITEMS**

- A. Minutes: Regular/Closed, April 9, 2013
- B. Financial Conditions Report
- C. Treasurer's Report
- D. Bid: Playground and Cafeteria Monitor
- E. Job Descriptions: Administrative Assistant to the Deputy Superintendent and Assistant to the Director of Human Resources
- F. Job Description: Technology Magnet Elementary Teacher
- G. Job Descriptions: Secretary to Elementary Principal, Secretary to Middle School Principal, Library Secretary – Itinerant, Data Analyst Secretary, Secretary to Grants Administrator, Registration/Alternative Education Secretary, Library Secretary – Collections and Processing, Secretary to Coordinator of Health and Secretary to the Director of Student Services

**AI 8.0 ROLL CALL ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Personnel and Administrative Appointments
- B. Board Governance Policies: Second Reading and Approval for the following:
  - **Policy, Section 6-Instruction**
    - 6:240-Field Trips
  - **Policy, Section 7-Students**
    - 7:340-Student Records

- C. FY13 District 61 Tentative Budget Amendment and Set Public Hearing Date
- D. Resolution declaring the intent of the Board to issue not to exceed \$7,000,000 of working cash fund bonds

**IO 9.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- A. 2013-2014 Alternative Education Program: Donald Smith, Assistant Superintendent, Rochelle Clark, Director of Student Services and Edwin Wilson, Principal of the Alternative Education Programs
- B. Dennis Lab School Update: Lisa Mann, Deputy Superintendent, Matt Andrews, Principal at Dennis Lab School and Team Members

**DI 10.0 BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Board Standing Committee Reports:
  - 1. Finance Committee (Dan Winter and Brian Hodges)
  - 2. City Planning Commission (LaVell Peete and Sherri Perkins)
  - 3. Discipline Action Committee (LaVell Peete and Sherri Perkins)
  - 4. Safety: (Kevin Moore, Dan Oakes, Sherri Perkins)
  - 5. Bargaining Team (Dan Winter, Kevin Moore)
  - 6. End of the Year Grievance Review Committee (Dan Winter, Dan Oakes)
  - 7. Schedule B: (Dan Winter, Brian Hodges)
  - 8. Decatur Public Schools Foundation (Dan Winter)
  - 9. Appraisal Action (teacher evaluation): (Kevin Moore)
  - 10. Class Size: (Jackie Bullard)
  - 11. Insurance: (Dan Winter, Brian Hodges)
  - 12. Other Committees

Other Board Discussion

**IO 11.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Board of Education sends condolences to the families of:

Henry Walter English, who passed away Thursday, April 4, 2013. Mr. English is the father of Greg Smith, Maintenance Employee at the Buildings and Grounds Department.

Wilbur Robert "Junior" Reed, who passed away Tuesday, April 9, 2013. Mr. Reed is the father of Cindy Reed, Teacher at Hope Academy Magnet School.

Ross C. Dash, who passed away Monday, April 15, 2013. Mr. Dash is the uncle of Robin Shafer, Special Education Life Skills Teaching Assistant Parsons Elementary School.

John Kessinger, who passed away Monday, April 15, 2013. Mr. Kessinger is the father of Amy Blackburn, Itinerant Reading Teacher at Parsons Elementary School.

Dorothy Henderson, who passed away Monday, April 15, 2013. Mrs. Henderson is the grandmother of Kathy Streaty, Teaching Assistant at Parsons Elementary School.

Freddie Levi “Butch” Johnson, who passed away Tuesday, April 16, 2013. Mr. Johnson is the brother of Karla Johnson, Transportation/Purchasing Analyst at the Keil Administration Building.

## IO 12.0 IMPORTANT DATES

- April** 23 – 24 High School Testing:  
PSAE (11<sup>th</sup> Grade), PLAN (10<sup>th</sup> Grade) and EXPLORE (9<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- 24 NO HIGH SCHOOL LATE START!!!  
– **Normal High School Start Time, which is 8:14 AM**
- 25 Special Called Board of Education Work Session  
– 9:00 AM, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Conference Room, Keil Administration Building  
Freshman Orientation  
– Eisenhower and MacArthur High Schools, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
- 26 DPS 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual District Art Show – Madden Arts Center  
– Elementary Showcase, 5:00 - 7:00 PM
- 30 Kindergarten Jamboree  
– Hope Academy, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- May** 1 Open House for Students Transferring from Brush College  
– Hope Academy at 5:30 PM
- 2 Open House for Students Transferring from Brush College  
– Harris Elementary School at 5:30 PM  
Special Called Board of Education Open Session Meeting  
– 5:30 PM, 1<sup>st</sup> floor Board Room, Keil Administration Building
- 3 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Midterm Distribution – District  
High School Progress Report Distribution  
DPS 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual District Art Show – Madden Arts Center  
– Middle/High School Showcase, 5:00 - 7:00 PM
- 6 – 17 Advanced Placement Exams – High School Students
- 7 – 8 PS AE Makeup Exam Dates
- 10 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Midterm Distribution – Hope Academy
- 15 Eisenhower High School Senior Awards Night  
– EHS Auditorium at 7:00 PM
- 16 MacArthur High School Senior Awards Night  
– MHS Auditorium at 6:30 PM
- 23 Retirement Tribute for District 61 Employees  
– Eisenhower High School Galleria  
○ Reception for Retirees and Their Guests, 5:45 - 6:30 PM  
○ Program Open to the Public, 6:30 PM
- 26 High School Graduation at the Decatur Civic Center  
– MHS at 2:00 PM  
– EHS at 6:00 PM

### **NEXT MEETING**

A special Open Work Session has been called for Thursday, April 25, 2013 at 9:00 AM for the specific purpose of training Board Members on the electronic board packets.

A special Open meeting has been called for Thursday, May 2, 2013 at 5:30 PM for the specific purpose of the oath of office, reorganization of the new board, election of officers and adoption of the Board of Education calendar for the next two years.

The next Regular meeting of the Board of Education will be at 6:30 PM, Tuesday, May 14, 2013 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Board of Education Room.

### **AI 13.0 ADJOURNMENT**