



AGENDA
Mercer County School District 404
Budget Public Hearing
Wednesday, September 24, 2025

The hearing will take place in the Mercer County Junior High School at 1002 SW 6th Street, Aledo, Illinois. The meeting will begin at 6:30pm.

1. Call to Order & Roll Call
2. Public Comment on proposed FY26 budget
3. Adjourn



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1. Call to Order & Roll Call
2. Public Comment (see participation protocol on back)
3. Board Comments
4. Correspondence
5. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - 5.1. Meeting Minutes - Regular Meeting Minutes August 20, 2025
 - 5.2. Bill List
 - 5.3. Treasurer's Report
 - 5.4. Financial Report
 - 5.5. BCBS Health Insurance Account Statement
 - 5.6. SRO Agreement with the City of Aledo
 - 5.7. Casualty and Surety Bonds
 - 5.8. Early Graduate Requests
6. Committee Reports
 - 6.1. Finance Committee
 - 6.1.1. Continue moving forward 10-year Health Life Safety Study estimate (HS only)
 - 6.1.2. Continue moving forward with updated cost estimates for HS renovation design
 - 6.1.3. Purchase Ford Transit Van & continue moving fleet management plan forward
 - 6.1.4. Guidance on approach to finances related to Building Project #3495
 - 6.1.5. Approve FY26 Budget
 - 6.1.6. Approve 2025 Tentative School Tax Levy
 - 6.1.7. Develop Deficit Reduction Plan
 - 6.2. Building and Grounds Committee
 - 6.2.1. Obtain an estimate of 10-year Health Life Safety Study costs (HS only)
 - 6.2.2. Obtain an updated cost estimate for the previously approved design
 - 6.2.3. Obtain a cost estimate for a design with four fewer classrooms
 - 6.3. Transportation Committee
 - 6.3.1. Continue studying ways to become more efficient
 - 6.3.2. Continue moving forward with fleet management plan
7. Information/ Discussion Items
 - 7.1. FOIA Requests (see here)
 - 7.2. Academic Improvement Planning Update
 - 7.3. High School Renovation Plan Discussion
 - 7.4. Dedicated JH/Apollo SRO Discussion
8. Action Items
 - 8.1. Action on FY26 Budget
 - 8.2. Action on FY27 PREK placement
 - 8.3. Action on Tentative 2025 School Tax Levy
 - 8.4. Action on Ford Transit Purchase
9. Administrative Reports
10. Closed Session to discuss employee employment &/or performance, per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)
 - 10.1. Personnel Report
11. Schedule Committee Meetings
 - 11.1. Finance - 10/14 @ 5:00PM
 - 11.2. Building and Grounds - 10/20 @ 6:00PM
 - 11.3. IASB BOE Training - 10/29 @ 5:30PM
12. Adjourn

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Public Participation in BOE Meetings

The Board of Education welcomes public comment during the Public Comment portion of the agenda. Those who wish to address the Board should state their name and limit their statement to five minutes. Comments are not restricted to items on the agenda; however, comments regarding specific student discipline cases are not allowed during Open Session. Generally, these types of comments should come to the Board only after they have been referred to the teacher, principal, or administrator who is closest to the situation. If all other avenues for resolving these items have been exhausted and the issue has not been resolved, you may request to address the Board, usually during Closed Session. In addition, please refrain from using derogatory comments about staff members at this time.