

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF MERCER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #404,
MERCER, HENDERSON, & ROCK ISLAND COUNTIES, ILLINOIS.**

The Board of Education of Mercer County School District #404, Mercer, Henderson, & Rock Island Counties, Illinois, convened at a regular meeting at *the Mercer County School District Office*, on **Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 6:00 PM.**

Prior to Roll Call, Pastor Dietmeier opened with a brief prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance led by President Julie Wagner.

RECORD OF MOTIONS & VOTES

	No. 01	No. 02	NO. 03	NO. 04	NO. 05	NO. 06	NO. 07	NO. 08	No. 09	No. 10	
Balmer	-	-	VOICE	VOICE	-	-	-	VOICE	AYE	AYE	
Bowns	AYE	AYE			AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE
Dillavou	AYE	AYE			AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE
Frieden	AYE	AYE			AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE
Smock	AYE	AYE			AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE
Wagner	AYE	AYE			AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE
Yates	AYE	AYE			AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE

	No. 11	No. 12
Balmer	AYE	VOICE
Bowns	AYE	
Dillavou	AYE	
Frieden	AYE	
Smock	AYE	
Wagner	AYE	
Yates	AYE	

ATTENDANCE

Board members present upon roll call: Bowns, Dillavou, Frieden, Wagner, and Yates. Smock was present via conference call.

Absent: Balmer arrived at 7:30 PM

Administrators present: Superintendent Scott Petrie, Principals Day, Sedam (arrived 6:50PM), Koresko, Bush and Fleurette.

Also in Attendance: Andrew Hofer, Pastor Dietmeier, Rusty Ruggles, Chad Cook, Sarah Gillespie, Jayson Thomson, Beth Knapp, Jim Campbell, Secretary Angie Baker

Reporters: Cathy Decker and John Hoscheidt

CONSENT AGENDA

1. There was a motion by Dillavou, seconded by Bowns, to approve the following items on the consent agenda as presented.

- 1.1 Meeting Minutes
 - a. **Regular Meeting Minutes – October 16, 2019**
- 1.2 Bill List
- 1.3 Treasurer’s Report
- 1.4 Financial Report
- 1.5 BCBS Health Insurance Account Statement

Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- SNOW REMOVAL 2. There was a motion by Dillavou, seconded by Frieden, to approve the snow removal quotes as presented.
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.
- SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN – MCIS 3. There was a motion by Bowns, seconded by Yates, to approve the Mercer County Intermediate School Improvement Plan as presented.
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.
- VOTING DELEGATE 4. There was a motion by Bowns, seconded by Dillavou, to approve Julie Wagner as the voting delegate for the Delegate Assembly.
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.
- FY19 AUDIT 5. There was a motion by Frieden, seconded by Yates, to accept the FY19 Audit as presented.
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.
- 2019 WELLNESS POLICY 6. There was a motion by Dillavou, seconded by Frieden, to approve the 2019 Wellness Policy as presented.
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.
- CLOSED SESSION 7. There was a motion by Frieden, seconded by Dillavou, to go into Closed Session for Personnel and Negotiations discussion at 7:20PM.
7.1 Personnel
The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
7.2 Negotiations
Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- OPEN SESSION 8. There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Bowns, to return to open session at 8:55PM.
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.
- HIRE HS CUSTODIAN 9. There was a motion by Bowns, seconded by Yates, to hire Kylee McCreight as High School Custodian.
Roll Call: 7Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- HIRE BUS DRIVER 10. There was a motion by Bowns, seconded by Yates, to hire Randall Malone as Mercer County School Bus Driver.
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- APPROVE VOLUNTEER 11. There was a motion by Bowns, seconded by Yates, to approve Tamara

EMPLOYEE Hevland as Mercer County Health Department Volunteer Employee.
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

ADJOURN 12. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Bowns, to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM.
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:

ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS 1. None

PUBLIC COMMENT 2. None

2021 JAZZ BAND TRIP 3. Rusty Ruggles addressed the board asking for permission to take the Mercer County High School Jazz Band to Nashville in 2021. The group had great success this last summer during their New York trip. The jazz band is scheduled to play outside of the Grand Ole Opry on the Friday evening prior to the show.

CORRESPONDENCE 4. A thank you card was received from the family of Carol McAtee.

BOARD COMMENTS 5. Mike Bowns commended Mrs. Day and the High School staff for the Veterans Day Ceremony.

Julie Wagner announced the Brooks Gibbs' Parent Night on December 5th starting at 6:30pm in the HS Auditorium. He will speak separately with our 5-12 students in the morning on December 6th and hold trainings with teachers in the afternoon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS 6. Jake Frieden read the minutes from the Finance Committee. We have received the bulk of the property taxes for the year. The FY19 Audit has been completed, receiving a 4.0 financial profile score.
Mr. Petrie discussed the minutes from the Wellness Committee, stating the minor changes that were made to the 2017 Wellness Policy.
Mr. Petrie went over the Building and Grounds minutes and discussed the handouts from Phillips and Associates that were included in the board packet.

FOIA REQUESTS 7. We responded to 3 FOIA requests this month from Access Systems, Smart Procure, and IL Department of Labor.

COMMERCIAL INSURANCE 8. Mr. Petrie discussed the option of rebidding our commercial insurance provider. This is our third year with Prairie State Insurance Cooperative and Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Trust. If we wish to seek bids, we must send letters of termination by December 31st.

- SCHOOL REPORT CARD** 9. Mr. Petrie reviewed our districts school report card. Included in the board packet was information from other area schools to compare. He encouraged the board to visit illinoisreportcard.com for further information. He stated that as a district we scored very well in Math, Science, and English. Based on the model, our District Financial Capacity to Meet Expectations is 67%, the lowest level of any area school district.
- LEVY DISCUSSION** 10. Mr. Petrie gave a projected presentation of the tools given to us by the auditors to help calculate the tax levy amounts. EAV shows an increase of 3%. Truth and Taxation Hearing will be held next month.
- JUNIOR HIGH
SOFTBALL PROGRAM** 11. Chad Cook presented additional information that the board had requested regarding the JH Softball program. A survey was taken at both the junior high and the intermediate school, showing interest from our students that would like to participate in the program. Mr. Sedam and Coach Hofer were in attendance to answer questions. Currently, the Prairieland Conference schools, do not participate in softball.
- NATIONAL BOARD
CERTIFICATION** 12. Mr. Petrie recognized 13 of our Educators pursuing National Board Certification at Illinois State University. National Board Certification is achieved through a rigorous, performance –based assessment of a teacher’s pedagogical skills and content knowledge. The certification takes one to three years to complete. Congratulations to our teachers for attempting National Board Certification.
- ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORTS** 13. In addition to their written reports, the following was mentioned:
Mr. Fleurette had nothing to add.
Mr. Bush discussed a couple of Grants New Boston Elementary has received to be used for equipment in their sensory room. He also announced that Brooks Gibbs will be visiting Mercer County in December.
Mr. Koresko had nothing to add.
Mr. Sedam gave a shout out to everyone involved with the District Veterans Day Ceremony. He also spoke about the School Improvement plan at the Junior High. They have been working with the ROE#33 and Special Education staff at Mercer County Intermediate.
Mrs. Day thanked the New Boston PTO for organizing and raising money for the Veterans Day shirts for our students. Each child was given a t-shirt to wear that day. Staff and community members were able to purchase shirts as well. 1600 total shirts were passed out. Ben Hess, a 2019 MC graduate, was at the high school as a Marine after finishing boot camp earlier this fall. Riley Coulter placed 71st at the Cross Country State Meet on Nov. 9th.

Submitted By: _____
Recording Secretary

President, Bd. of Education

Secretary, Bd. of Education

Approved: _____