

**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, 1002 SW 6th Street, Aledo, IL* on **Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 6:00 PM.**

Prior to Roll Call, Jake Frieden opened with a brief prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Julie Wagner.

ATTENDANCE

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

A quorum was present.

Absent: Balmer arrived at 7:10 PM

Administrators present: Superintendent Scott Petrie, Principals Bush, Fleurette, Koresko, and Day.

Also in Attendance: Andrew Hofer, Aaron Heartt, Nick Blaser, Jackie McKnight, Chief Sullivan, and Secretary Angie Baker.

Reporters: Cathy Decker and John Hoscheidt

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	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	
Bowns	AYE	AYE		AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	NAY
Dillavou	AYE	AYE		AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE
Frieden	AYE	AYE		AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	NAY
Smock	AYE	AYE		AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE
Wagner	AYE	AYE		AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE
Yates	AYE	AYE		AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	NAY

	No. 11	No. 12	NO. 13	NO. 14	NO. 15
Balmer	VOICE	AYE	VOICE	VOICE	
Bowns		AYE			
Dillavou		AYE			
Frieden		AYE			
Smock		AYE			
Wagner		AYE			
Yates		AYE			

CONSENT AGENDA

1. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Frieden, to approve the following items on the consent agenda as presented.
 - 1.1 Meeting Minutes
 - a. Regular Meeting Minutes – July 17, 2019
 - b. Emergency Meeting Minutes – July 22, 2019
 - 1.2 Bill List
 - 1.3 Treasurer’s Report
 - 1.4 Financial Report

- 1.5 BCBS Health Insurance Account Statement
 - 1.6 Resignation of School Bus Driver Darla Dixon
 - 1.7 Resignation of 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach Tony Holtschlag
 - 1.8 Resignation of Apollo Paraprofessional Danielle Anderson
 - 1.9 Maternity Leave for Mollie Finch
 - 1.10 Maternity Leave for Brooke Huston
 - 1.11 Retirement of Junior High Paraprofessional Joan Showalter at the end of the 19-20 school year
- Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

2. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Bowns, to approve the School Resource Officer Agreement with the Mercer County Sheriff's Department as presented.
- Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

PRESS POLICY ADOPTION

3. There was a motion by Dillavou, seconded by Yates, to adopt the updated PRESS Policies from IASB for the June Quarter.
- Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

4. There was a motion by Dillavou, seconded by Yates, to go into Closed Session after a short recess for Personnel, Real Property, Security, Litigation, Negotiations, and a Review of Closed Session Minutes at 6:50PM.

4.1 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)

4.2 Real Property

The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5).

4.3 Litigation

Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding must be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

4.4 Security

Emergency security procedures and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public or public property. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8).

4.5 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).

4.6 Review of Closed Session Minutes

The discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)

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

Tab Balmer arrived at 7:10 PM.

OPEN SESSION

5. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Bowns to come out of closed session at 9:39PM.
- Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

- HIRE COMPUTER LAB PARAPROFESSIONAL 6. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Bowns, to hire Lee Ann Baldwin as Apollo Computer Lab Paraprofessional. Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- HIRE JUNIOR HIGH SECRETARY 7. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to hire Jodi O'Leary as Mercer County Junior High Secretary. Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- HIRE JUNIOR HIGH COOK 8. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to hire Melissa Esp as a cook at the Junior High School. Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- HIRE MCIS PART TIME CUSTODIAN 9. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Balmer, to hire Loni King as Part Time Custodian at the Intermediate School. Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- HIRE HIGH SCHOOL CUSTODIAN 10. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Balmer, to hire Bryan Adamson as a Custodian at the High School. Roll Call: 4 Ayes, 3 Nays. Motion carried.
- VOLUNTEER EMPLOYEES 11. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Balmer, to approve Tristan Finch as a volunteer Junior High Football Coach. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.
- APPROVE MCEA LABOR AGREEMENT 12. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Balmer, to approve the MCEA 2019-2022 Labor Agreement. Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- CLOSED MINUTE REVIEW 13. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to keep the closed minutes from August 2018 – July 2019 closed. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.
- ADJOURN 14. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Balmer, to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 PM. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:

ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS 1. None

PUBLIC COMMENT 2. Nick Blaser and Jackie McKnight addressed the board with concerns about the bus stop in their neighborhood. Johannes bus routes were changed this school year resulting in less town stops. This has affected the pickup and drop off of 10-12 students. They would like to see the bus stop added back to the route.

Aaron Heartt presented the board with a check for \$8,500 payable to the district for the purchase of the car they rebuilt for a fundraiser. They were able to raise an extra \$4,500 to put towards the purchase of next year's project. The car will be raffled at Antique Days later this month.

- CORRESPONDENCE 3. A thank you card was received from the family of Jennifer Hofmann for a memorial sent in honor of her father's passing.
- BOARD COMMENTS 4. Tyson Dillavou thanked the parents concerned with the bus stops for coming in. The information will be discussed further during the next transportation committee meeting.
- COMMITTEE REPORTS 5. Jake Frieden summarized the Finance Committee report. The budget will go on display for 30 days to be adopted in September.
- INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT 6. Mr. Petrie discussed the agreement between the Mercer County Sheriff's Department and Mercer County School District. A School Resource Officer will be hired full time at the Junior High in Joy.
- FY20 BUDGET 7. Mr. Petrie summarized the budget with a handout. The budget does not account for potential increases related to negotiations with the MCEEA, and increases associated with the MCEA are estimates based on a 3% increase. The FY20 proposed budget has been posted to the district website and is available to view in the District Office. The annual budget hearing and adoption will happen next month.
- LOOSER FLAKE GRANT 8. Mr. Petrie recognized the Looser Flake Charitable Foundation. Mercer County School District received a \$53,628 grant based on our application for K-8 Interventions for Grade Level Proficiency and Community College Coordination. This is the second year we have received this grant.
- TRANSPORATION UPDATE 9. Mr. Petrie handed out maps showing bus routes from this year and last year. Johannes eliminated a bus route this year impacting the number of busses coming into town and the capacity of students on each bus. Tyson Dillavou spoke regarding the lack of a bus stop in his neighborhood. More discussion will be had at the Transportation Committee Meeting.
- STUDENT INFO SYSTEM 10. Mr. Petrie discussed the new computer system that we purchased this summer from Common Goal. The tech department has been working hard all summer preparing the new system for online registration and transferring data to the teacher grade book and food service portions. We were not able to transfer transportation or health records to Common Goal.
- MENTAL HEALTH ACTION PLAN 11. Mrs. Day spoke about the Mental Health Action Program. We have teamed up with Mercer County Health Department and will be adding services at the high school. Kurt Doyle, licensed clinical social worker, will be available to meet with students once a month at the high school. Megan Bull, MCHD Case Manager, will also be meeting with students, as needed,

to help with coping strategies etc. On Sept. 6th, Kurt will do an all school assembly entitled "Back to School Stress".

ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORTS

12. In addition to their written reports, the following was mentioned:

Mr. Koresko commented on how great it is to have a full time counselor at the Intermediate School.

Mrs. Day added how great the floors in the front lobby look, the vocational building has been repaired, and the concrete behind the building is finished and looks great.

Mr. Bush had nothing to add.

Mr. Fleurette stated his enrollment on the first day was 334, same as 2018-2019 school year.

Mr. Sedam was not in attendance.

Submitted By:

Recording Secretary

President, Bd. of Education

Secretary, Bd. of Education

Approved: _____