

**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, January 22, 2020 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**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Board members present upon roll call:** Bowns, Dillavou, Frieden, Smock, and Wagner. A quorum was present. Yates arrived at 6:04pm.

**Absent:** Balmer

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

**Also in Attendance:** Pastor Dietmeier, Andrew Hofer, and Secretary Angie Baker.

**Reporters:** Cathy Decker and John Hoscheidt

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<b>Balmer</b>	-	-	-	-	VOICE	-	-	-	-	-	VOICE
<b>Bowns</b>	AYE	NAY	AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	
<b>Dillavou</b>	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	NAY	AYE	
<b>Frieden</b>	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	
<b>Smock</b>	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	
<b>Wagner</b>	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	
<b>Yates</b>	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 1.1 Meeting Minutes – December 18, 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.

**FY20 AUDIT FIRM**

2. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Frieden, to accept the proposal from Gorenz and Associates for Audit Services for FY20.

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

SCHOOL MAINTENANCE PROJECT GRANT 3. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Dillavou, to approve the School Maintenance Project Grant application as presented.  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION 4. There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Frieden, to go into Closed Session for Personnel, Security, and Negotiations at 6:55PM.

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 **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).*

4.3 **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 5. There was a motion by Dillavou, seconded by Frieden, to come out of Closed Session at 9:15 PM.  
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

HIRE HS SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER 6. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Dillavou, to hire Megan Harbor as High School Special Education Teacher.  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

HIRE NBE PARAPROFESSIONAL 7. There as a motion by Smock, seconded by Frieden, to hire Katie Hill as a Paraprofessional at New Boston Elementary.  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

HIRE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL COOK 8. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Dillavou, to hire Katie McCaw as Mercer County Intermediate School Cook.  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

HIRE ASSISTANT VARSITY FOOTBALL COACH 9. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Frieden, to hire Dustin Murray as Assistant Varsity Football Coach.  
Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 1 Nay. Motion carried.

NON UNION STAFF SALARIES AND BENEFITS 10. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to approve the Non Union Staff Salaries and Benefits as presented.  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

ADJOURN 11. There was a motion by Frieden, seconded by Bowns, to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 PM.  
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

**OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:**

ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS 1. None

PUBLIC COMMENT 2. None

CORRESPONDENCE 3. A thank you card was received from the family of Stacey Day with the passing of her father in law.

BOARD COMMENTS 4. Mr. Petrie recognized Johannes Bus Driver, Ginny Boultinghouse. Ginny retired on January 17<sup>th</sup> after driving bus for both the Aledo and Mercer County School Districts for the past 39 years. We appreciate her loyalty and commitment to the Mercer County School District and the families she has transported.

Don Yates spoke briefly on the local trades. Brad Long, Local Union 309 Manager, is willing to come speak to our students about the local trades in our area. He has also offered his service of small jobs at no cost to the district and possibly donated materials.

Julie Wagner mentioned the Community Forum that will be held in April. She is asking the board members to send her new nominations by February 1<sup>st</sup>. The Black Hawk Division Meeting will be held at Geneseo High School on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

COMMITTEE REPORTS 5. Jake Frieden went over the Finance Committee Report, discussing the Fund Balances and the Health Insurance Account. No concerns at this time.

Bill Smock went over the Building and Grounds Committee Meeting. BLDD was here and presented their software and road map for Master Planning. We should receive a fee schedule in the next couple of weeks. The process is similar to Health Life Safety, but more in depth. Mr. Petrie added that they emphasized on the appropriate educational environment and the utilization of space.

Rob Long, Local Laborer's Union 309 Manager, was also present at the Building and Grounds Meeting. He would like to speak with high school students about job opportunities in the trades. He would like to be a part of career fairs and is willing to have students job shadow. He also offered his service of small jobs at no cost to the district and possibly donated materials. Tyson Dillavou mentioned building steps from the parking lot behind the vocational building to the high school.

FOIA REQUESTS 6. None

LOWELL N JOHN  
CHARITABLE FOUND.

7. Apollo Elementary, New Boston Elementary, and Mercer County Intermediate received grant money from The Lowell N. Johnson Charitable Foundation Committee for grade level initiative as determined by the teachers. We are very grateful for their generosity.

PRESS PLUS

8. Mr. Petrie discussed the cost and benefits of upgrading to IASB's PRESS Plus Service. This policy update service provides full access to PRESS online, provides additional assistance to help districts keep their policy manuals current, and is customized to fit our district's needs. Brochures were included in the board packet. No further action will be taken at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE  
REPORTS

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

Mr. Bush recognized the Lowell Johnson Foundation for their generous donation to New Boston Elementary.

Mr. Sedam mentioned the new dishwasher that was installed at the Junior High. The students and kitchen staff greatly appreciate being able to use the lunch trays again.

Submitted By:

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Recording Secretary

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President, Bd. of Education

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Secretary, Bd. of Education

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