

**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, July 19, 2017 at 6:00 PM.**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

**Board members present upon roll call:** Balmer, Chiles, Dillavou, Smock, Yates, and Wagner. A quorum was present.

**Absent:** VanderHeyden

**Administrators present:** Superintendent Scott Petrie

**Also in Attendance:** Pastor Dietmeier, Architects Matt Longenecker and Bill Phillips, Darla Dixon and Secretary Stefanie Carey.

**Reporters:** Cathy Decker

**RECORD OF MOTIONS & VOTES**

	NO. 1	NO. 2	NO. 3	NO. 4	NO. 5	NO. 6	NO. 7	NO. 8	NO. 9	NO. 10
<b>Balmer</b>	AYE	VOICE VOTE	VOICE VOTE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE
<b>Chiles</b>	AYE			AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE
<b>Dillavou</b>	AYE			AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE
<b>Smock</b>	AYE			AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE
<b>VanderHeyden</b>	-			-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Wagner</b>	AYE			AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE
<b>Yates</b>	AYE			AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE

	No. 11	No. 12	NO. 13	NO. 14	NO. 15	NO. 16	NO. 17	NO. 18	No. 19	No. 20
<b>Balmer</b>	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	VOICE VOTE					
<b>Chiles</b>	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE						
<b>Dillavou</b>	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE						
<b>Smock</b>	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE						
<b>VanderHeyden</b>	-	-	-	-						
<b>Wagner</b>	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE						
<b>Yates</b>	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE						

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 1.1 Meeting Minutes
  - a. Regular Meeting Minutes – June 21, 2017
- 1.2 Bill List
- 1.3 Treasurer’s Report
- 1.4 Financial Report
- 1.5 BCBS Health Insurance Account Statement
- 1.6 Maternity Leave Request from Ashley Stice
- 1.7 Resignation of Special Education Teacher Julie Drish
- 1.8 Resignation of New Boston Custodian Lori DeFrieze
- 1.9 Resignation of Intermediate Cook Angie Aukes

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

- PRESS BOARD POLICY UPDATES 2. There was a motion by Dillavou, seconded by Balmer, to approve the PRESS Policy quarterly updates from the Illinois Association of School Boards as presented.  
Majority of Ayes by Voice Votes. Motion Carried.
- STUDENT HANDBOOKS 3. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Balmer, to approve the student handbooks from New Boston Elementary as presented, Mercer County Intermediate as presented, and Mercer County High School pending clarifications as discussed.  
Majority of Ayes by Voice Votes. Motion Carried.
- HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL 4. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Yates, to accept the Health Insurance premium recommendations as presented.  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- DENTAL INSURANCE RENEWAL 5. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to accept the Delta Dental renewal rates as presented.  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- TREASURER BONDS 6. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Chiles, to approve the Treasurer and Casualty Surety Bond renewals as presented.  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- HIGH ROADS SUPPORT 7. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Balmer, to accept the request from High Roads for continued in-kind support.  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- PART TIME DRIVER 8. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Smock, to hire a part time bus driver to be on call for routes and shop work.  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- CLOSED SESSION 9. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Dillavou, to go into Closed Session for Personnel, Negotiations, Closed Session Minute Review, and Litigation discussion at 7:52 PM.
- 9.1 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)*
  - 9.2 Negotiations  
*Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)*
  - 9.3 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)*
  - 9.4 Litigation  
*Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular District has been filed and is pending before court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).*
- Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- OPEN SESSION 10. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Dillavou to return to Open Session at 8:48 PM.  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- JV BOYS BASKETBALL COACH 11. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Balmer, to hire Nick Blaser as JV Boys' Basketball coach.  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL COACH 12. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Balmer, to hire Ashley Coulter as Freshmen Volleyball Coach.  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- HEAD SOFTBALL COACH 13. There was a motion by Dillavou, seconded by Smock, to hire Morgan Weeks as Head Softball Coach.  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- CLOSED SESSION MINUTES 14. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Yates, to keep closed session minutes from February 2017 – June 2017 closed.  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- ADJOURN 15. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Dillavou, to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 PM.  
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

**OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:**

- ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS 1. None
- PUBLIC COMMENT 2. None
- CORRESPONDENCE 3. None
- BOARD COMMENTS 4. Barb Chiles praised former graduate Collin Wicks for making the Dean's List at NIU. She also recognized all of the MC kids who showed and participated in the County Fair. Also mentioned was the need to donate to the Mercer County Education Foundation and instructions on how to do so.  
Julie Wagner reported to the board that ISBE will have resolutions to be voted on at the Joint Annual Conference this fall. She will be presenting them to the board in August so they can decide how our delegate that will be chosen should vote. They also need to decide who is going.
- COMMITTEE REPORTS 5. Mr. Petrie went over the Finance Committee Report highlighting some tax money we received in late June that helped our budget. The athletic budgets and Health Life Safety Plans were also covered.

Barb Chiles gave a report for Buildings and Grounds. She mentioned that a new chair person needs to be appointed. The 10 year Life Safety Plan was brought up, which led to the presentation by Matt Longenecker from Phillip's and Associates.

ARCHITECT  
PRESENTATION

6. Matt Longenecker from Phillip's and Associates gave details on the urgent list of repairs needed to comply with the Health Safety Plan. He had a slide show with pictures. There was much discussion on the exit door needed at the High school cafeteria and the necessary Auditorium renovations. He also mentioned that the current construction at Apollo is going very well. The 2 companies are working well together.

MORE COMMITTEE  
REPORTS

7. Barb Chiles gave a report from the latest BHASED governing meeting. Moline has come back to the co-op, which will benefit everyone involved.

Tab Balmer and Tyson Dillavou submitted a written report and asked for questions. There are plans to streamline a few routes to make things more efficient, trading some houses with Johannes Bus Service routes. It was called to our attention from our insurance company that the driver for High Roads Advantage GED program needs to be employed by us. We own the bus that they use currently. We will be adding this driver to our employ, but High Roads will reimburse us.

HANDBOOKS

8. There was much discussion regarding the High School Handbook revisions. The board was not happy with the consequences listed for pocket knife possession. They wish to have it changed. There was also debate over the use of cell phones in classrooms, and whether or not this should be allowed at all or be up to the classroom teacher. Drink containers were also mentioned. The handbook was approved pending revisions or clarifications on these issues.

HEALTH INSURANCE  
RENEWAL

9. Renewal rate recommendations were presented from Blue Cross Blue Shield. The District plans to round to the nearest dollar and go with the recommended rates. The percentage increase listed was different than the actual increase due to the fact that we raised rates higher than recommended last year to build our cushion.

DENTAL RENEWAL

10. The Dental rates will not increase with a 12 month contract. This was what was decided to approve.

PART TIME DRIVER

11. The board decided to hire a part time driver to have on hand to fill in for routes as a substitute and help Ernie Dillie in the shop. There was some discussion on hours and duties. We are always short drivers, and Ernie has to cover for routes, leaving the shop work undone.

FOIA REQUESTS

12. We responded to a request from the Chicago Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights for a copy of our High School Student Handbook and School Code from 2015-16.

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President, Bd. of Education

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Secretary, Bd. of Education

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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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, August 23, 2017 at 6:00 PM.**

Pastor Dietmeier opened with a brief prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Vice President Yates prior to Roll Call.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Board members present upon roll call:** Chiles, Dillavou, Smock, VanderHeyden, and Yates. A quorum was present.

**Absent:** Wagner arrived at 6:40PM. Balmer arrived at 7:25 PM

**Administrators present:** Superintendent Scott Petrie

**Also in Attendance:** Pastor Dietmeier, Bob Beguelin, Vic Johnson, Nancy Watkins, Stephanie Braucht, Mary Flint, Darla Dixon and Secretary Stefanie Carey.

**Reporters:** Cathy Decker

**RECORD OF MOTIONS & VOTES**

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<b>Smock</b>	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE			
<b>VanderHeyden</b>	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE			
<b>Wagner</b>	-		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE			
<b>Yates</b>	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE			

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. There was a motion by Dillavou, seconded by Smock, to approve the following items on the consent agenda as presented.
  - 1.1 Meeting Minutes
    - a. Regular Meeting Minutes – July 19, 2017
  - 1.2 Bill List
  - 1.3 Treasurer’s Report
  - 1.4 Financial Report
  - 1.5 BCBS Health Insurance Account Statement
 Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**VOLUNTEER COACHES**

2. There was a motion by Dillavou, seconded by Smock to approve the volunteer coach list as presented. Majority of Ayes by Voice Votes. Motion Carried.

**CLOSED SESSION**

3. There was a motion by Dillavou, seconded by Smock, to go into Closed Session for Personnel, Negotiations, Litigation, and Litigation discussion at 6:55 PM.
  - 3.1 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)*

3.2 Negotiations

*Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)*

3.3 Litigation

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

3.4 Sale or Lease of 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).*

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

The Board came out of Closed Session at 8:10 PM.

HIRE HS CUSTODIAN 4. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Chiles, to return hire Karen Wedekind as a High School Custodian.  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

HIRE PART TIME COOK 5. There was a motion by Dillavou, seconded by VanderHeyden, to hire Jennifer Mohror as a part time cook.  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

HIRE PART TIME DRIVER 6. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Balmer, to hire Jeffrey Simpson as a Part Time Bus Driver.  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

APPROVE MCEA LABOR AGREEMENT 7. There was a motion by Yates, seconded by VanderHeyden, to approve the MCEA 2017-2019 Labor Agreement.  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

ADJOURN 8. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Balmer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM.  
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

**OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:**

ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS 1. None

PUBLIC COMMENT 2. None

CORRESPONDENCE 3. None

BOARD COMMENTS 4. Barb Chiles recognized former and current student achievements, as well as her Leadership Academy Fellow Award. She also mentioned that

Mercer County will be hosting the Black Hawk Division Dinner in the Fall of 2018.

Tyson Dillavou and the Principals recently attended a School Safety Conference hosted by the ROE.

Bill Smock reported that he and a group of volunteers got together to clean and work on the Apollo Ball Diamond. He publically thanked Eric Skinner, Rick Rush, and Keith Chandler.

EDUCATION  
FOUNDATION

5. Mary Flint spoke on behalf of the Mercer County Education Foundation, describing their mission statement and the process in which people could donate to the school. They have formed a 501c3 corporation that gives opportunities for giving and scholarship awards.

Bob Beguelin then spoke on the teacher grants available and the application process. These will be due October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Nancy Watkins added that they have been working with the Looser Flake Foundation for matching funds. They will solicit donations and do fundraising.

Vic Johnson closed by stating that they were here to help and to spread the word.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

6. Dave VanderHeyden gave a report on Finance. He stressed that we were still waiting on money from the government. The committee reviewed the Health Insurance account, the 10 Year Health Life Safety plan, athletic budget and possible line item changes. They presented the tentative FY18 budget. The annual audit is scheduled for the end of September. The Teacher's contract is up for ratification, and an appreciation lunch is scheduled for November.

Mr. Petrie reported on the BHASED Governing board. He noted that Moline has re-entered the co-op, which will provided better service and lower costs for the other participants.

FY18 BUDGET

7. Mr. Petrie went over the tentative budget and explained some of the odd deficits due to cross overs in the fiscal years. Property taxes were processed electronically, which makes the dates in which they post to our accounts different, creating differences on the financial reports.

FOIA REQUESTS

8. We responded to two FOIA requests.

ADMINISTRATIVE  
REPORTS

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

NBE: Mr. Bush reported that the sensory room was almost finished. They also had a successful PTO event.

APOLLO: Mr. Fleurette mentioned the Junior High Cross Country Fundraiser event for Calvin Frye, a student battling cancer from Apollo. He also noted a roof leak recently.

MCIS: Mr. Lefferson told of the Eclipse day and the activities that were planned.

JH: Mr. Sedam reported that First Night had great attendance.



HS: Mrs. Day also mentioned the Eclipse day, and the drama surrounding obtaining 400 glasses. They had a successful Freshman Orientation. She also recognized Amber Norton and her work with online registration.

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Recording Secretary

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President, Bd. of Education

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Secretary, Bd. of Education

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

(To Use Life Safety Funds)

- The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:47 PM with Roll Call. Board members present upon roll call: Chiles, Yates, Wagner, VanderHeyden, and Dillavou – a quorum was present.
- Superintendent Petrie, Principals Day, Sedam, Lefferson, Bush and Fleurette, Cathy Decker, and Secretary Stefanie Carey were in attendance.
- Matt Longenecker from Phillips and Associates Architects, Inc. presented improvements needed for the parking lot at the High School per the Health Life Safety Survey. These improvements would use Life Safety Funds.
- Questions were asked and options were discussed. The job would be done with oil and chip, and the time line will be determined at a later date.
- There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Yates to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:52 PM. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

(FY18 Tentative Budget)

- The Public Hearing was called to order with Roll Call. Board members present upon roll call: Chiles, Yates, Wagner, VanderHeyden, and Dillavou – a quorum was present.
- Superintendent Petrie, Principals Day, Sedam, Lefferson, Bush and Fleurette, Cathy Decker, and Secretary Stefanie Carey were in attendance.
- Mr. Petrie discussed the tentative budget for FY18. It is projected that the revenue will be \$14,349,181 and expenses \$14,338,324 with a surplus of \$10,857. Amendments will probably have to be made in June as the State makes funding adjustments.
- There was a motion by VanderHeyden, seconded by Dillavou to adjourn the Public Hearing at 7:00pm. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

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

#### **ATTENDANCE**

**Board members present upon roll call:** Balmer, Chiles, Dillavou, VanderHeyden, Wagner, and Yates

**Absent:** Smock

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

**Also in Attendance:** Matt Longenecker, Pastor Dietmeier, Pam Carey, Trudi Shepard, and Secretary Stefanie Carey

**Reporters:** Cathy Decker

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CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 1.1 Meeting Minutes
  - a. Regular Meeting Minutes – August 23, 2017
- 1.2 Bill List
- 1.3 Treasurer’s Report
- 1.4 Financial Report
- 1.5 BCBS Health Insurance Account Statement
- 1.6 Resignation of Paraprofessional Deb VanderHeyden
- 1.7 Resignation of Custodian Michelle Carle
- 1.8 Resignation of Junior High Volleyball Coach Tammy Parchert
- 1.9 Maternity Leave for Abbie Hicks

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

APPROVE FY18  
TENTATIVE BUDGET

2. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Balmer, to approve the FY18 Budget as presented with revenue in the amount of \$14,349,181, expenses in the amount of \$14,338,324 and a surplus of \$10,857.

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

APPROVE FY18  
ATHLETIC BUDGET

3. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Balmer, to approve the FY18 Athletic Budgets as presented.

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

HEALTH LIFE SAFETY  
SURVEY

4. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by VanderHeyden, to approve the 10 Year Health SURVEY Life Safety Survey and associated amendment for Mercer County High School for \$1,931,940.

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

HEALTH LIFE SAFETY  
SURVEY

5. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Balmer, to approve the 10 Year Health Life Safety Survey and associated amendment for Mercer County Junior High School for \$848,520.

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

- HEALTH LIFE SAFETY SURVEY 6. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Yates, to approve the 10 Year Health Life Safety Survey and associated amendment for Mercer County Intermediate School for \$4,920.  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- HEALTH LIFE SAFETY SURVEY 7. There was a motion by VanderHeyden, seconded by Chiles, to approve the 10 Year Health Life Safety Survey and associated amendment for New Boston Elementary for \$123,600.  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- HEALTH LIFE SAFETY SURVEY 8. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by VanderHeyden, to approve the 10 Year Health Life Safety Survey and associated amendment for Apollo Elementary for \$324,480.  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- CLOSED SESSION 9. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Dillavou, to go into Closed Session for Personnel, Negotiations, Litigation, and Sale and Lease of Real Property discussion at 8:16 PM.
- 9.1 Personnel  
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Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- OPEN SESSION 10. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Dillavou to move to open session at 10:15 PM.  
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.
- HIRE HIGH SCHOOL PARAPROFESSIONAL 11. There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Dillavou, to hire Tina Partain as a Paraprofessional at the High School.  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- HIRE HIGH SCHOOL CUSTODIAN 12. There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Dillavou, to hire Jessica Hank as a custodian at the High School.  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- HIRE ONE ON ONE PARAPROFESSIONAL 13. There was a motion by Dillavou, seconded by VanderHeyden, to hire Cody Ruggles as a One on One Paraprofessional at the High School. Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- NON UNION SALARIES 14. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by VanderHeyden, to approve the Non Union Salaries as presented and amended. Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- ADJOURN 15. There was a motion by Dillavou, seconded by Yates, to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 PM. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

**OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:**

- ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS 1. None
- PUBLIC COMMENT 2. Trudi Shepard and Pam Carey were in attendance to inform the board of the progress with the new Chrome books.
- CORRESPONDENCE 3. We received a thank you card from Pam Nelson for the memorial we sent with loss of her husband.
- BOARD COMMENTS 4. Barb Chiles recognized a few Mercer County graduates who made the Dean's List at their respective colleges. She also mentioned her personal regrets regarding the resignations of Deb VanderHeyden and Tammy Parchert. Barb Chiles and Julie Wagner were recognized for their recent achievements receiving the IASB Fellow award and Master Board Member, respectively.
- COMMITTEE REPORTS 6. Dave VanderHeyden read the minutes from the Finance Committee. This reiterated what Mr. Petrie talked about in the Budget Hearing. Barb Chiles gave a report on Buildings and Grounds and a summary from the BHASED Governing Board. The Transportation Committee did not meet, but Mr. Petrie reported that all the High Roads transportation is now being handled by Mercer County buses.
- FOIA REQUESTS 8. We responded to two FOIA requests: One requesting teacher email addresses, and the other requesting our School Board Legal Liability Insurance Policy.
- SCHOOL FUNDING 9. Mr. Petrie described the funding formula and Student Enrollment trends. There are different guidelines used for calculating the funding now.
- ADMINISTRATIVE 10. In addition to their written reports, the following was mentioned:

REPORTS

NBE: Mr. Bush mentioned that the PTO is working on fundraising for some more new Chrome books.

APOLLO: Mr. Fleurette mentioned the upcoming Veterans Celebration on November 10<sup>th</sup> where Veterans will be recognized and a special lunch will be served.

MCIS: Mr. Lefferson reported a “Coin War” that was sponsored by the Eagle Council to raise money for the hurricane victims. He also mentioned the new online Evaluwise system used for teacher evaluations. It has cut down on the paperwork and time involved in preparing the paperwork.

JH: Mr. Sedam described a recent guest speaker lined up by the High School Student Council that was very well received. He spoke to the students about taking responsibility for themselves and not blaming other people for problems. He also noted how the recent Junior High Football game was so well attended.

HS: Mrs. Day added more on the guest speaker, who spoke to the high school students as well.

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Recording Secretary

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President, Bd. of Education

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Secretary, Bd. of Education

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**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, October 18, 2017 at 7:00 PM.**

Dave VanderHeyden opened with a brief prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance led by President Julie Wagner prior to Roll Call.

	No. 01	No. 02	NO. 03	NO. 04	NO. 05	NO. 06	NO. 07	NO. 08	No. 09	No. 10
<b>Balmer</b>	-	VOICE	AYE	NAY	NAY	AYE	Abstain	AYE	VOICE	
<b>Chiles</b>	AYE		AYE	NAY	NAY	AYE	AYE	AYE		
<b>Dillavou</b>	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		
<b>Smock</b>	-		-	-	-	-	-	-		
<b>VanderHeyden</b>	AYE		AYE	NAY	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		
<b>Wagner</b>	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		
<b>Yates</b>	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		

**ATTENDANCE**

**Board members present upon roll call:** Chiles, Dillavou, VanderHeyden, Wagner, and Yates

**Absent:** Smock, Balmer arrived at 8:28 PM

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

**Also in Attendance:** Darla Dixon, Sam Duncan, Ashley Stice, and Secretary Stefanie Carey

**Reporters:** Cathy Decker

RECORD OF MOTIONS & VOTES

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 1.1 Meeting Minutes
    - a. Regular Meeting Minutes – September 20, 2017
  - 1.2 Bill List
  - 1.3 Treasurer’s Report
  - 1.4 Financial Report
  - 1.5 BCBS Health Insurance Account Statement
  - 1.6 Maternity Leave for Cindy Simpson
- Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

IASB POLICY UPDATES

2. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Dillavou, to adopt the July Quarterly IASB PRESS policies as presented.  
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

Julie Wagner and Bill Smock were nominated and elected for the Joint Annual Conference IASB Delegate and Alternate, respectively.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball large numbers and a possible extra coach were discussed at length, but no motion was made.

CLOSED SESSION

3. There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Dillavou, to go into Closed Session for Personnel, Student Issue, and Purchase or Lease of Real Property discussion at 8:55 PM.

3.1 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)*

3.2 Student Issue

*Student disciplinary cases. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9).  
The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10).*

3.3 Purchase or Lease of 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).*

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

The Board returned to Open Session at 10:35PM.

JV SOFTBALL COACH

4. There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Wagner, to hire Dustin Murray as the JV Softball Coach for this year.

Roll Call: 3 Ayes, 3 Nays. Motion failed.

HIRE SOFTBALL  
ASSISTANT COACH

5. There was a motion by Dillavou, seconded by Yates, to hire Kay Hucke as the Varsity Softball Assistant Coach.

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

HIRE WRESTLING  
ASSISTANT COACH

6. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by VanderHeyden, to hire Monte Smith as an Assistant High School Wrestling Coach.

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

HIRE WRESTLING  
ASSISTANT COACH

7. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Yates, to hire Dallas Morford as an Assistant High School Wrestling Coach.

Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstention. Motion carried.

HIRE BASKETBALL  
CHEER ADVISOR

8. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Yates, to hire Megan Russell as the High School Basketball Cheer Advisor.

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

ADJOURN

9. There was a motion by Dillavou, seconded by Balmer, to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 PM.

Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.



## OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:

ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS 1. None

PUBLIC COMMENT 2. Ashley Stice and Sam Duncan from New Boston Elementary spoke to the board about some positive programs they were involved in at the school. Mrs. Duncan reported on a fundraiser that they recently had to “adopt a classroom” from a hurricane stricken school from Texas. She also described a Lego Workshop that they attended that promoted robotics kits that they would like to get for their classrooms. The one that they have now has been very beneficial, and they are looking for grants in order to purchase more.

Ashley Stice gave an update on the new Go Math Curriculum. The students are beginning to really like it. Since it is accessible online, parents can help.

CORRESPONDENCE 3. None

BOARD COMMENTS 4. Barb Chiles praised the Junior High Cross Country team success, noted that she, Julie Wagner, and Scott Petrie attended the Black Hawk Division dinner on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, and recognized the passing of Stephanie Braucht.

COMMITTEE REPORTS 5. Dave VanderHeyden read the minutes from the Finance Committee. Barb Chiles touched upon Buildings and Grounds. Mr. Petrie noted that BHASED hired a new payroll clerk. There was no Superintendents Advisory Council meeting. Tyson Dillavou gave a report from the recent Transportation Committee meeting. Meeting reports will be uploaded to the website at a later date.

JAC DELEGATES 6. A Delegate and Alternate are needed at the Joint Annual Conference in November to vote on the IASB resolutions. Julie Wagner and Bill Smock were nominated and elected for the Joint Annual Conference IASB Delegate and Alternate, respectively.

7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BASKTBALL 7. 25 students showed interest in joining the 7th Grade Boys Basketball team. The large numbers and a possible extra coach were discussed. An extra coach would cost around \$2,500. This action item was discussed at length, but no motion was made. It was decided that the team would be cut to 15. The head varsity coach has plans to organize some kind of “travel teams” to accommodate the extra students who want to play, but cannot. The hope is that these players will be able to learn the necessary skills and be able to play later.

FOIA REQUESTS 8. We responded to one FOIA requests from American Watchdogs, Inc.

PRINCIPAL RECONGNITION 9. The Principals were recognized for *Principals Week*, October 15-21 and all they do to help our children learn and succeed.

BOARD RESOLUTIONS

10. The resolutions that will be discussed and voted on at the IASB Delegate Assembly in November were presented to the board. There will be significant issues on the table this year, including proposals regarding school safety, PARCC testing, and energy savings contracts. The Board was told to review the resolutions and make sure their delegate knows the board's position on each resolution so they can vote accordingly.

THREE CIRCLES AG GRANT

11. A new grant was discussed that would extend Ag teacher contracts to help compensate for the extra summer activities involved with Ag Instruction, FFA, and SAE Record books. The Grant reimburses up to 50% of time over the regular 180 teacher contract.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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

Mrs. Day reported that they were working with Dan Swanson on a Blood Drive to benefit hurricane victims and the Vegas area. A new Dual Credit program was discussed to help with Math and English transitions.

Mr. Sedam noted the success of the JH Cross Country team and the Pre-K expansion program at his building. He also summarized an upcoming Safety Assembly regarding internet and social media.

Mr. Lefferson expanded on the Cross Country team send off and added information on Eco Camp.

Mr. Fleurette mentioned the upcoming Book Fair and Family Night as well as the recent visit from the Wrestling Team.

Mr. Bush continued with Wrestling Team visit discussion, adding that Coach Speaker wants to get more kids involved in extracurricular activities by holding clinics on the west end. He also added that the new Math Curriculum is working out well. A PTO fundraiser for Chrome books was also discussed, and the upcoming Career Day.

The Principals prepared a group power point on PARCC score data.

Submitted By:

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Recording Secretary

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President, Bd. of Education

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Secretary, Bd. of Education

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 15, 2017 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
<b>Balmer</b>	AYE	VOICE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE
<b>Chiles</b>	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	NAY	NAY	AYE	AYE
<b>Dillavou</b>	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE
<b>Smock</b>	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE
<b>VanderHeyden</b>	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	NAY	NAY	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

	No. 11	No. 12	NO. 13	NO. 14	NO. 15	NO. 16	NO. 17	NO. 18	No. 19	No. 20
<b>Balmer</b>	AYE	AYE	AYE	VOICE						
<b>Chiles</b>	AYE	AYE	AYE							
<b>Dillavou</b>	AYE	AYE	AYE							
<b>Smock</b>	AYE	AYE	AYE							
<b>VanderHeyden</b>	AYE	AYE	AYE							
<b>Wagner</b>	AYE	AYE	AYE							
<b>Yates</b>	AYE	AYE	AYE							

**ATTENDANCE**

**Board members present upon roll call:** Chiles, Dillavou, VanderHeyden, Wagner, Smock, Balmer, and Yates

**Absent:** none

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

**Also in Attendance:** Pastor Dietmeier, Darla Dixon, Rusty Ruggles, Megan Sywassink, Shannon Sedam, and Secretary Stefanie Carey

**Reporters:** Cathy Decker

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1.1 Meeting Minutes

a. **Regular Meeting Minutes – October 18, 2017**

1.2 Bill List

1.3 Treasurer’s Report

1.4 Financial Report

1.5 BCBS Health Insurance Account Statement

1.6 Resignation of High School Football Coach Brian Dennison

1.7 Resignation of Junior High Wrestling Coach Darrin Clawson

1.8 Resignation of JV Baseball Coach Jesse Harrison

Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- JAZZ BAND TRIP 2. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to approve the High School Jazz Band trip to New York in the summer of 2019. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.
- SNOW REMOVAL 3. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Balmer, to approve the snow removal quotes as presented. Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- BALL DIAMOND SALE 4. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Smock, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Transfer of Real Estate with the City of New Boston for sale of the New Boston Ball Diamond for \$1. Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- TRANSFER OF FUNDS 5. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Chiles, to approve the permanent transfer of funds from Capital Projects to Debt Services in the amount of \$200,000. Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- CLOSED SESSION 6. There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Balmer, to go into Closed Session for Personnel, Negotiations, and Litigation discussion at 7:33PM.
- 6.1 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)*
- 6.2 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).*
- 6.3 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).*
- Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:24 PM.

- RECONSIDER 7. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Smock, to reconsider  
JV SOFTBALL COACH the motion to hire Dustin Murray as the JV softball coach for this year. Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 2 Nays. Motion carried.
- HIRE JV SOFTBALL 8. There was a motion by Dillavou, seconded by Balmer, to hire Dustin  
COACH Murray as the JV Softball Coach. Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 2 Nays. Motion carried.

JUNIOR HIGH VOLLEYBALL COACH 9. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Balmer, to hire Nicole Hermansen as Junior High Volleyball coach.  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

HIGH SCHOOL CUSTODIAN 10. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Yates, to hire Wendy Harvey as High School Custodian.  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

APPROVE RETIREMENT 11. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Balmer, to approve the retirement of Secretary Jolene Vipond effective at the end of 2018 school year with the same retirement incentive as we have had in the past.  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

APPROVE RETIREMENT 12. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Balmer, to approve the retirement of Secretary Karen Lewis effective the end of 2019 school year with the same retirement incentive as we have had in the past.  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

MCTEA MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING 13. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Chiles, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding on overtime/ compensatory time for the MCTEA as presented.  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

ADJOURN 14. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Balmer, to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 PM.  
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

**OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:**

ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS 1. None

PUBLIC COMMENT 2. Megan Sywassink and Shannon Sedam came to speak to the board about the new Sensory rooms they have created at New Boston Elementary to help students with sensory and focus issues. All funds were raised by donation, and they have had notable success with the students who use the rooms. Training is planned for other staff on how to best utilize the rooms and gadgets within.

CORRESPONDENCE 3. Three cards were received, as well as numerous emails, from staff thanking the Board for providing lunch for National Education Appreciation week.

- BOARD COMMENTS 4. Barb Chiles made positive comments on the recent High School Blood Drive and National School Board Members Day. Bill Smock spoke well of the Cyber Safety Assembly and hopes that we continue with something similar every year. Tab Balmer praised the recent Veterans Day Assembly.
- SNOW REMOVAL 5. Snow Removal quotes were presented and approved, continuing the current prices that we have been paying for the 3 snow removal businesses. A slight increase was approved for Landmark Landscaping, still keeping them as the lowest bidder for their respectively building.
- BALL DIAMOND SALE 6. The School District agreed to sell the New Boston Elementary Ball Diamond to the City of New Boston for \$1. The City currently maintains the diamond, sharing usage with the District. Selling the diamond to the City will allow for them to apply for grants that will fund necessary improvements and benefit everyone.
- TRANSFER OF FUNDS 7. A Transfer is needed from Capital Projects Fund to Debt Service for our December payments on MCIS (\$195,168.38 – completed in 2019), Working Cash (\$99,200 – completed on 2020), and HVAC (\$301,560.48 – completed in 2021) debts.
- COMMITTEE REPORTS 8. Dave VanderHeyden read the minutes from the Finance Committee. Barb Chiles reviewed the BHASED agenda and gave a brief update. Mr. Petrie reported on Buildings and Grounds, noting that a meeting is needed for December. Lead Testing requirements were mentioned.
- CHILES APPOINTED TO EDUCATION COMMITTEE 9. Barb Chiles was appointed to Senator Weaver’s Education Committee to give feedback and be a sounding board for the State.
- FIRST EDUCATION FOUNDATION GRANT 10. Liz Gray received the first Education Foundation Grant for classroom supplies. It was discovered later that Dawn Noble’s classroom is receiving a grant as well.
- FUNDING AND LEVY 11. Mr. Petrie went over the Evidence Based Funding Model and explained the difference in tiers that determine funding. This led into discussion on the upcoming levy adoption in December.
- RESOLUTIONS FOR DELEGATE ASSEMBLY 12. Julie Wagner asked for more input from the board members on their voting preferences for the Joint Annual Conference Delegate Assembly. They are to report back to her before she attends.
- ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS 13. In addition to their written reports, the following was mentioned:  
Mr. Sedam highlighted the recent Veterans Day Assembly, noting that Boondocks provided breakfast at no charge and there were around 120 people served. They also participated in Red Ribbon Week and a Cyber Safety Assembly, both of which were well received.

Mr. Lefferson reported on the trip to the high school matinee and the students' theatre experience.

Mr. Bush noted well-attended Parent Teacher Conferences, as well as the upcoming Career Day and Breakfast with Santa.

Mrs. Day spoke about the grant from the Education Foundation that Dawn Noble is receiving for classroom books. This is the second grant awarded from the Foundation.

Mr. Hofer added that an agreement was signed with Nevco Inc. for a new scoreboard at no cost to the school district that will contain promotional advertising. He also mentioned a potential safety issue with the football field because of "bentgrass," causing unlevelled conditions.

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_

Recording Secretary

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President, Bd. of Education

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Secretary, Bd. of Education

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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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, December 20, 2017 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
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<b>Chiles</b>	AYE	AYE			AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	
<b>Dillavou</b>	AYE	AYE			AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	
<b>Smock</b>	AYE	AYE			AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	
<b>VanderHeyden</b>	-	-			-	-	-	-	-	
<b>Wagner</b>	AYE	AYE			AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	
<b>Yates</b>	AYE	AYE			AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	

**ATTENDANCE**

**Board members present upon roll call:** Chiles, Dillavou, Wagner, Smock, and Yates. A quorum was present.

**Absent:** Balmer, VanderHeyden

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

**Also in Attendance:** Pastor Dietmeier, Amy Molburg, Ryan Koresko, Andrew Hofer, and Secretary Stefanie Carey

**Reporters:** Cathy Decker

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 1.1 Meeting Minutes
  - a. **Regular Meeting Minutes – November 15, 2017**
- 1.2 Bill List
- 1.3 Treasurer’s Report
- 1.4 Financial Report
- 1.5 BCBS Health Insurance Account Statement

Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**ADOPT 2017 TAX LEVY**

2. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Yates, to approve the 2017 Tax Levy as presented, for a total anticipated amount of \$6,739,359, excluding bond and interest.

Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**ADOPT QUARTERLY PRESS POLICIES**

3. There was a motion by Dillavou, seconded by Smock, to approve the October Quarterly PRESS policies as presented.

Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.



MOVE JANUARY  
MEETING

4. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to move the regular January 17<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting to January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. The Finance Committee meeting will be moved to the 22<sup>nd</sup> as well.  
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

CLOSED SESSION

5. There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Balmer, to go into Closed Session for Personnel and Litigation discussion at 7:55PM.

5.1 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)*

5.2 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).*

Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:26 PM.

APPROVE  
INVOLUNTARY  
TRANSFER

6. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Yates, to approve the involuntary transfer of Liz Blackwell to the High School.  
Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

APPROVE  
INVOLUNTARY  
TRANSFER

7. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Dillavou, to approve the involuntary transfer of Kelly DeWitte to the Apollo and Intermediate School libraries.  
Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

HIRE JUNIOR HIGH  
WRESTLING COACH

8. There was a motion by Dillavou, seconded by Yates, to hire Jon Ricke as Junior High Wrestling Coach.  
Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

APPROVE SUBSTITUTE  
SALARIES

9. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Dillavou, to increase salaries for substitutes as presented.

ADJOURN

10. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Dillavou, to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 PM.  
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

**OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:**

- ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS 1. Action Item 7.3 was added to the Agenda to move the January Regular Board meeting to accommodate the Health Life Safety time line.
- PUBLIC COMMENT 2. Amy Molburg and Ryan Koresko were here from New Boston Elementary to talk about a new reading incentive program called “Battle of the Books.” They would like the board to consider funding the program.
- CORRESPONDENCE 3. There were several Christmas cards and thank you cards received by the board. They were passed around.
- BOARD COMMENTS 4. The Joint Annual Conference attendees reported on what they learned from their sessions. It was a very positive experience for all. Barb Chiles also praised the Illinois State Scholars that were recently named from Mercer County High School.
- TAX LEVY 5. No changes were made from the tentative Tax Levy presented last month.
- COMMITTEE REPORTS 6. Mr. Petrie went over the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes since Dave VanderHeyden was absent. Barb Chiles reported on Buildings and Grounds, discussing the Health Life Safety time lines. The plans for the auditorium updates were discussed.
- AUDIT REPORT 7. Comparative data sheets from the auditors were presented to the board. Mr. Petrie gave a brief summary of the audit. He mentioned that the Transportation fund is healthy, and that the O&M fund will be lowered with the new projects that are up and coming. We received a 4.0 rating.
- 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY PROGRAM 8. Mrs. Day gave an update on what the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Program is accomplishing. The currently have a before and after school program that includes homework help, a cooking class, and a possible engine rebuild class.
- BUS LEASE 9. No written info was presented but 4 new buses are intended to be leased for next year. Quotes are out. We hope to know more at the next meeting.
- ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS 10. In addition to their written reports, the following was mentioned:  
Mr. Sedam announced that Preston Howard’s Postage Stamp was chosen for the Joy Holiday Stamp. He also mentioned that the Christmas Concert had wonderful attendance and participation.  
Mrs. Day and Mr. Hofer explained a new attendance incentive idea that the District Leadership Team has come up with that involves letting students who have met set criteria have early out days, while keeping the

kids at school who need extra help. This program is being used by other districts, and they are optimistic. There was discussion following.

Mr. Lefferson spoke on the recently posted Science assessments from 2016, as well as the new cameras that were installed.

Mr. Fleurette added information from his Map Math tests, and mentioned a new handicap accessible automated door opener being installed at Apollo.

Mr. Bush commented on their recent Christmas program, and noted that they had lots of views on Facebook Live. He also thanked Mr. Petrie for stepping in on Career Day when one of their participants cancelled at the last minute. New grants were received by a few of the New Boston Teachers for chrome books. He also mentioned Mrs. Duncan's class raising money for hurricane victims.

Submitted By:

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Recording Secretary

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President, Bd. of Education

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Secretary, Bd. of Education

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
(To Sell School Fired Prevention and Safety Bonds)

- The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:00 PM with Roll Call. Board members present upon roll call: Wagner, Chiles, Yates, Balmer, VanderHeyden, and Dillavou – a quorum was present.
- Superintendent Petrie, Principals Day, Sedam, Lefferson, Bush and Fleurette, Cathy Decker, and Secretary Stefanie Carey were in attendance, along with Tim King and associate from King’s Financial.
- Tim King from King’s Financial gave a presentation on the bond sale. He gave handouts explaining the Health Life Safety amendments and the bond procedure. We are in very good financial shape to go through with this process.
- There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Chiles to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:15 PM. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

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**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 24, 2018 at 6:20 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	No. 11	
<b>Balmer</b>	AYE	AYE	VOICE	VOICE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	VOICE	
<b>Chiles</b>	AYE	AYE			AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	NAY		AYE
<b>Dillavou</b>	AYE	AYE			AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE
<b>Smock</b>	-	-			-	-	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE
<b>VanderHeyden</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

**ATTENDANCE**

**Board members present upon roll call:** Balmer, Chiles, Dillavou, Wagner, VanderHeyden, and Yates. A quorum was present.

**Absent:** Smock arrived at 7:25 PM

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

**Also in Attendance:** Tim King, Pastor Dietmeier, Andrew Hofer, and Secretary Stefanie Carey

**Reporters:** Cathy Decker

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Balmer, to approve the following items on the consent agenda, pulling Fall Coach Re-hires to be discussed in Closed Session.
  - 1.1 Meeting Minutes
    - a. **Regular Meeting Minutes – December 20, 2017**
  - 1.2 Bill List

- 1.3 Treasurer's Report
  - 1.4 Financial Report
  - 1.5 BCBS Health Insurance Account Statement
  - 1.6 Fall Cheerleading Coach Jenny Hofmann resignation
  - 1.7 High School English Teacher Kelly DeWitte resignation
  - 1.8 Retirement of Kris Chausse 2021-2022
  - 1.9 Retirement of Mark Artcher 2021-2022
- Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**BOND RESOLUTION**

2. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Balmer, to approve the bond resolution to sell bonds in the amount of \$3,172,500 for the purpose of conforming the existing facilities that house students to the building code promulgated by the State Board of Education of the State of Illinois, by altering, reconstructing and repairing said facilities and having equipment purchased and installed therein.
- Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC SCHOOL  
CALENDAR 2018-2019**

3. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Yates, to approve the Public School Calendar 2018-2019 as presented.
- Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC SCHOOL  
CALENDAR 2019-2020**

4. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Yates, to approve the Public School Calendar 2019-2020 as presented.
- Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

**BUS LEASE**

5. There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Dillavou, to approve a bus lease from Midwest Transit for 3 buses at \$41,130 per year and 1 wheelchair bus for \$14,988 per year.
- Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**BUS SALE**

6. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Yates, to approve the sale of 4 buses to Midwest Transit for \$50,000.
- Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Bill Smock arrived at 7:25 AM

**CLOSED SESSION**

7. There was a motion by Dillavou, seconded by Yates, to go into Closed Session for Personnel, Litigation and Closed Session minutes Review at 7:55PM.
- 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 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).*

- 7.3 **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: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:31 PM with a motion by Yates, seconded by Dillavou.

- HIRE PARAPROFESSIONAL** 8. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to hire Michelle Mellgren as a one on one paraprofessional at the Junior High.  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- HIRE FALL COACHES** 9. There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Balmer, to approve the Fall Coach Re-Hires as presented.  
Head Volleyball Coach: Katie Dengler  
JV Volleyball: Amy Degelman  
Fr. Volleyball: Ashley Coulter  
Cross Country: Alex Robertson  
Boys Golf: Darrin Clawson  
Girls Golf: Aaron Heartt  
Head Football Coach: Andrew Hofer  
JV Football: Dustin Murray  
Assistant Football: Eric Russell  
Assistant Football: Jason Kenney  
Assistant Football: Fred Lucas  
Roll Call: 6Ayes, 1 Nay. Motion carried.

- CLOSED MINUTE REVIEW** 10. There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Balmer, to keep the closed minutes from July 2017 – December 2017 closed.  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- ADJOURN** 11. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Dillavou, to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 PM.  
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

**OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:**

**ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS** 1. None

**PUBLIC COMMENT** 2. None

**CORRESPONDENCE** 3. There was a thank you card received for a memorial sent to the family of Peggy Dixon in the passing of her mother. Mr. Petrie also mentioned that

we received notice from the Looser Flake Foundation that they will fund our summer school program again, and they are offering a grant to our Junior High for one on one technology.

BOARD COMMENTS

4. Barb Chiles had several comments, reporting on good things happening in the district. She presented a written report, noting her appointment to the Illinois Retired Teacher's Committee, Brynn Bergen's award winning Growmark Essay, and Mercer County Graduates who were on Dean's Lists and Scholarship lists at their respective colleges: Sullivan Adams, Matt Lloyd, Adam Ramadani, and Taylor Carey.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. The Fall Coach Re-Hires were moved to Closed Session for discussion.

SCHOOL CALENDARS

6. Mr. Petrie explained that approving 2 calendar years at once is becoming useful in order for families to schedule vacations and pre-approved absences. The new attendance rules are becoming more stringent due to ESSA, so more notice should prove helpful. The new calendars are very similar to the current calendar, with a couple modifications. Calendars are amendable.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

7. Tab Balmer presented the bus lease options from the Transportation Committee recommendations. We are leasing 3 regular sized buses and one wheel-chair bus. They have 20,000 mile limits per year.

Mr. Petrie went over the Finance Committee Report, touching on Blue Cross Blue Shield credits, Health Life Safety reviews, and substitute reimbursements.

Barb Chiles went over the Buildings and Grounds Report, as well as the BHASED Governing report. Written Statements were in the board packet.

AUDITORS

8. Our Current auditors, Cavanaugh, Davis, Blackman and Cramblet, have stepped down for next year. We received a letter stating that they would not be continuing their audit services with our school district, as they are moving away from schools in general due to new A133 requirements.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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

Mrs. Day reported that High School Graduation has been set for 1:00 PM on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Stone Engle surpassed the school record for wins. Haley Tromblee qualified for the ILMEA All State Choir Festival in Peoria. The new "Fast Friday" early-out incentive has received much praise from the teachers.

Mr. Fleurette promoted their first "Winter Carnival" on February 24. He also mentioned the Eagle's Flight will be held inside this year.

Mr. Bush noted that they received a donation from Lowell Johnson for NBE and Apollo. He also mentioned the recent "intruder training" held at NBE.

PE WAIVERS  
CURRICULUM

10. Mrs. Day gave information on PE Waivers that are available again. She also reported on new AP classes that will be added to the High School Curriculum. They are also looking into other options for dual credit with Black Hawk. A semester of Computers was added to graduation requirements for incoming freshmen, as well as increased Science credits.

Mr. Petrie and Mr. Sedam added to the Curriculum discussion, describing scheduling options regarding Health and Technology at the Junior High.

Submitted By:

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Recording Secretary

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President, Bd. of Education

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Secretary, Bd. of Education

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_



**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, February 21, 2018 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.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Board members present upon roll call:** Balmer, Chiles, Dillavou, Frieden, Smock, and Wagner,  
A quorum was present.

**Absent:** Yates arrived at 7:08PM

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

**Also in Attendance:** Tim King, Kendall King, Pastor Dietmeier, Andrew Hofer, Laura Mehl, Dawn Noble, Melissa Hodges, Heidi Brown, Jackie Brown, and Secretary Stefanie Carey

**Reporters:** Cathy Decker

**RECORD OF MOTIONS & VOTES**

	No. 01	No. 02	No. 03	No. 04	No. 05	No. 06	No. 07	No. 08	No. 09	No. 10	No. 11	No. 12		
<b>Balmer</b>	AYE	VOICE	AYE	VOICE	VOICE	AYE	AYE	VOICE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		
<b>Chiles</b>	AYE		AYE			AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	NAY	AYE	AYE	AYE
<b>Dillavou</b>	AYE		AYE			AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE
<b>Frieden</b>	AYE		AYE			AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE
<b>Smock</b>	AYE		AYE			AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE
<b>Wagner</b>	AYE		AYE			AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE
<b>Yates</b>	-		-			AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Balmer, to approve the following items on the consent agenda including additional minutes listed.
    - 1.1 Meeting Minutes
      - a. **Regular Meeting Minutes – January 24, 2017**
      - b. **Special Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2018**
      - c. **Special Meeting Minutes – February 15, 2018**
    - 1.2 Bill List
    - 1.3 Treasurer’s Report
    - 1.4 Financial Report
    - 1.5 BCBS Health Insurance Account Statement
    - 1.6 Resignation of Pre-K Teacher Tara Hyett
- Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**SERVICE RECOGNITION**

2. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Dillavou, to recognize David VanderHeyden’s service to the Board of Education.  
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

BOND RESOLUTION

3. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Smock to adopt a resolution providing for the issue of \$3,525,200 Taxable General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2018, for the purposes of financing school fire prevention and safety projects and refunding certain outstanding obligations, providing for the levy of taxes to pay said bonds, and providing for the sale of said bonds to the purchasers thereof.

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

ADOPT BOARD AGREEMENTS

4. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Dillavou, to adopt the revised board agreements as presented.

Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

BHASED JOINT ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

5. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Chiles, to approve the BHASED Joint Articles of Agreement as presented.

Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

6. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Smock to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the MCEA regarding the Ag Three Circles Grant as presented.

Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

7. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Balmer, to go into Closed Session after a short recess for a Student Matter and Personnel at 7:52PM.

7.1 Students

*The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students.*

*5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10).*

7.2 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)*

Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION

8. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Dillavou to come out of Closed Session at 10:00 PM.

Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

HIRE JV BASEBALL COACH

9. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to hire Peter Nelson as JV Baseball Coach.

Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

HIRE ASSISTANT HS FOOTBALL COACH

10. There was a motion by Dillavou, seconded by Yates, to hire Tanner Matlick as Assistant HS Football Coach at a split stipend.

Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

HIRE ASSISTANT HS FOOTBALL COACH

11. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Smock to hire Montgomery Smith as Assistant HS Football Coach at a split stipend. Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

TEACHER REASSIGNMENT

12. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Smock, to approve the reassignment of Holly Staker to the Junior High Math position for the 2018-2019 School Year. Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

13. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Dillavou, to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 PM. Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:**

ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS

1. 7.1b Special Meeting Minutes 2/12/18
- 7.1c Special Meeting Minutes 2/15/18
- 9.4 BHASED Articles of Joint Agreement (moved from Information Items)
- 9.5 Memorandum of Understanding – Ag Grant
- 12.2e Approve Reassignment of Junior High Teacher

PUBLIC COMMENT

2. Dawn Noble presented a video that she recently participated in creating at a Professional Development Conference with other Spanish Teachers to boost their curriculum. Laura Mehl addressed the board with an update on the English Language Arts Curriculum. She talked about recent visits to neighboring districts that have good English scores to compare notes. She and the other English teachers have been able to collaborate on common prep periods and the monthly SIP days in order to better the curriculum.

CORRESPONDENCE

3. There were three thank you cards received for memorials sent to the families of Jane Hoerner, Paula McGraw and Nancy Robinson in the passing of family members. Sandra Tisor also sent a thank you letter for being allowed the opportunity to interview for the recent school board vacancy.

BOARD COMMENTS

4. Barb Chiles had 3 positive comments praising the High School Scholastic Bowl team, Spelling Bee competitors, and her registration for the upcoming IASB Equity Conference. She also mentioned speaking with New Boston Mayor Chris DeFrieze who thanked us for the sale of our ball diamond to the City of New Boston.  
Bill Smock recognized Stacey Day’s award as the IPA Regional Principal of the Year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

5. Mr. Petrie went over the minutes of the Finance Committee. The Bonds were touched on. The Blue Cross Blue Shield funds are low with the self-

insurance claims, but we have money coming from BCBS. Mr. Petrie presented a chart regarding the new funding model.

Barb Chiles relayed information from the recent meeting with the architect for the Buildings and Grounds Committee. She went over the time line for the upcoming Health Life Safety upgrades. Bids are coming soon, and work should start by May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Bill Smock went over the Wellness Committee Minutes. The Wellness plan was edited slightly to reflect the new PE requirement language. Employee incentives for Health Insurance were discussed.

A new Committee was created to plan a community forum again as last year. There will be no outside moderator from IASB this time. Goals for the District will be discussed.

Bill Smock went over the edits that were made to the Board Agreements. There was discussion on the board packet deadlines and professional development.

#### BOND SALE

6. Tim and Kendall King were here from King's Financial to explain the bond sale to finance the Health Life Safety projects and refinance Working Cash. They mentioned that this abatement would need to be referenced on the December Tax Levy and passed out a reference sheet. There will be no rating fee and we will earn interest by buying the bond from ourselves.

#### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

7. The 3 Circles Ag Grant has allowed for a pay increase for Aaron Heartt for extra duties and days worked. A Memorandum of Understanding was approved with the MCEA Labor Union to ensure that the prior contract will be used in the event that the Ag 3 Circles Grant goes away. This will remain on file for future reference to any new board members and new administration.

#### BOARD SELF EVALUATION

8. Julie Wagner explained the Self-Evaluation process and the history behind it. She wants to do one evaluation seminar with a moderator this Spring and one on their own afterwards.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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

Mrs. Day reported that the athletic schedule had been very busy with Basketball Regionals, State Qualifiers for Wrestling (Steve Speaker and Stone Engle), and the Hall of Fame Induction. We also had a Girls Basketball player get to participate in the 3 point shoot out.

Mr. Sedam updated the Board on the sports schedule. The Junior High has hosted several regional tournaments, and Bob Stockham was praised for his hard work with organizing. The Fire Marshall inspection went well, but they are having drain issues because of tree roots and clay tile. New basketball hoops are also needed.

Mr. Lefferson promoted the debut of the MCIS Ukulele concert tomorrow night. They also sampled a 60 day trial for Star Math. Drainage problems are also being experienced at this building as well.

Mr. Bush reported on the ESSA training they have been having during SIP days. He also noted that Mrs. Duncan received her STEM leg

set and did a presentation for the staff. They are still experiencing problems with the lack of hot water in the building.

Mr. Fleurette reported on the teacher presentations done at the Institute showing good things happening in their classrooms.

Mr. Hofer spoke on projected numbers for Spring Sports. Baseball has a large level of interest which will require more transportation and or coaching staff.

Submitted By:

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Recording Secretary

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President, Bd. of Education

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Secretary, Bd. of Education

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**ATTENDANCE**

**Board members present upon roll call:** Balmer, Chiles, Dillavou, Frieden, Smock, and Wagner, and Yates  
A quorum was present.

**Absent:** none

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

**Also in Attendance:** Chris Lewis, Pastor Dietmeier, Andrew Hofer, and Secretary Stefanie Carey

**Reporters:** Cathy Decker, Jim Taylor

**RECORD OF MOTIONS & VOTES**

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<b>Smock</b>	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE
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<b>Yates</b>	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE

	No. 11	No. 12	NO. 13	NO. 14	NO. 15	NO. 16	NO. 17	NO. 18	No. 19	No. 20	
<b>Balmer</b>	VOICE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	VOICE		
<b>Chiles</b>		NAY	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		NAY	
<b>Dillavou</b>		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	
<b>Frieden</b>		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		NAY	
<b>Smock</b>		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	
<b>Wagner</b>		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	
<b>Yates</b>		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Balmer, to approve the following items on the consent agenda including additional minutes listed.
  - 1.1 Meeting Minutes
    - a. Regular Meeting Minutes – February 21, 2018
    - b. Special Meeting Minutes – February 28, 2018
    - c. Emergency Meeting Minutes – March 8, 2018
  - 1.2 Bill List
  - 1.3 Treasurer’s Report
  - 1.4 Financial Report

- 1.5 BCBS Health Insurance Account Statement
  - 1.6 Resignation of Apollo Pre-K Teacher Megan Russell
  - 1.7 Resignation of Kindergarten Teacher Abby McAlister
  - 1.8 Resignation of MCIS Paraprofessional Janice Terrill
  - 1.9 Resignation of MCIS Paraprofessional Amanda Gray
  - 1.10 Resignation of High School Custodian Wendy Harvey
  - 1.11 Resignation of 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach Peter Nelson
  - 1.12 Resignation of Freshman Volleyball Coach Ashley Coulter
  - 1.13 Resignation of JH Assistant Track Coach Sam Salmon
  - 1.14 Retirement of Apollo Paraprofessional Jenifer Franks
  - 1.15 Retirement of JH Cook Eva Kellett
  - 1.16 Transfer of Michelle Mellgren from JH One on One to MCIS Classroom Paraprofessional
- Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**IHSA MEMBERSHIP  
RENEWAL**

2. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Chiles, to approve the IHSA Membership renewal at no cost, as presented.  
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

**DOOR WORK**

3. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Smock, to approve the bid for Life Safety Door work, including Alternate bids 1 & 2 from Trotter for \$442,497.  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**AUDITORIUM  
SCAFFOLDING  
PROPOSAL**

4. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Balmer, to accept the Auditorium Scaffolding proposal from Scaffold Erectors International Equipment for \$47,300.  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**CURTAIN REPLACEMENT**

5. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Chiles, to accept the quote for Auditorium curtain replacement for \$33,800 and Alternate #1 for \$1,350 from Norcostco, Inc.  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**ASBESTOS WORK**

6. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Smock, to accept the bid for asbestos work, including Alternate #1 from Midwest Service Group for \$140,807.  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**HIRE AUDIT FIRM**

7. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Balmer to accept the proposal from Gorenz for Audit Services in the amount of \$15,750 for FY18.  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**AUDIO SYSTEM**

8. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Balmer, to approve the proposal from IAS for \$45,000 for an audio system for the auditorium.

- PROJECTOR & SCREEN 9. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Dillavou, to accept the proposal for projector and screen for \$15,000 from IAS.  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- CLOSED SESSION 10. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Dillavou, to go into Closed Session after a short recess for a Security Discussion and Personnel at 7:00PM.  
10.1 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).*  
10.2 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)*  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- OPEN SESSION 11. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Balmer, to come out of Closed Session at 9:01 PM.  
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.
- HIRE HS ENGLISH TEACHER 12. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Yates, to hire Shane Dierikx as High School English Teacher.  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 1 Nay. Motion carried.
- HIRE 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SCIENCE TEACHER 13. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Smock, to hire Matt Simpson as 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Teacher.  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- HIRE HS ASSISTANT BASKETBALL COACH 14. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Yates, to hire Logan Frye as High School Assistant Baseball Coach.  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- HIRE JH ASSISTANT TRACK COACH 15. There was a motion by Dillavou, seconded by Chiles, to hire Sam Whan as Junior High Assistant Track Coach.  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- HIRE HS CUSTODIAN 16. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Balmer, to hire Ashley Hank, as High School Custodian.  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- NON-TENURED STAFF 17. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to approve the Non-Tenured Staff contract renewal as presented, including Charlotte Hartman.  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- PRINCIPAL CONTRACT 18. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Balmer, to approve the renewal of Principal Garrett Lefferson's contract for 2018-2019.  
Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 2 Nays. Motion carried.



ADJOURN

19. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Smock, to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 PM.

Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

**OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:**

ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS 1. None

PUBLIC COMMENT

2. Chris Lewis, from Illinois Gun Owners Rights, spoke to the board asking the board to consider adopting a resolution calling for local districts to have the choice to allow teachers to be armed and help with training. This resolution would only bring the item to the State Board for a vote and possible funding. He has been speaking at other local schools as well. He works with a group who trains school employees for first response and more.

Mr. Lewis also provided information on a non-profit organization that he works with that provides first response kits for class rooms, including tourniquets, tape, and other first aid items. There is also free training offered from medical personnel.

CORRESPONDENCE

3. None

BOARD COMMENTS

4. Barb Chiles commended the High School Scholastic Bowl on their success and also recognized local graduates of Mercer County who made their College Dean's Lists. She also recognized the passing of Kurt Richmond, husband of form volleyball coach Judy Richmond.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

5. Barb Chiles went over the Finance minutes including new construction bids that were being voted on. She also summarized the BHASED Governing Board minutes from their latest meeting.

COMMUNITY FORUM

6. Another Community Forum has been scheduled for April 10<sup>th</sup>. It will be handled as last year, but without the IASB moderator. A different configuration will be used to try to get more diverse information. The purposed of this forum is to develop district goals.

CODE OF CONDUCT

7. The IASB Code of Conduct was reviewed as a First Reading. The board will go over the information and adopt next month.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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

Mr. Fleuette reported on Kindergarten Round UP and a leaky roof from horizontal winds.

Mr. Sedam thanked Travis Aukes for removing a tree that was blocking the school flag. He also answered a few questions on the basketball hoops that have been previously discussed.

Mrs. Day reminded everyone that High School Graduation was scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup> at 1PM. She mentioned that the board needed to decide who would be handing out diplomas.

Mr. Lefferson had nothing to add.

Mr. Bush reported on the preparation for PARCC testing.

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_

Recording Secretary

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President, Bd. of Education

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Secretary, Bd. of Education

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 Intermediate School Music Room*, on **Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 7:00 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:** Dillavou, Frieden, Smock, Wagner, and Yates. A quorum was present. Chiles arrived at 8:07 PM.

**Absent:** Balmer

**Administrators present:** Superintendent Scott Petrie, Principals Day, Sedam, Lefferson, Bush and Fleuette

**Also in Attendance:** Andrew Hofer, Chris Lewis, Tiffany Lewis, John Atkinson, Thomas Nipper, Heidi Brown, Jean Schroeder, Pat Gibson, Melissa Gusiorowski, and Secretary Stefanie Carey.

**Reporters:** Cathy Decker, Jim Taylor

**RECORD OF MOTIONS & VOTES**

	No. 01	No. 02	No. 03	No. 04	No. 05	No. 06	No. 07	No. 08	No. 09	No. 10	No. 11	
<b>Balmer</b>	-	VOICE	-	-	-	-	VOICE	-	-	-	-	
<b>Chiles</b>	-		-	-	-	-		-	AYE	NAY	AYE	AYE
<b>Dillavou</b>	AYE		NAY	AYE	AYE	AYE		-	-	-	-	
<b>Frieden</b>	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE
<b>Smock</b>	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE
<b>Wagner</b>	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE
<b>Yates</b>	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE

	No. 12	NO. 13	NO. 14	NO. 15	NO. 16	NO. 17	NO. 18	No. 19	No. 20	No. 21	No. 22
<b>Balmer</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	VOICE
<b>Chiles</b>	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	
<b>Dillavou</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>Frieden</b>	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	
<b>Smock</b>	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	
<b>Wagner</b>	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	
<b>Yates</b>	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Frieden, to approve the following items on the consent agenda.
  - 1.1 Meeting Minutes
    - a. Regular Meeting Minutes – March 21, 2018
    - b. Transportation Committee Meeting – April 9, 2018
    - c. Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2018
  - 1.2 Bill List
  - 1.3 Treasurer’s Report

- 1.4 Financial Report
  - 1.5 BCBS Health Insurance Account Statement
  - 1.6 Resignation of MCIS Special Education Teacher Drue Sponheim
  - 1.7 Resignation of High School Play Director Liz Blackwell
  - 1.8 Retirement of Junior High / NBE Cook Sara Long
  - 1.9 Resignation of High School Custodian Jessica Hank
- Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

PERSONAL CODE OF CONDUCT

2. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to adopt the Personal Code of Conduct for School Board Members.  
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

IESA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

3. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to approve the IESA Membership renewal for \$75, as presented.  
Roll Call: 4 Ayes, 1 Nay. Motion carried.

SECURE ENTRANCES

4. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to accept the quote from FSS Incorporated for secure entrances at 4 buildings for \$19,790.  
Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

AUDITORIUM BIDS

5. There was a motion by Smock seconded by Dillavou, to accept the bid from Hodge Construction for the Auditorium Construction Project for \$618,000.  
Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

6. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Frieden, at 8:05PM to go into Closed Session after a short recess for Security and Personnel discussion.

6.1 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).*

6.2 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)*

Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Barb Chiles arrived at 8:07 PM.

Closed Session started at 8:18 PM.

Tyson Dillavou left at 9:30 PM for a family emergency.

OPEN SESSION

7. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to come out of Closed Session at 10:28 PM.  
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

WINTER COACH  
REHIRES

8. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to approve the Winter Coach Re-Hires as presented.

Head Boys Basketball: Mike Jones  
Assistant Boys Basketball: Nick Blaser  
Head Girls Basketball: Kate Engwall  
Assistant Girls Basketball: Ty Goben  
Head Wrestling Coach: Steve Speaker  
Assistant Wrestling Coach: Monte Smith  
Assistant Wrestling Coach: Dallas Morford  
Head Dance Coach: Sharon Simpson

Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

HS ENGLISH TEACHER

9. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to hire Amanda Heinrichs as Junior High English / Language Arts Teacher.

Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

APOLLO PRE-K  
TEACHER

10. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates to hire Chloe Cordell as Apollo Pre-K Teacher.

Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

APOLLO  
PARAPROFESSIONAL

11. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to hire Melody Jones as an Apollo Paraprofessional.

Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

APOLLO  
PARAPROFESSIONAL

12. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Frieden, to hire Jill McCrory as an Apollo Paraprofessional.

Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

APOLLO  
PARAPROFESSIONAL

13. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Frieden, to hire Andrea Long as an Apollo Paraprofessional.

Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

APOLLO  
PARAPROFESSIONAL

14. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to hire Hiedi Mills as an Apollo Paraprofessional.

Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

APOLLO  
PARAPROFESSIONAL

15. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Frieden, to hire Rita Hofer as Apollo Paraprofessional.

Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

APOLLO ONE ON ONE  
PARAPROFESSIONAL

16. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Frieden, to hire Morgan Cunningham as a One on One Paraprofessional at Apollo.

Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

APOLLO  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
ASSISTANT

17. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to hire Erin Headley as Apollo Administrative Assistant.

Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- DISTRICT READING COACH 18. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to hire Katie Dengler as District Reading Coach.  
Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- DISTRICT MATH COACH 19. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to hire Ryan Koresko as District Math Coach.  
Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- DISTRICT SPECIAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR 20. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Frieden, to hire Taylor Anderson as District Special Education Administrator.  
Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT 21. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Frieden, to approve the renewal of Superintendent Scott Petrie's contract for 2018-2022 with an annual salary of \$150,000.  
Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- ADJOURN 22. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Frieden, to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 PM.  
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

#### **OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:**

- ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS 1. None
- PUBLIC COMMENT 2. Heidi Brown addressed the board relaying a story of sexual assault to her daughter on the school bus. She stated that she has lots of questions regarding board policy and the way the situation was handled.
- STUDENT ASSISTANCE 3. John Atkinson from the Aledo Masonic Lodge described a student assistance program from Newman/ Stecher International that they offer that would help identify troubled students and try to prevent suicide, bullying and dropping out. This program is fully funded. They offer assemblies, training, and more. He left an informational packet.
- TRAUMA TRAINING 4. Chris Lewis, from Illinois Gun Owners Rights, spoke to the board about the First Aide packets that his group offers. He displayed the contents of the packets and explained how useful the items can be in a trauma situation. Packets are not fully funded, costing around 30 – 40 dollars. They also offer different training classes including CPR, bleeding control, and overdose.
- CORRESPONDENCE 5. None
- BOARD COMMENTS 6. None

COMMITTEE REPORTS 7. Mr. Petrie went over the Finance Committee Meeting minutes, stating that we have received to CRPPT payments that should meet budget amounts. We have had delayed categorical payments. Mr. Petrie also gave an update from the BHASED governing board meeting where personnel issues were discussed.

DOOR QUOTES 8. Mr. Petrie had quotes from FSS Incorporated for 3 buildings' secure access for doors. He explained that the high school would be taken care of separately in the health life safety project. The cost would be approximately \$3,500/ door. The job would include one door at each building except New Boston, which would have 2. These doors would consist of a card system used with a camera and buzzer system similar to that at the Junior High.

GENERAL CONTRACTOR BIDS 9. A bid from the Auditorium project took place on April 13<sup>th</sup>. The lowest bidder was Hodge Construction from Moline. There were several bidders. The bid tab sheet was available in the board packet.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS 10. Several informational topics were discussed including one to one technology in the classrooms, results from the Community Forum data collection, setting up a Board Self Evaluation meeting, the Fall Division meeting being hosted here, and Evidence Based Funding.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS 11. In addition to their written reports, the following was mentioned:  
Mr. Bush reported that Mr. Whan was planning an "Informance" that would be like a Spring Concert.  
Mr. Fleurette promoted his "Egg Drop" at Apollo tomorrow.  
Mrs. Day recognized the Administrative staff and their wonderful support during the recent tragedy of losing a student to suicide. She commended the entire staff for how they rallied together in this emotional time.  
Mr. Sedam noted that they were busy planning Earth Day activities.  
Mr. Lefferson had nothing to add.

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Recording Secretary

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President, Bd. of Education

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Secretary, Bd. of Education

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 Intermediate School Music Room*, on **Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 7:00 PM.**

Prior to Roll Call, Pastor Dietmeier opened with a brief prayer.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Board members present upon roll call:** Balmer, Chiles, Frieden, Wagner, and Yates. A quorum was present. Dillavou arrived at 8:50 PM.

**Absent:** Smock

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

**Also in Attendance:** Pastor Dietmeier, Amy Degelman, Brooke Lindell, Dani Hagens, Jerry Schwartzkopf, Mark, Bieri, Michael Vipond, and Secretary Stefanie Carey.

**Reporters:** Cathy Decker

**RECORD OF MOTIONS & VOTES**

	No. 01	No. 02	No. 03	No. 04	No. 05	No. 06	No. 07	No. 08	No. 09	No. 10	No. 11	No. 12
<b>Balmer</b>	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	NAY	AYE	VOICE	AYE	VOICE
<b>Chiles</b>	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	
<b>Dillavou</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	
<b>Frieden</b>	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	
<b>Smock</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	
<b>Wagner</b>	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	
<b>Yates</b>	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	

	NO. 13	NO. 14	NO. 15	NO. 16	NO. 17	NO. 18	No. 19	No. 20	No. 21	No. 22	No. 23
<b>Balmer</b>	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE
<b>Chiles</b>	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE
<b>Dillavou</b>	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	Abstain	AYE	AYE
<b>Frieden</b>	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE
<b>Smock</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Wagner</b>	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE
<b>Yates</b>	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 1.1 Meeting Minutes
    - a. Regular Meeting Minutes – April 18, 2018
  - 1.2 Bill List
  - 1.3 Treasurer’s Report
  - 1.4 Financial Report
  - 1.5 BCBS Health Insurance Account Statement
  - 1.6 Cook Reassignments
  - 1.7 Maternity Leave for Christina Eads
  - 1.8 Maternity Leave for Breanna McManus
  - 1.9 Resignation of 8th Grade Girls’ basketball coach Taylor Beguelin
- Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.



ABATEMENT  
RESOLUTION 2014

2. There was a motion by Frieden, seconded by Balmer, to adopt a Resolution abating the taxes heretofore levied for the years 2017 & 2018 to pay debt service on General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2014.  
Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

FUEL BID FY19

3. There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Frieden, to accept the Halcomb Oil Fuel bid for FY19 as presented.  
Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

MILK BID FY19

4. There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Chiles, to accept the Prairie Farms Milk Bid for FY19 as presented.  
Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

BREAD BID FY19

5. There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Balmer, to accept the Aunt Millie's Bread Bid for FY19 as presented.  
Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

REGISTRATION  
FEES FY19

6. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Frieden, to approve the 2018-2019 Registration fees as presented, including added technology fees at the High School and Junior High for one on one Chrome books for \$40 and \$30 respectively.  
Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

MEAL AND MILK  
FEES FY19

7. There was motion by Balmer, seconded by Yates, to approve the Meal and Milk prices for 2018-2019 as presented.  
Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

STUDENT SAFETY AND  
PROTECTION RESOLUTION

8. There was a motion by Frieden, seconded by Yates, to adopt the Student Safety and Protection Resolution as presented.  
Roll Call: 4 Ayes, 1 Nay. Motion carried.

HIGH ROADS SUPPORT

9. There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Chiles, to approve the annual support request from High Roads Advantage for \$3,900 for FY19 as presented.  
Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

BOARD MEETING  
DATES FY19

10. There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Balmer, to approve the FY19 Board Meeting Dates as presented.  
Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

11. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Yates, at 8:17PM to go into Closed Session after a short recess for Personnel, Security, and Litigation discussion.

11.1 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)*

11.2 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).*

11.3 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).*

Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Closed Session started at 8:18 PM.

Tyson Dillavou arrived at 8:50PM.

OPEN SESSION

12. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Dillavou, to come out of Closed Session at 9:58 PM.

Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

HIRE MCIS SPED  
TEACHER

13. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Balmer, to hire Natalie Nelson as an Intermediate Special Education Teacher.

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

HIRE MCIS ENGLISH  
TEACHER

14. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Frieden, to hire Kristi Heaton as a 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> Grade English / Language Arts Teacher.

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

HIRE APOLLO 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
TEACHER

15. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Balmer, to hire Amber Hessman as a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Apollo Elementary

HIRE HS SPED TEACHER

16. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Frieden, to hire Kay Hedrick as a high school Special Education Teacher.

HIRE JUNIOR HIGH  
COOK

17. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Yates, to hire Tina Frieden as a Junior High Cook.

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

HIRE HS CHEER  
SPONSOR

18. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Yates, to hire Chloe Cordell as a High School Cheer Sponsor.

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

HIRE 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BOYS  
BASKETBALL COACH

19. There was a motion by Dillavou, seconded by Yates, to hire Brandon Hofmann as an 8<sup>th</sup> grade Boys Basketball coach.

There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Yates, to hire

HIRE 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GIRLS  
BASKETBALL COACH

20. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Yates, to hire Kraig McPeek as an 8<sup>th</sup> grade Girls' Basketball Coach.

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

- HIRE FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL COACH 21. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Yates, to hire Erica Biddle as Freshman Volleyball Coach.  
Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 1 Abstention. Motion carried.
- HIRE SUMMER WORKERS 22. There was a motion b Chiles, seconded by Yates, to hire Alyssa Hess, Quinton King, Connor Reid, and Jacob Duncan as summer workers.  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- ADJOURN 23. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Frieden, to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 PM.  
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

### **OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:**

ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS 1. None

PUBLIC COMMENT 2. Amy Degelman, Dani Hagens and Brooke Lindell spoke before the board in support of the Fast Friday incentive program at the High School. Mrs. Degelman put together some statistics that showed an improvement in grades, attendance, and even dress cuts since Fast Fridays have been implemented. The extra time to allow for homework has been very helpful for busy students who are involved in athletics and other activities.

CORRESPONDENCE 3. John Atkinson from the Masonic Lodge followed up with the board about the Student Assistance program that they offer.

BOARD COMMENTS 4. Barb Chiles submitted a written list of comments regarding an IASB conference she attended the Education Advisory Council, Gracie Olson's Art recognition, and the Education Foundation's support that will be matched by the Looser-Flake Foundation this fall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS 5. Mr. Petrie went over the Finance Committee minutes. He noted that the Auditorium project is underway and ahead of schedule. We have also received a schedule for our new Auditors. Unemployment claims were also touched upon.

Barb Chiles summarized the most recent BHASED Governing meeting. They are experiencing personnel problems and a lack of staff. Limits might be made for enrollment because of this. They also renewed their IEP licensing software.

SAFETY RESOLUTION 6. The board discussed the Student Safety Resolution before its adoption. Tab Balmer expressed an opposing opinion to the rest of the board, speaking against adopting the resolution. He is concerned with the monetary cost of training and arming school staff, as well as finding willing and able staff to comply. School Resource Officers would be ideal. The

other board members reiterated that fact that some of our buildings are further away from law enforcement than others, staff would only participate if they chose to, and that School Resource Officers are a bigger expense.

If resolved the Illinois Association of School Boards will support and advocate for legislation which provides local school boards the option of developing Student Safety and Protection plans. Those plans may include school administrators who have completed a school district-approved training course, concealed carrying training, pass multiple background checks, and require concealed carry license.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT  
DISCUSSION**

7. Mr. Petrie went over the highlights of the Budget Amendments scheduled for next month. The Health Life Safety projects will affect some numbers crossing over the Fiscal Year as before.

**BOARD POLICIES**

8. The Board is implementing a process of reviewing the existing board policies on a regular basis in order to confirm their applications within the district. This process was advised by the IASB. Certain policies have review requirements, but the others will be set on a schedule of our own in the same manner as the Quarterly PRESS policies. Section 8 on Community Relations was presented or first reading this month.

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
REPORTS**

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

Mr. Bush reported that Eagle Olympics started today and a Summer Reading program would be implemented with Mrs. Kernan.

Mr. Fleurette noted that they raised \$1232 for the Champions for Children Walk.

Mrs. Day reported that around \$100,000 was given out in scholarships at the Awards ceremony last week.

Mr. Sedam recognized a successful Track Season with several students qualifying for State.

Mr. Lefferson announced that Lauryn Russell’s Lyme Disease Protection Act passed and there was much excitement following. The act releases restrictions for the use of experimental drugs used to combat Lyme Disease, allowing more freedom for Doctor’s to treat successfully. Lauryn and her mother had been working with Representative Swanson in this endeavor. She had testified on her struggles with the disease.

Submitted By:

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Recording Secretary

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President, Bd. of Education

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Secretary, Bd. of Education

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_



CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 1.1 Meeting Minutes
    - a. Special Meeting Minutes – May 14, 2018
    - b. Regular Meeting Minutes – May 16, 2018
    - c. Special Meeting Minutes – June 4, 2018
  - 1.2 Bill List
  - 1.3 Treasurer’s Report
  - 1.4 Financial Report
  - 1.5 BCBS Health Insurance Account Statement
  - 1.6 Resignation of Speech Pathologist Gyuchan Steele
  - 1.7 Resignation of Elementary Music Teacher Abbie Hicks
  - 1.8 Resignation of High School Special Education Teacher Lindsay Zerull
  - 1.9 Resignation of Teacher Liz Blackwell
  - 1.10 Retirement of Apollo Teacher Liz MacDonald-Gray, 2022
  - 1.11 Retirement of High School Custodian Candy Swank, 2020
  - 1.12 Resignation of Junior High Cook Pennie Ringle
  - 1.12 Resignation of JH Volleyball Coach Nicole Hermansen
- Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

AMENDED BUDGET  
FY18

2. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Dillavou, to approve the Amended Budget for FY18 as presented.  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

TECHNOLOGY LEASE

3. There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Smock, to approve a 4-year Technology Lease from American Capital for \$85,762.50 to purchase Chromebooks with a \$1 buy-out.  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

HANDBOOK CHANGES

4. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Dillavou, to approve handbook changes for the 18-19 school year, pending clarification of language for the High School and Intermediate School.  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

PREVAILING WAGE  
RESOLUTION

5. There was a motion by Dillavou, seconded by Chiles, to adopt the Prevailing Wage Resolution as presented.  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

JOHANNES BUS  
CONTRACT

6. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Smock, to approve the recommendation from the Transportation Committee to accept the Johannes Bus contract, pending number of routes to be determined later.  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

7. There was a motion by Dillavou, seconded by Yates, at 7:53PM to go into Closed Session after a short recess for Personnel, Security, Litigation and Negotiations discussion.

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 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).*

7.3 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).*

7.4 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 Smock, seconded by Chiles, to return to Open Session at 9:35PM.

Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

HIRE HS CUSTODIAN

9. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Dillavou, to hire Barbara Marlene Loving as a High School Custodian.

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

HIRE APOLLO COOK

10. There was motion by Smock, seconded by Frieden, to hire Bridget Hildestad as Apollo Cook.

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

HIRE ELEMENTARY  
MUSIC TEACHER

11. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to hire Kristen Reick as Elementary Music Teacher.

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

HIRE NEW BOSTON  
PRE-SCHOOL TEACHER

12. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Frieden, to hire Cassidy Murray as Pre-K Teacher at New Boston Elementary.

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

ADJOURN

13. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Yates, to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 PM.

Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

**OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:**

ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS

1. Resignation of Choir Teacher Mariah Chapdelaine was added as 6.13. Johannes Bus Contract was moved from Information 9.8 to Action 8.6.

PUBLIC COMMENT

2. None

CORRESPONDENCE

3. None

BOARD COMMENTS

4. Barb Chiles submitted a written list of comments including praise for the fund raising efforts of Mrs. Sywassink to supply the new Sensory Room at

MCIS; a scholarship received by graduate Connor Sharp; and an editorial in the Argus/ Dispatch on security in our schools.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

5. Mr. Petrie went over the Finance Committee report, touching on the Health Insurance fund and the status on that account. The renewal for Health Insurance will be on the agenda for July.

Barb Chiles summarized the most recent BHASED Governing meeting.

Transportation committee meeting minutes were submitted. We will be approving another contract with Johannes Bus Service, per recommendation from the Transportation Committee. Mr. Petrie met with Kim Lloyd recently to try to reduce routes if possible. Routing software has been purchased to help streamline this process.

POLICY REVIEW

6. Per the advice of the State Board representative Reatha Owens, the Board is planning to go over all of the Board Policies gradually and edit if necessary. They began this month with Section 8 – Community Relations.

SCHOOL HANDBOOKS

8. Changes were submitted to the Board for all 5 school handbooks. There were some questions on cell phone usage at the High School that were discussed, and clarifications were made. Fast Friday incentive days were also touched upon. It was mentioned that they could be implemented at lower grades. Mr. Petrie explained that the lower grades already had incentive programs that better fit their age levels. Attendance rules were also discussed regarding medical notes. It was also suggested that the language be edited slightly in the Intermediate Handbook to clarify excused absences.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

9. Sheriff Staley and Police Chief Sullivan attended the board meeting to speak of recent estimates they have come up with regarding the hiring of School Resource Officers for all 5 buildings. Many pros and cons were discussed, as well as options to that scenario including Crisis Intervention teams trained to deal with problem situations.

LOSS OF FUNDING

10. Funding through the Regional Office of Education was lost for next year affecting Pre-School services and other Parent Educator services by approximately half. Distribution is being appealed.

BOARD UPCOMING EVENTS

11. Mercer County is hosting the Fall IASB Division meeting dinner on October 4. We are planning a Fine Arts Display and Concert, as well as dinner and breakout sessions after a business meeting. Catering is still being discussed.

The Joint Annual Conference Registration for the fall has opened up. The Board discussed who is planning to attend. The group will be registered the first week of July in order to get the classes that they want and choice hotels.



ADMINISTRATIVE  
REPORTS

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

Mr. Bush summarized a recent professional development seminar held at the Intermediate school called GRIT, which will take the place of the current PBIS. He also stated that their new camera system is close to being completed.

Mr. Lefferson reported that the new Sensory Room is now fully funded. They are very excited about the new addition.

Mr. Hofer added to the good word regarding GRIT. It covered every major content area, and he was impressed.

Mr. Fleurette stated that their building has new doors that are ready for the scanners.

Mrs. Day was at the IVAT conference in Decatur where Mr. Heartt was receiving an Agriculture Educator Award.

Mr. Sedam was not in attendance, as he was bringing a new baby home from the hospital.

Submitted By:

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Recording Secretary

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President, Bd. of Education

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Secretary, Bd. of Education

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**MINUTES OF AN *SPECIAL 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 Special Meeting at the District Office, 1002 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Aledo, IL 61231, **Monday, February 12, 2018 at 5:35 p.m.**

**Members Present upon Roll Call:** Chiles, Balmer, Dillavou, Smock, Wagner. and Yates.  
**Also In Attendance:** Superintendent Scott Petrie

A quorum was present. Board President Wagner presided.

Record of Votes

	NO. 1	NO. 2	NO. 3	NO.4	NO. 5
<b>Balmer</b>	AYE	VOICE	VOICE		
<b>Chiles</b>	AYE				
<b>Dillavou</b>	AYE				
<b>Smock</b>	AYE				
<b>VanderHeyden</b>	-				
<b>Wagner</b>	AYE				
<b>Yates</b>	AYE				

**CLOSED SESSION**

1. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Yates, to go into Closed Session for Consideration of School Board Applicants.  
*The selection of a person to fill a public office, as public office is defined in the Open Meetings Act, or to fill a vacancy in a public office when the public body is given the power to appoint under law or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3).*  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**OPEN SESSION**

2. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Yates, to come out of Closed Session.  
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

3. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Balmer, to adjourn at 6:23pm.  
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_

Recording Secretary

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**MINUTES OF AN *SPECIAL 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 Special Meeting at the District Office, 1002 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Aledo, IL 61231, **Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 7:02 p.m.**

**Members Present upon Roll Call:** Chiles, Dillavou, Smock, Wagner, and Yates. Balmer arrived at 7:29 PM.  
**Also In Attendance:** Superintendent Scott Petrie

A quorum was present. Board President Wagner presided.

Record of Votes

	NO. 1	NO. 2	NO. 3	NO.4	NO. 5
<b>Balmer</b>	AYE	VOICE	VOICE	VOICE	
<b>Chiles</b>	AYE				
<b>Dillavou</b>	AYE				
<b>Smock</b>	AYE				
<b>VanderHeyden</b>	-				
<b>Wagner</b>	AYE				
<b>Yates</b>	AYE				

**INTERVIEW SCHEDULE:** Lisa Finch 7:04 – 7:22  
Sandra Tisor 7:28-7:47  
Jake Frieden 7:58-8:31  
Jennifer Blaser 8:33- 9:00

**CLOSED SESSION**

1. There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Dillavou, to go into Closed Session for School Board Interviews at 7:03 PM.  
*The selection of a person to fill a public office, as public office is defined in the Open Meetings Act, or to fill a vacancy in a public office when the public body is given the power to appoint under law or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3).*  
Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Tab Balmer arrived at 7:29 PM.

**OPEN SESSION**

2. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Dillavou, to come out of Closed Session at 9:40 PM.  
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

**APPOINT BOARD MEMBER**

3. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Chiles, to appoint Jake Frieden to the Board of Education.  
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN 4. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Yates, to adjourn at 9:45pm. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Recording Secretary

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**MINUTES OF AN *EMERGENCY 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 an *Emergency Meeting* at the Intermediate School Music Room, 1002 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Aledo, IL 61231, **Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.**

**Members Present upon Roll Call:** Balmer, Chiles, Dillavou, Frieden, Smock, and Wagner. Yates attended via speaker phone.

**Also In Attendance:** Superintendent Scott Petrie, Principal Stacey Day, and Assistant Principal Andrew Hofer.

**Public in Attendance:** Cal Bigham, Taylor Boydston, Rachel Boydston, Lauren Morby, Ruth Smock, Brady Nelson, Kennedy Wells

**Reporters:** Cathy Decker - Argus, Christina Hepner- WQAD, Stephanie Mattan – WQAD

A quorum was present. Board President Wagner presided. Minutes were taken by Secretary Bill Smock.

**RECORD OF VOTES**

	NO. 1	NO. 2	NO. 3	NO.4	NO. 5
<b>Balmer</b>	AYE	VOICE	AYE	VOICE	
<b>Chiles</b>	AYE		NAY		
<b>Dillavou</b>	AYE		NAY		
<b>Frieden</b>	AYE		NAY		
<b>Smock</b>	AYE		AYE		
<b>Wagner</b>	AYE		NAY		
<b>Yates</b>	AYE		-		

**CLOSED SESSION**

1. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Frieden, to go into Closed Session for School Security Discussion at 4:38 PM.

*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).*

Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Don Yates left phone call.

**OPEN SESSION**

2. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Chiles, to come out of Closed Session at 4:22 PM.

Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

**PROTEST PROTOCOL**

3. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Balmer, to treat the Walk Out on March 14<sup>th</sup> as an excused absence.

Roll Call: 2 Ayes, 4 Nays. Motion failed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN 4. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Balmer, to adjourn at 5:29 pm. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

**OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:**

COMMENTS

A few students and a community member spoke during public comment. Comments are summarized below.

- Lauren Morby, an MCHS student, explained of what their Walk Out consisted.
- Cal Bigham, an MCHS student, summarized what the group is protesting, noting other school activities that are sanctioned but disruptive.
- Taylor Boydston, an MCHS student, listed negative consequences to the unexcused absence and justification for their reasoning behind the protest.
- Cal Bigham spoke again defending that their protest represents characteristics of the National Honor Society.
- Ruth Smock, a community member, spoke to support the students, stating that it is a National Movement.
- Barb Chiles, a board member, mentioned that no competition would be missed as a result of the unexcused absence, but playing time can be adjusted.
- Jake Frieden, board member, suggested that they did it at another time as part of a larger group.

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

MINUTES OF AN *SPECIAL 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 Special Meeting at the District Office, 1002 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Aledo, IL 61231, **Monday June 4, 2018 at 6:10 PM** to discuss District goals.

**Members Present upon Roll Call:** Chiles, Smock, Wagner. Yates arrived at 6:29 PM. Dillavou arrived at 6:12PM.

**Absent:** Frieden, Balmer

**Also In Attendance:** Superintendent Scott Petrie, Principals Fleurette, Lefferson, Day, and Bush, Assistant Principal Hofer

A quorum was present. Board President Wagner presided. Secretary Smock kept the minutes.

The Board and Administration reviewed the previous district goals and made adjustments for the new school year until 7:34 PM when there was a motion by Yates, seconded by Smock, to adjourn. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**MINUTES OF AN *SPECIAL 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 an *Special Meeting* for Board Self Evaluation at the District Office, 1002 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Aledo, IL 61231, **Monday, May 14, 2018 at 6:06 p.m.**

**Members Present upon Roll Call:** Balmer, Chiles, Dillavou, Frieden, Smock, and Wagner. Yates arrived at 6:38 PM

**Also In Attendance:** Superintendent Scott Petrie

**Others in Attendance:** Retha Owens- IASB

A quorum was present. Board President Wagner presided. Minutes were taken by Secretary Bill Smock.

**RECORD OF VOTES**

	NO. 1	NO. 2	NO. 3	NO.4	NO. 5
<b>Balmer</b>	AYE	VOICE	AYE		
<b>Chiles</b>	AYE		AYE		
<b>Dillavou</b>	AYE		AYE		
<b>Frieden</b>	AYE		AYE		
<b>Smock</b>	AYE		AYE		
<b>Wagner</b>	AYE		AYE		
<b>Yates</b>	-		AYE		

**CLOSED SESSION**

1. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Chiles, to go into Closed Session for Self Evaluation at 6:10PM.

***Self Evaluation***

*Self evaluation, practices and procedures or professional ethics, when meeting with a representative of a statewide association of which the District is a member. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(16).*

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

**OPEN SESSION**

2. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Dillavou, to come out of Closed Session at 8:29 PM.

Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

3. There was a motion by Frieden, seconded by Balmer, to adjourn at 5:29 pm. Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_



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

The Board of Education of Mercer County School District #404, Mercer, Henderson, & Rock Island Counties, Illinois, convened at an **Expulsion Hearing** at the District Office, 1002 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Aledo, IL 61231, **Wednesday, February 27, 2018 at 5:41 p.m.**

	NO. 1	NO. 2	NO. 3	NO.4	NO.5
<b>Balmer</b>	AYE	VOICE VOTE	VOICE VOTE	AYE	VOICE VOTE
<b>Chiles</b>	AYE			AYE	
<b>Dillavou</b>	AYE			AYE	
<b>Frieden</b>	AYE			AYE	
<b>Smock</b>	-			-	
<b>Wagner</b>	AYE			AYE	
<b>Yates</b>	-			Abstain	

**Members Present Upon Roll Call:** Balmer, Chiles, Dillavou, Frieden, & Wagner  
**Also present:** Supt. Petrie, Principal Stacey Day, Student "A" and father.  
**Absent:** Smock, Yates arrived at 5:58 PM.

A quorum was present. Board President Wagner presided.

**CLOSED SESSION**

1. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Balmer, to move to closed session at 5:41pm for Expulsion hearing- Student "A."

**Student Discipline**

*Student disciplinary cases. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9).*

Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Members Present Upon Roll Call: Balmer, Chiles, Dillavou, Frieden, & Wagner

**ADJOURN HEARING**

2. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Balmer, to adjourn hearing at 6:15 PM. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

**OPEN SESSION**

3. There was a motion by Frieden, seconded by Chiles, to return to open session. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

Yates arrived at 5:58 PM. Student A and father were asked to step out for deliberation.

**STUDENT EXPULSION**

4. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Balmer, to expel Student "A" for the remainder of the calendar year, with an administrative referral to RAES in August of 2018.

Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstention. Motion carried.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

5. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Frieden, to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 PM.

Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Recording Secretary

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President, Board of Education

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Secretary, Board of Education