

**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 Junior High School Music Room, 1002 SW 6th Street, Aledo, IL* on Wednesday, **April 17, 2024** at 6:30 PM.

Prior to Roll Call, President Bill Smock opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

Board members present upon roll call: Smock, Nelson, Monson, Wagner, Yates and Balmer.

A quorum was present.

Absent: Lower.

Administrators present: Superintendent Scott Petrie, Principals Sedam, Ibouhouten and McPeek.

Also in Attendance: Dustin Murray, HS student (live-streaming), Tim King of Kings Financial Consulting Inc., Recording Secretary Leanne McDermott.

Reporters: Jim Taylor.

	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	No. 5	No. 6	No. 7	No. 8	No. 9	No. 10
Balmer	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	VOICE	AYE	AYE	AYE	VOICE
Lower	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	
Monson	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	
Nelson	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	
Smock	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	
Wagner	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	
Yates	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	

CONSENT AGENDA

1. There was a motion by Monson, seconded by Balmer to approve the following items on the consent agenda as presented.
 - 1.1 Meeting Minutes
 - a. Regular Meeting Minutes – March 20, 2024
 - b. Special Meeting Minutes – March 28, 2024
 - c. Special Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2024
 - d. Community Forum Minutes – April 9, 2024
 - 1.2 Bill List
 - 1.3 Treasurer’s Report
 - 1.4 Financial Report
 - 1.5 BCBS Health Insurance Account Statement
 - 1.6 Resignation of Superintendent Scott Petrie
 - 1.7 Resignation of MCHS Spanish Teacher Dawn Noble 2028 Intent to Retire
 - 1.8 Resignation of MCHS PE/Health Teacher Joseph Verlinden 2028 Intent to Retire
 - 1.9 NBE Title 1 Teacher Amy Molburg 2028 Intent to Retire
 - 1.10 NBE Cook Joan Luxmore 2024 Intent to Retire
- Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

2024-2025 IESA MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

2. There was a motion by Nelson, seconded by Balmer, to approve the 2024-2025 IESA Membership Renewals.

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

CONVERTING HALF DAY TO FULL DAY PRESCHOOL

3. There was a motion by Monson, seconded by Yates, to approve converting half-day to full day preschool.

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

ALEDO PARK DISTRICT SCOREBOARD PARTNERSHIP

4. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Yates to approve moving forward with the Aledo Park District scoreboard partnership in the amount not to exceed \$16,780.

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

CLOSED SESSION

5. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Yates, to go into Closed Session after a short recess at 8:00 PM.

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

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 Real Property

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

5.3 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).

OPEN SESSION

6. There was a motion by Monson, seconded by Yates to come out of closed session at 8:30 PM.

Voice: 6 Ayes 0, Nays. Motion carried.

HIRE HEAD GIRLS BASETBALL COACH

7. There was a motion by Monson, seconded by Nelson, to approve hiring Brandon Hofmann as Head Girls Basketball Coach.

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

RE-HIRE FALL FOOTBALL COACHES

8. There was a motion by Monson, seconded by Balmer, to approve re-hiring fall football coaches as presented.

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

HIRE MCJH ELA TEACHER

9. There was a motion by Monson, seconded by Smock, to approve hiring William Appelquist as MCJH ELA Teacher.

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

ADJOURN

10. There was a motion by Nelson, seconded by Balmer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 PM.

Voice: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS: 1. None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: 2. None.

CORRESPONDENCE: 3. None.

BOARD COMMENTS: 4. None.

KINGS FINANCIAL UPDATE: 5. President, Tim King of Kings Financial Consulting Inc. presented information and a packet regarding types of bonds and the possibility of investing borrowed money and a timeline. His firm drafted a timeline to begin in May, proceeding into June's meeting with legalities. Scott Petrie will ask for more detailed calculations/figures.

FOIA REQUESTS: 6. There was one quarterly vendor FOIA request.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: 7. None.

HALF TO FULL DAY PRESCHOOL: 8. Rebecca McPeek spoke regarding the need to convert one half day preschool class to all day. In the past, there have been times the district has had no openings. There is an increased need in higher needs students with not only speech therapy, but physical and occupational therapists. At this time, there would be no need for additional staffing.

COMMUNITY FORUM: 9. Bill Smock stated next year the board would go back to sending strategic invitations. Currently there is a survey online available for input.

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH: 10. An updated Announcement of Vacancy has been submitted. Bill Smock will contact Dr. Patricia Sullivan-Viniard of IASB Executive Search regarding setting up dates for the 1st and 2nd Round Interviews.

PRESS POLICY QUARTERLY UPDATES: 11. The policy committee will meet to review.

DISTRICT PUBLICATIONS: 12. Scott Petrie passed out sample quarterly publications for members to view. These publications may be used to bridge the gap between the school district and the community. Mr. Petrie will request quotes.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: 13. Written reports were given. High school graduation's location was discussed due to the MCHS gym floor not being ready. Mrs. Teresa Ibouhouten stated that NBE Family Night is tomorrow night with over 300 anticipated participants. Mr. Tim Sedam stated that the Junior High Spring Art Festival is April 25th. The projection screen has also been installed at the junior high.

Submitted by:

Recording Secretary

President, Bd. of Education

Secretary, Bd. of Education

Approved: _____