

SPECIAL MEETING FACILITIES

The Board of Education of Mercer County School District #404, Mercer, Henderson, & Rock Island Counties, Illinois, held a Special Meeting Facilities in **the Mercer County Junior High School Music Room, 1002 SW 6th Street, Aledo, IL, on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**

ATTENDANCE

Board members present upon roll call: Smock, Wagner, Nelson, Lower and Yates. A quorum was present.

Absent: Balmer, Monson arrived at 6:06 p.m.

Administrators present: Superintendent Scott Petrie, Principals Robertson, Ibouhouten, Sedam and Cooper, Assistant Principal, Brandy Dornan.

Also in Attendance: Barb Baker, Lisa Clawson, Justin Blaser, Mike Bowns, Recording Secretary Leanne McDermott.

Reporters: John Hoscheidt.

A Special Meeting was held to inform the public regarding school building renovations. Mr. Petrie gave a presentation showing current construction projects and the proposal of a Mercer County High School upgrade.

	NO. 1	NO. 2
Balmer	-	-
Nelson	VOICE	VOICE
Lower	VOICE	
Monson	-	
Smock	VOICE	
Wagner	VOICE	
Yates	VOICE	

PUBLIC QUESTIONS: Bill Smock answered Tim Sedam’s question regarding the anticipated completion dates of each Phase. Mike Bowns and Lisa Clawson had additional questions.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

1. There was a motion by Monson, seconded by Yates, to adjourn the Special Meeting Facilities at 6:58 PM.
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

**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, January 17, 2024 at 7:02 PM.

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

ATTENDANCE

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

A quorum was present.

Absent: Balmer

Administrators present: Superintendent Scott Petrie, Principals Robertson, Ibouhouten, Sedam and Cooper, Assistant Principal, Brandy Dornan.

Also in Attendance: Barb Baker, Lisa Clawson, Justin Blaser, Mike Bowns, Recording Secretary Leanne McDermott.

Reporters: John Hoscheidt.

	No. 01	No. 02	No. 03	No. 4	No. 5	No. 6
Balmer	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lower	AYE	AYE	VOICE	AYE	AYE	VOICE
Monson	AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	
Nelson	AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	
Smock	AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	
Wagner	AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	
Yates	AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 1.1 Bill List
 - 1.2 Treasurer’s Report
 - 1.3 Financial Report
 - 1.4 BCBS Health Insurance Account Statement
 - 1.5 Committee Reports
- Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

2. There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Monson, to go into Closed Session after a short recess for Personnel and Review of Closed Session Minutes at 7:35 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 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)

a. Closed Session Minutes from July 2023 – June 2023

OPEN SESSION

3. There was a motion by Monson, seconded by Yates to come out of closed session at 7:50 PM.
Voice: 6 Ayes 0, Nays. Motion carried.

HIRE ASSISTANT SOFTBALL COACH

4. There was a motion by Monson, seconded by Yates, to hire Kay Hucke as Assistant Softball Coach.
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

HIRE NEW BOSTON ELEMENTARY PARAPROFESSIONAL

5. There was a motion by Monson, seconded by Yates, to hire Cinda Bly as New Boston Elementary Paraprofessional.
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

6. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Monson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM.
Voice: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS: 1. None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: 2. John Hoscheidt (also on his wife, Jo's behalf) expressed his appreciation regarding his wife, Jo's personnel matter.

CORRESPONDENCE: 3. None.

BOARD COMMENTS: 4. None.

FOIA REQUESTS: 5. There was a request from SmartProcure regarding purchasing records from 10/25/23 to current.

LOWELL N. JOHNSON CHARITABLE FOUNDATION 6. Apollo Elementary received a check in the amount of \$6,700.00 from the Lowell Johnson Foundation. Mercer County Junior High \$2,500.00 from the Foundation and New Boston Elementary received \$6,700.00 from the Lowell Johnson Charitable Foundation.

HIGH SCHOOL FACILITY UPGRADES 7. A Special Meeting was held to inform the public regarding school building renovations and the potential proposal of a Mercer County High School upgrade which includes three phases. Mr. Scott Petrie stated he is confident in moving forward with Phase 1 at the MCHS. More discussion will be made at next month's meeting.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTE REVIEW 8. July 2023 – December 2023 Minutes were not reviewed. This item will be added next month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: 9. A written Finance Committee Report was submitted.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: 10. Written reports were given. Mrs. Andrea Cooper spoke regarding the MCHS FY25 Course Handbook with the addition of a few courses. Dr. Teresa Ibouhouten stated

PTO has really made the students feel special. Mr. Tim Sedam stated they hosted an Open Gym and students are excited to return to school after the winter storm.

Submitted by:

Recording Secretary

President, Bd. of Education

Secretary, Bd. of Education

Approved: _____