

**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, March 20, 2024, 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, Lower, Wagner, Yates and Balmer.

A quorum was present.

Absent: None.

Administrators present: Superintendent Scott Petrie, Principals Robertson, Ibouhouten, Cooper, Sedam.

Also in Attendance: Dustin Murray, Tanner Dunn, 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	No. 11	No. 12	No. 13	No. 14	No. 15
Balmer	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	VOICE	AYE	VOICE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	VOICE
Lower	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE		
Monson	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE		
Nelson	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE		
Smock	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE		
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Yates	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE		

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 1.1 Meeting Minutes –February 21, 2024 and December 13, 2023
 - 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 Elementary Custodian Barbara McNichols
 - 1.7 Resignation of MCHS Dance Team Advisor Teague Smith
 - 1.8 Resignation of MCHS Head Girls Basketball Coach Kate Engwall
- Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

2024-2025 IHSA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

2. There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Balmer, to approve the 2024-2025 IHSA Membership Renewal.

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

RSA FEE STRUCTURE FOR FY25-FY29

3. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Yates, to approve the RSA Fee Structure for the interlibrary loan program for FY25-FY29.

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

NEW BOSTON ELEMENTARY ASBESTOS ABATEMENT BID

4. There was a motion by Monson, seconded by Balmer to approve the low bid of \$52,000.00 from Advanced Environmental.

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

MCHS GYM FLOOR REPLACEMENT

5. There was a motion by Monson, seconded by Lower, to replace the entire MCHS gym floor from Stalker Sports Floors not to exceed \$192,100 less insurance claim.

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

APPROVE SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER POSITION

6. There was a motion by Monson, seconded by Nelson, to approve a Special Education Teacher position for FY25.

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

APPROVE KINDERGARTEN TEACHER POSITION

7. There was a motion by Lower, seconded by Balmer to approve a Kindergarten Teacher position for FY25.

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

TABLE FULL DAY PRESCHOOL FROM HALF DAY TO FULL DAY

8. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Nelson, to approve tabling half day preschool to full day until next month's board meeting.

Voice: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

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

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

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)

OPEN SESSION

10. There was a motion by Monson, seconded by Balmer to come out of closed session at 8:45 PM.

Voice: 7 Ayes 0, Nays. Motion carried.

HIRE HS CUSTODIAN

11. There was a motion by Monson, seconded by Yates, to hire Marta Gallagher as MCHS custodian.

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

APPROVE VOLUNTEER MCJH ASSISTANT TRACK COACHES

12. There was a motion by Monson, seconded by Balmer, to approve volunteer MCJH track coaches as presented.

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

RE-HIRE FALL COACHES

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

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

APPROVE NON-TENURED STAFF CONTRACTS

14. There was a motion by Monson, seconded by Smock, to approve Non-tenured Staff Contracts.
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

15. There was a motion by Wagner, seconded by Smock, to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 PM.
Voice: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS: 1. None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: 2. None.

CORRESPONDENCE: 3. None.

BOARD COMMENTS: 4. None.

FOIA REQUESTS: 5. None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: 6. None.

IHSA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 7. Dustin Murray spoke regarding Mercer County School District's affiliation with IHSA.

MCHS GYM FLOOR REPLACEMENT: 8. Dustin Murray stated that the gym has a had good life-span. Stalker Sports Floors came highly recommended by the district's insurance provider. Dustin Murray and Mrs. Andrea Cooper both recommend replacing the entire flooring due to its age and damage.

SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER POSITION 9. Scott Petrie stated the need for special education continues to rise each year. With the larger incoming elementary class and their potential need for special education, he recommends a special education position be opened.

KINDERGARTEN TEACHER POSITION: 10. Chad Robertson stated that there is a large number of incoming kindergarten students in the fall. He recommends an additional kindergarten position be made available.

HALF TO FULL DAY PRESCHOOL: 11. Scott Petrie stated that there is a high demand for all day preschool, but he wishes to table it next month so that Rebecca McPeck may expand further.

DISTRICT GOALS UPDATE: 12. Scott Petrie stated that the 2023-2024 District Goals need to be updated and expanded. The committee needs to look beyond what was set in 2023 and set or broaden new goals.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FORUM: 13. Bill Smock provided information from the 2023 Community Forum and asked members for ideas on how to spread the word.

TRAC UPDATE: 14. Dustin Murray stated that Three Rivers Conference has been a positive

experience and schedules have been compiling.

ALEDO PARK DISTRICT: 15. Tanner Dunn spoke on behalf of the Aledo Park District. He proposed the Mercer County School District partner with the Aledo Park District on the cost of a scoreboard for the Northside baseball diamond. The estimate for the cost of the scoreboard is \$16,700. Beams and electrical will be done by the park district.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: 16. Written reports were given. Mrs. Andrea Cooper stated that the Lincoln Trail Conference Art Show did very well. Mrs. Teresa Ibouhouten stated that the NBE students really enjoyed seeing the MCHS play “Beauty and the Beast”. Mr. Tim Sedam stated that Mrs. Ullrick received the WQAD Favorite Teacher Award.

Submitted by:

Recording Secretary

President, Bd. of Education

Secretary, Bd. of Education

Approved: _____