

**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, October 18, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

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

ATTENDANCE

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

A quorum was present.

Absent: None. Monson arrived at 6:35 PM.

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

Also in Attendance: H.S. student (for live-streaming), Becky McPeek, Steff Carey, and Recording Secretary Leanne McDermott.

Reporters: None.

	No. 01	No. 02	No. 03	No. 04	No. 05	No. 06	No. 07	No. 08	No. 09	No. 10
Balmer	VOICE	AYE	VOICE	VOICE	VOICE	VOICE	VOICE	VOICE	AYE	VOICE
Smock		AYE							AYE	
Nelson		AYE							AYE	
Monson		AYE							AYE	
Lower		AYE							AYE	
Wagner		AYE							AYE	
Yates		AYE							AYE	

	No. 11	No. 12	No. 13	No. 14	No. 15	No. 16	No. 17
Balmer	AYE	AYE	AYE	VOICE	AYE	AYE	VOICE
Lower	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	
Monson	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	
Nelson	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	
Smock	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	
Wagner	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	

AMEND MINUTES

1. There was a motion by Julie, seconded by Monson, to amend the September 20, 2023 Board Minutes, by striking the sentence “Nelson was unable to attend”.
Voice Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 1.1 Meeting Minutes– September 20, 2023
 - 1.2 Bill List
 - 1.3 Treasurer’s Report
 - 1.4 Financial Report
 - 1.5 BCBS Health Insurance Account Statement
 - 1.6 Committee Reports
- Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

IASB COMMITTEE REPORT NEW RESOLUTIONS

3. In regards to the New Resolutions Industrial Construction, members agree with the Resolutions Committee recommendation “not adopt”.

Voice: 7 Ayes 0, Nays. Motion carried.

4. In regards to the New Resolutions School Resources, members agree with the Resolutions Committee recommendation “do adopt”.

Voice: 7 Ayes 0, Nays. Motion carried.

In regards to the New Resolutions Bus Driver Regulations, members agree with the Resolutions Committee recommendation “do adopt”.

Voice: 7 Ayes 0, Nays. Motion carried.

Petrie elaborated the background checks on staff and the Employment History Review being adopted in July also known as Faith’s Law. In regards to the New Resolutions Employment History Review, members agree with the Resolutions Committee recommendation “do not adopt”.

Voice: 7 Ayes 0, Nays. Motion carried.

Wagner elaborated on the Illinois Association of School Boards advocating for additional funding to be provided for regional alternative safe schools to allow an elementary-appropriate program, programs for board certified behavior analysts and flexibility with student discipline for the safest learning environment being redundant. In regards to the New Resolutions Alternative Safe School Funding, members agree with the Resolutions Committee recommendation “do not adopt”.

Voice: 7 Ayes 0, Nays.

VOTING DELEGATE

8. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Balmer, to approve Wagner as Voting Delegate at the November 18, 2023 IASB Delegate Assembly and Annual Business Meeting.

Voice: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

9. Petrie included Pinks’ Bus Service, Inc. proposal as given from CSBO as a reference to Johannes Bus Service, Inc. Petrie stated both offer video cameras and no air condition or Wifi. Petrie recommended the Board to adopt Johannes Bus Service’s proposal.

There was a motion by Monson, seconded by Yates, to approve the Extension Agreement with Johannes Bus Service, Inc. as presented.

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

EARLY GRADUATION

10. Mrs. Cooper expanded the two requests for early graduation. There was a motion by Lower, seconded by Balmer, to approve high school seniors, Anthony Sedam and Katheryn Bradley early graduation in December.

Voice: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR ELL

11. Mr. Sedam stated the current student fits well with this agreement. There was a motion by Wagner, seconded by Yates, to approve MCSD #404 to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the East Moline School District No. 37.

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

CLOSED SESSION

12. There was a motion by Monson, seconded by Smock, to go into Closed Session after a short recess for Personnel and Litigation at 7:30 PM.

Roll Call: 7 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 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).

OPEN SESSION

13. There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Smock to come out of closed session at 7:58 PM.

Voice: 7 Ayes 0, Nays. Motion carried.

HIRE 7TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL COACH

14. There was a motion by Monson, seconded by Smock, to hire Kylie Stineman as 7th Grade Volleyball Coach.

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

HIRE HIGH SCHOOL PARAPROFESSIONAL

15. There was a motion by Monson, seconded by Smock, to hire David VanderHeyden as High School Paraprofessional.

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

HIRE HIGH SCHOOL HEAD BOYS TRACK COACH

16. There was a motion by Monson, seconded by Smock, to hire Emily Baldwin as High School Boys Track Coach.

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

ADJOURN

17. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Yates, to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM.

Voice: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:

ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS: The High School Art Institute of Chicago overnight field trip will be set for motion at November's meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

BOARD COMMENTS: Smock noted to accommodate the number of students at the high school, a proposal was made to add approximately ten additional classrooms plus "Phase II" of an approximate additional ten classrooms. Tearing down an old section of the building and including a new cafeteria and main office is also part of the proposal. Wagner plans to attend the October 25, 2023 IASB Fall Division Meeting. She stated there is an opening at the roundtable.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Mrs. Cooper noted that there were additional disciplinary actions made on high school students previously not included in her report.

Submitted by:

Recording Secretary

President, Bd. of Education

Secretary, Bd. of Education

Approved: _____