

**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, August 16, 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, Lower, Monson, Nelson, Smock, Wagner and Yates. A quorum was present.

Absent: None.

Administrators present: Superintendent Scott Petrie, Principal Robertson, Principal Sedam, Principal Ibouhouten, Assistant Principal Dornon

Also in Attendance: Jill Brokaw, Janel and Josephine Reed, Laura Braucht, Becky McPeek, Stef Carey, and Recording Secretary Leanne McDermott

	No. 01	No. 02	No. 04	No. 04	No. 05	No. 06	No. 06	No. 08	No. 09	No. 10	No. 11	No. 12	
Balmer	AYE	VOICE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	VOICE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	
Lower	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	abstain	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
Wagner	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE
Yates	AYE		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	No. 24
Balmer	AYE	VOICE	VOICE	AYE	AYE	AYE	VOICE	AYE	AYE	AYE	VOICE	
Lower	AYE			AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE			
Monson	AYE			AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE			
Nelson	AYE			AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	NAY			
Smock	AYE			AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE			
Wagner	AYE			AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	NAY			
Yates	AYE			AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE			

Reporters: none

RECORD OF MOTIONS & VOTES

CONSENT AGENDA

1. There was a motion by Monson, seconded by Balmer, to approve the following items on the consent agenda.
 - Meeting Minutes July 19, 2023
 - Bill List

- Treasurer's Report
- Financial Report
- BCBS Health Insurance Account Statement
- Resignation of High School Special Education Teacher Jill Hofmann
- Resignation of High School Paraprofessional Kaitlyn Ward-Marceleno
- Resignation of High School Assistant Baseball Coach Anthony Ruggles
- Resignation of New Boston Elementary Teacher Megan Sywassink

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

FY24 DISTRICT GOALS

2. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Yates, to approve the FY24 District Goals as presented.

Voice: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

FY24 TREASURE BOND RENEWAL

3. There was a motion by Monson, seconded by Yates, to approve the FY24 Treasurer Bond Renewal.

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

IN KIND SUPPORT

4. There was a motion by Lower, seconded by Nelson, to approve the High Roads Advantage in Kind Support for \$3900.

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

CLOSED SESSION

5. There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Balmer, to go into closed session at 7:20 p.m.

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)

Other Student Matters

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

OPEN SESSION

6. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Yates, to come out of closed session at 8:37PM.

Voice: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

HIRE NBE TEACHER

7. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Balmer, to hire Sam Jones as 5th grade teacher.

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

HIRE NBE PARA

8. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to hire Connie Sabel as New Boston Elementary Paraprofessional.

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

HIRE APOLLO PARA

9. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to hire Laurie Danner as Apollo Elementary Paraprofessional.

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

HIRE DISTRICT SEC

10. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to hire Leanne McDermott as District Office Secretary.

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

- HIRE APOLLO TEACHER 11. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to hire Katherine Lower as Apollo 3rd Grade Teacher.
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- HIRE APOLLO PARA 12. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to hire Hailey Milder as Apollo Paraprofessional.
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- HIRE APOLLO PARA 13. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to hire Lilah Rhodes as Apollo Paraprofessional.
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- HIRE APOLLO PARA 14. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to hire Jessica Thomas as Apollo Paraprofessional.
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- HIRE BUS MONITOR 15. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to hire Ashley Epperson as Bus Monitor.
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- HIRE BUS MONITOR 16. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to hire Deborah Nichols as Bus Monitor.
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- HIRE HS TEACHER 17. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to hire Deb VanderHeyden as High School Special Ed Teacher.
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- HIRE HS TEACHER 18. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to hire Jessica Estes as High School English Teacher.
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- HIRE HS PARA 19. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to hire Angie Millar as High School Professional.
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- HIRE APOLLO ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL 20. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to hire Katie Dengler as Apollo Assistant Principal. Julie Wagner vehemently opposed this position addition. Motion carried.
Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 2 Nays.
- HIRE HS CUSTODIAN 21. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to hire Joseph Williamson as High School Custodian.
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 1 Nays. Motion carried.

- RE-HIRE ASSISTANT GOLF 22. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to re-hire Kristina Snowdon as assistant Golf Coach.
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- ADJOURN 23. There was a motion by Monson, seconded by Balmer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:53PM.
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. Julie Wagner went to Springfield.
- COMMITTEE REPORTS 5. Scott Petrie asked if Board of Education would like to hear from finance advisor (Tim King from King’s Financial). Members reported they would like to meet with Tim and asked to set a date.
- DISTRICT GOALS 6. Reviewed for action item. Some discussion was made. Lower mentioned goals need measurable criteria to see progress. A meeting will be scheduled for next month to discuss and write goals from items discussed at the forum and information received from parent surveys.
- FOIA REQUESTS 7. None
- MUSIC BOOSTERS 8. Jill Brokaw, Vice President of Music Boosters, addressed the board described their plan to raise money for new marching band uniforms and trailer wrapping. The total price is estimated at \$92,000. The fundraising began in June 2023 and will continue through June 2024. They are seeking fundraising through other organizations: Looser Flake, Mercer County Better Together, Country Companies. A local golf event is also being planned to assist.
- CLOSED SESSION MINUTE REVIEW 9. January 2023-June 2023 Minutes were not reviewed. This item will be added next month.
- BUDGETFY24 10. Scott Petrie went over the budget for review. He explained changes from last year and the reasons for them.
- TRANSPORTATION 11. Wagner reported on the Delegate Assembly where our resolution was adopted to reduce regulations on getting certification for bus drivers. This instigates lobbying to hopefully and eventually change laws.
- ADMIN REPORTS 12. Apollo roof leaks were discussed.
Windows at the junior high need replaced. There is a replacement plan.
Youth football has asked to replace their shed on the junior high campus. Some other items need moved out. They plan to pay for the replacement. Mr. Sedam

reported a fifth grade athlete transportation problem from New Boston Elementary to Aledo. There was much discussion. Staff transported students last year, but it is not ideal.

Submitted By:

Recording Secretary

President, Bd. of Education

Secretary, Bd. of Education

Approved: _____