

**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 Intermediate School Music Room*, on **Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 6:00 PM.**

Prior to Roll Call, Pastor Dietmeier opened with a brief prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance led by President Julie Wagner.

**RECORD OF MOTIONS & VOTES**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Board members present upon roll call:** Balmer (zoom), Bieri, Bowns (zoom), Dillavou, Smock, and Wagner. A quorum was present. Yates arrived at 6:13pm.

**Absent:** none

**Administrators present:** Superintendent Scott Petrie, Principals Day, Sedam, Koresko, Bush and Fleurette.

**Also in Attendance:** Pastor Dietmeier, Andrew Hofer, and Secretary Angie Baker.

**Reporters:** Jim Taylor

	No. 01	No. 02	NO. 03	NO. 04	NO. 05	NO. 06	NO. 07	NO. 08	No. 09
<b>Balmer</b>	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE
<b>Bieri</b>	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE
<b>Bowns</b>	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE
<b>Dillavou</b>	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE
<b>Smock</b>	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE
<b>Wagner</b>	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE
<b>Yates</b>	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. There was a motion by Dillavou, seconded by Smock, to approve the following items on the consent agenda.

1.1 Meeting Minutes – December 16, 2020

1.2 Bill List

1.3 Treasurer’s Report

1.4 Financial Report

1.5 BCBS Health Insurance Account Statement

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

**FY20 AUDIT**

2. There was a motion by Bieri, seconded by Yates, to accept the FY20 Audit as presented.

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

- PRESS POLICY  
QUARTERLY UPDATES
3. There was a motion by Bieri, seconded by Dillavou, to approve the Quarterly PRESS Policy updates as presented.  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- HIGH SCHOOL COURSE  
UPDATES
4. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Bowns, to approve the High School Course additions/changes as presented.  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- CLOSED SESSION
5. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Dillavou, to go into Closed Session for Personnel, Security, and Negotiations at 6:55PM.
- 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)*
- 5.3 **Negotiations**  
*Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).*
- Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- OPEN SESSION
6. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Bowns, to come out of Closed Session at 8:08 PM.  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.
- HIRE JUNIOR HIGH  
PARAPROFESSIONAL
7. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to hire Briley Lloyd as a Paraprofessional at Mercer County Junior High.  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- CLOSED MINUTES
8. There as a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to keep the closed session minutes from July 2020- December 2020 closed.  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- ADJOURN
9. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 PM.  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

**OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:**

ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS 1. None

- PUBLIC COMMENT** 2. Louis Powell spoke to the board regarding a pilot project that a program called High Tech Small Town would like to develop between Mercer County High School and Devry University. This would be a dual credit technology program offered to our high school students where they could potentially receive a certificate and seek immediate employment after graduation. A meeting will be scheduled with Mrs. Day and Mr. Petrie to seek further information.
- CORRESPONDENCE** 3. Thank you cards were received for memorials sent in honor of Bob Stockham's brother and Carolyn McCrory's husband.
- BOARD COMMENTS** 4. Tab Balmer congratulated Andrew Hofer on receiving the Assistant Principal of the Year Award for the Black Hawk Division.  
Julie Wagner mentioned the Black Hawk Division meetings that are being offered virtually in the next couple of months, with special notice regarding the Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> Informational Webinar for School Board Candidates.
- COMMITTEE REPORTS** 5. Julie Wagner went over the Finance Committee Report. Mr. Petrie answered some questions regarding the COVID relief funds and the current Substitute Budget percentage spent per category.  
No additional comments or concerns from the Policy Committee Meeting Report.
- FY20 AUDIT REPORT** 6. Mr. Petrie gave a brief summary of the audit, highlighting the five areas on the summary profile provided. We have over 200 days of operating funds on hand, which could potentially help with transportation or food service costs if we are waiting on funds from the state. We received a 4.0 rating.
- FOIA REQUESTS** 7. We responded to a FOIA request from SmartProcure for PO/Vendor information.
- ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR** 8. Andrew Hofer was recognized for being selected as the Black Hawk Region Assistant Principal of the Year. Region winners will be recognized on March 1<sup>st</sup> by the Illinois Principals Association.
- MERCER COUNTY BROADBAND INITIATIVE** 9. Mr. Petrie discussed the Broadband Initiative presented by Mercer County Better Together. The committee will be pushing out a survey to the community to get feedback on what kind of access we have in the Aledo area. A "fiber hub" plan is in place with area providers, which would take an incremental step to improving broadband services across Mercer County.
- ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS** 10. In addition to their written reports, the following was mentioned:  
Mr. Fluette mentioned that the attendance at Apollo has been good with 312 in person students and 36 learning remotely. The Health Life Safety Inspection went well.  
Mr. Bush stated New Boston Elementary has 139 in person learning students and 23 remote. The Health Life Safety Inspection went well.

Mr. Koresko stated the new schedule that was set in place after the winter break is going well. The teachers are rotating classrooms. MCIS has 197 in person and 24 remote students.

Mr. Sedam stated the tutoring program implemented in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter is going well with 88 percent of his students in person.

Mrs. Day stated the high school has 300 in person and 65 fully remote students. Report cards were mailed home to the remote students over winter break.

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Recording Secretary

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President, Bd. of Education

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Secretary, Bd. of Education

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_