

**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 School District Office*, on **Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 7:00 PM.**

Mike Bowns opened with a brief prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance led by President Julie Wagner prior to Roll Call.

RECORD OF MOTIONS & VOTES

	No. 01	No. 02	NO. 03	NO. 04	NO. 05	NO. 06	NO. 07	NO. 08	No. 09	No. 10	No. 11
Balmer	AYE	AYE	AYE	VOICE	VOICE	AYE	VOICE	AYE	AYE	AYE	VOICE
Bowns	AYE	AYE	AYE			AYE		AYE	AYE		
Dillavou	AYE	AYE	AYE			AYE		AYE	AYE		
Frieden	AYE	AYE	AYE			AYE		AYE	AYE		
Smock	AYE	AYE	AYE			AYE		AYE	AYE		
Wagner	AYE	AYE	AYE			AYE		AYE	AYE		
Yates	AYE	AYE	AYE			AYE		AYE	AYE		

ATTENDANCE

Board members present upon roll call: Balmer, Bowns, Dillavou, Frieden, Smock, Wagner, and Yates

Absent: None

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

Also in Attendance: Chad Cook, Jessie Thomson, Sarah Gillespie, Beth Knapp, Jayson Thomson, Mark Bieri and Secretary Angie Baker

Reporters: Cathy Decker, James Taylor

CONSENT AGENDA

1. There was a motion by Dillavou, seconded by Yates, to approve the following items on the consent agenda as presented with addition.
 - 1.1 Meeting Minutes
 - a. Regular Meeting Minutes – September 18, 2019
 - 1.2 Bill List
 - b. Addition - TSR Concrete Bill
 - 1.3 Treasurer’s Report
 - 1.4 Financial Report
 - 1.5 BCBS Health Insurance Account Statement
 - 1.6 Resignation of Pre-K Paraprofessional Linda King
 - 1.7 Resignation of Pre-K Paraprofessional Nannette Coulter
 - 1.8 Resignation of Junior High Assistant Wrestling Coach Jon Ricke
 - 1.9 Retirement of Apollo Paraprofessional Denise Clark at end of 2019-2020 school year.

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

HLS AMENDMENT -
HIGH SCHOOL LINTELS

2. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Balmer to approve the Health Life Safety Amendment for High School Lintels as presented.

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

- HLS AMENDEMENT - APOLLO EXTERIOR DOORS 3. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Bowns, to approve the Health Life Safety Amendment for Apollo Exterior Doors as presented. Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- TITLE 1 PLAN UPDATES 4. There was a motion by Smock , seconded by Balmer, to adopt the Title I Plan Updates for Apollo and New Boston as presented. Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- AMENDED 2019-2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR 5. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Frieden, to approve the amended 2019-2020 school calendar as presented. Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- CLOSED SESSION 6. There was a motion by Dillavou, seconded by Bowns, to go into Closed Session for Personnel and Negotiations at 8:35PM.
- 6.1 **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)
- 6.2 **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 7. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Frieden, to return to open session. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.
- HIRE NBE PREK PARAPROFESSIONAL 8. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Balmer, to hire Sharon Scott as a New Boston Elementary PreK Paraprofessional. Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- HIRE NBE PREK PARAPROFESSIONAL 9. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Balmer, to hire Kaitlyn Ward-Marceleno as a New Boston Elementary PreK Paraprofessional. Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- HIRE JUNIOR HIGH CUSTODIAN 10. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Balmer, to hire Nick Jones as Junior High Custodian. Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- ADJOURN 11. There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Dillavou, to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 PM. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:

- ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS** 1. Retirement of Apollo Paraprofessional, Denise Clark, was added to the Consent Agenda (6.9). A bill from TSR Concrete was an addition to the Bill List on the Consent Agenda. The Amended 2019-2020 School Calendar was moved from an information item to an action item (8.5).
- PUBLIC COMMENT** 2. None
- CORRESPONDENCE** 3. None
- BOARD COMMENTS** 4. Mike Bowns spoke about the Fields of Faith event being held at the Mercer County High School Football Field, on Sunday, October 20th. Our FCA program will be leading students in worship and lifting our district up in prayer. Sherrard and Rockridge FCA groups have been invited as well. He encouraged everyone to join.
- COMMITTEE REPORTS** 5. Jake Frieden reviewed the minutes from the Finance Committee Meeting. Julie Wagner spoke about the Policy Committee reviewing Board Policy Section 4. No changes were proposed. Bill Smock went over the Building and Grounds Minutes. He touched base on Future Health Life Safety Projects, specifically the lintels at the high school and exterior doors at Apollo.
- FOIA REQUESTS** 6. NONE
- JUNIOR HIGH SOFTBALL PROPOSAL** 7. Chad Cook addressed the board proposing the addition of softball to the junior high athletic program. Information was included in the board packet. He explained the benefits and the ways it would help balance the playing field for our high school program. Many of the schools in the Lincoln Trail Conference are currently participating in IESA Junior High Softball.
- VETERANS DAY** 8. Mrs. Day and Mr. Bush spoke about the district wide Veterans Day assembly that will be held at the High School on November 8th. The assembly will look much like it did last year to honor our area Veterans. Illinois State Representative Dan Swanson will be in attendance, along with a former Aledo graduate, as the key note speaker. New Boston Elementary PTO has raised enough money to purchase t-shirts for our entire student body. Mr. Bush will be live streaming the event on our district facebook page for the community to see.
- ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS** 9. In addition to their written reports, the following was mentioned:
 Mr. Fleurette congratulated Josiah Reed, Ben Beiri and Kallie Bigham for winning the Apollo Peace Prize for 1st Quarter.
 Mr. Bush had nothing to add.
 Mr. Koresko was excited to announce that \$834.84 was raised during the Coin Wars at MCIS. They will be donating the money to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in honor or Calvin Smith.

Mr. Sedam announced the success the Junior High Cross Country Students had at Secionals, stating that 3 students advanced to the State Meet. Congratulations to Maddie Hofmann, Sophia Santiago, and Jude Hofmann.

Mrs. Day spoke about the Pre-Game Pep Rally on Friday, Oct. 11th at 5am. They had a great turn out and had a lot of fun!!

Submitted By:

Recording Secretary

President, Bd. of Education

Secretary, Bd. of Education

Approved: _____