

**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, October 20, 2021 at 6:30 PM.**

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

RECORD OF MOTIONS & VOTES

	NO. 01	NO. 02	NO. 03	NO. 04	NO. 05	NO. 06	NO. 07	NO. 08	
<b>Balmer</b>	AYE	VOICE	AYE	VOICE	AYE	AYE	AYE	VOICE	
<b>Bieri</b>	AYE		AYE		AYE	AYE			
<b>Bowns</b>	AYE		AYE		AYE	AYE			
<b>Monson</b>	AYE		AYE		AYE	AYE			
<b>Smock</b>	AYE		AYE		AYE	AYE			
<b>Wagner</b>	AYE		AYE		AYE	AYE	NAY		AYE
<b>Yates</b>	AYE		AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE

ATTENDANCE

**Board members present upon roll call:** Balmer, Bieri, Bowns, Monson, Smock, Wagner, and Yates

**Absent:** none

**Administrators present:** Superintendent Scott Petrie, Principals Day, Sedam, Koresko, Bush and Fleurette, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Andrew Hofer

**Also in Attendance:** Ashlie Dellitt Fuller and Secretary Angie Baker

**Reporters:** John Hoscheidt

CONSENT AGENDA

1. There was a motion by Monson, seconded by Yates, to approve the following items on the consent agenda as presented.
    - 1.1 Meeting Minutes
      - a. Regular Meeting Minutes – September 22, 2021
      - b. Special Meeting Minutes – October 5, 2021
    - 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 Paraprofessional Lori Nipper
    - 1.7 Retirement of MCIS Paraprofessional Jane Hoerner after the 2024-2025 school year
- Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

VOTING DELEGATE 2. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Balmer, to approve Julie Wagner as the voting delegate for the Delegate Assembly. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION 3. There was a motion by Bieri, seconded by Balmer, to go into Closed Session for Personnel and Student Discipline at 7:45PM.

3.1 **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)*

3.2 **Student Discipline**

*Student disciplinary cases. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9).*

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

OPEN SESSION 4. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Bowns, to return to open session at 8:26PM. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

REHIRE HS SPRING COACHES 5. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Balmer, to hire the Spring Coaches as amended.

**Baseball:** Jacob Harrison, Pete Nelson, Ryan Garrett

**Softball:** Dustin Murray, Kay Hucke

**Girls Track:** Lara Swanson, Fred Lucas

**Boys Track:** Mick Louck, Emily Baldwin

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

REHIRE HEAD SOFTBALL COACH 6. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Balmer, to rehire Morgan Weeks as Head Softball Coach.

Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 1 Nay. Motion carried.

HIRE APOLLO PARA 7. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Bowns, to hire Sara Dunn as Apollo Elementary Paraprofessional.

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

ADJOURN 8. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Bieri, to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 PM.

Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried. Motion carried.

**OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:**

ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS 1. None

PUBLIC COMMENT 2. John Hoscheidt thanked Terry Bewley for replacing the press box windows.

- CORRESPONDENCE 3. None
- BOARD COMMENTS 4. None
- COMMITTEE REPORTS 5. Mike Bowns spoke about the Policy Committee reviewing Board Policy Section 4. No changes were proposed.
- FOIA REQUESTS 6. We responded to a FOIA request from SmartProcure in regards to purchasing records.
- IASB FALL DIVISION MEETING 7. The IASB Fall Division meeting will be held on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at Bartlett Performing Arts Center, Moline High School 6PM – 8:30 PM. Learning Loss to Growth Recovery: An Evidence-Based Framework for Leadership will be the featured program.
- PRINCIPAL APPRECIATION 8. October is Principal Appreciation Month. Mr. Petrie recognized Mrs. Day (High School Principal), Mr. Sedam (Junior High Principal), Mr. Koresko (Intermediate School Principal), Mr. Bush (New Boston Principal), and Bill Fleurette (Apollo Elementary Principal) for their efforts and dedication to our district. Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> is Principal Appreciation Day.
- FACILITY STUDY RESULTS/NEXT STEPS 9. Mr. Petrie discussed additional results received from School Perceptions. These results analyze the comment section of the survey. The top 5 concerns are as follows: Time spent on buses, transportation costs, disconnect between the elementary buildings, building appearance, and tax increases. The board has requested to see all comments received from the survey before moving forward.
- The board will be receiving additional information from Bray regarding plans based on population numbers for consolidating elementary buildings and improvements if we choose to continue to operate two buildings. Mr. Petrie will meet with Tim King from Kings Financial Consulting Inc. next week regarding bonding.
- Mr. Petrie and the admins have been working on the layout of the 6-8 building. Tentative assigning of teachers will hopefully take place before winter break. Decisions will need to be made regarding location of the District Office, Pre K, and the YMCA After School Program.
- ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS 10. In addition to their written reports, the following was mentioned:  
Mrs. Day and Mr. Sedam answered questions regarding the DESSA Survey results and how that process works.

Submitted By:

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Recording Secretary

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President, Bd. of Education

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Secretary, Bd. of Education