

TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING

The Board of Education of Mercer County School District #404, Mercer, Henderson, & Rock Island Counties, Illinois, held a TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING in **the Mercer County Junior High School Music Room, 1002 SW 6th Street, Aledo, IL, on Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at 6:30p.m.**

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

ATTENDANCE

Board members present upon roll call: Balmer, Bieri, Bowns, Monson, Smock, Wagner, and Yates. A quorum was present.

Absent: None

Administrators present: Superintendent Scott Petrie, Principals Andrea Cooper and Becky McPeek

Also in Attendance: Recording Secretary Angie Dillie

Reporters: Jim Taylor

A Public Hearing was held to inform the public of our 2022 Tax Levy.

Mr. Petrie reviewed the 2022 Tax Levy information and explained the rationale for the amounts and rates contained in the Truth in Taxation Notice that was published in the local newspaper.

RECORD OF MOTIONS AND VOTES

	NO. 1
Balmer	VOICE
Bieri	
Bowns	
Monson	
Smock	
Wagner	
Yates	

MOTION TO ADJOURN

1. There was a motion by Monson, seconded by Yates, to adjourn the Public Hearing for 2022 Tax Levy at 6:34PM.
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

**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 in **the Mercer County Junior High School Music Room, 1002 SW 6th Street, Aledo, IL, on Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at 6:37p.m.**

ATTENDANCE: Same as above.

RECORD OF MOTIONS & VOTES

	NO. 1	NO. 2	NO. 3	NO. 4	NO. 5	NO. 6	NO. 7	NO. 8	NO. 9
Balmer	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	VOICE	AYE	VOICE
Bieri	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	
Bowns	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	NAY	AYE		AYE	
Monson	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	
Smock	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	
Wagner	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	
Yates	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE		AYE	

CONSENT AGENDA

1. There was a motion by Monson, seconded by Bieri, to approve the following items on the consent agenda:
 - 1.1 Meeting Minutes – November 16, 2022
 - 1.2 Bill List
 - 1.3 Treasurer’s Report
 - 1.4 Financial Report
 - 1.5 BCBS Health Insurance Account Statement
 - 1.6 Resignation of Junior High Track Coach Bob Stockham
 - 1.7 Resignation of New Boston Elementary Paraprofessional Kathryn Hill
 Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

ADOPT 2022 TAX LEVY

2. There was a motion by Bieri, seconded by Balmer, to adopt the resolution for 2022 Tax Levy as presented, for a total anticipated amount of \$10,201,359.
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

PRESS POLICY
QUARTERLY UPDATES

3. There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Balmer, to approve the Quarterly PRESS Policy updates as presented.
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

FY22 AUDIT

4. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Smock, to accept the FY22 Audit as presented.
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

MCJH SCHOOL
IMPROVEMENT PLAN

5. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Balmer, to approved the MCJH School Improvement Plan as presented.
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

6. There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Bieri, to go into Closed Session at 7:05pm to discuss Personnel.

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)

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

OPEN SESSION

7. There was a motion by Bieri, seconded by Balmer, to return to open session at 8:53pm.

Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION OF DISMISSAL

8. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Bowns, to approve the resolution of the dismissal of Educational Support Personnel employee for reasons other than reduction in force.

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

ADJOURN

9. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Bowns, to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 PM.

Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:

ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS

1. None

PUBLIC COMMENT

2. None

BOARD COMMENTS

3. None

CORRESPONDENCE

4. There were several Christmas cards received by the board. Thank you cards were received from the families of Susan DeBlock and Ralph Garrett.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

5. None

2022 TAX LEVY

6. Minor changes were made from the tentative Tax Levy presented last month due to updated numbers. 10.9% increase from last year due to the increase in EAV in our area. The tax rate remained the same from last year at 4.84.

FY22 AUDIT

7. Mr. Petrie gave a brief summary of the audit. 532 days cash on hand due to bond revenues. Segregation of duties continues to be our one finding. This is common among small school districts. The district does take precautions by hiring an independent treasurer. Our profile score declined from 4.00 to 3.80 due to increased borrowing, but still remains in the highest category.

MCJH SCHOOL
IMPROVEMENT PLAN

8. Mr. Petrie discussed the changes to the MCJH School Improvement Plan. Due to the change in grade configuration at the Junior High and the FY23 grant funding it was required to revise and approve the plan.

FOIA REQUESTS

9. None

ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORTS

10. In addition to their written reports, the principals added the following:

Mrs. Cooper discussed the MTSS Structure that was included in the board packet. She discussed the timelines for implementation, an advisory period and how that may look, as well as staff training, etc. Starting 2nd semester, they will incorporate a 30 minute advisory period between 3rd and 4th period on Wednesday. She also discussed the possibility of joining the TRAC conference with hopes to be invited to the January meeting for further discussion.

Submitted By:

Recording Secretary

President, Bd. of Education

Secretary, Bd. of Education

Approved: _____