

**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*, on **Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 6:30PM.**

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 Cooper, Sedam, Bush, and Fleurette.

Also in Attendance: Chad Robertson, Brandy Dornon, Mario Pauley, Kayla Gowdy, Julie Baker, and Recording Secretary Angie Dillie.

Reporters: none

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	VOICE	AYE	AYE	VOICE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	
Bieri	AYE		AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE
Bowns	AYE		AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	NAY	AYE	AYE	AYE
Monson	AYE		AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	ABSTAIN
Smock	AYE		AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE
Wagner	AYE		AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE
Yates	AYE		AYE	AYE		AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE

	No. 12	No. 13	No. 14
Balmer	AYE	AYE	VOICE
Bieri	AYE	AYE	
Bowns	AYE	AYE	
Monson	AYE	AYE	
Smock	AYE	AYE	
Wagner	AYE	AYE	
Yates	AYE	AYE	

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 1.1 Meeting Minutes
 - a. Regular Meeting Minutes - February 22, 2023
 - b. Special Meeting Minutes – March 21, 2023
- 1.2 Bill List
- 1.3 Treasurer’s Report
- 1.4 Financial Report
- 1.5 BCBS Health Insurance Account Statement
- 1.6 Resignation of Assistant Football Coach Dustin Murray
- 1.7 Resignation of 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach Sam Whan

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

- IHSA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Smock, to approve the 2023-2024 IHSA Membership Renewal as presented. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.
- ACC RESOLUTION 3. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to approve the ACC Resolution as presented. Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- QCTEC RESOLUTION 4. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Smock, to approve the QCTEC Resolution as presented. Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- CLOSED SESSION 5. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Balmer, to go into Closed Session after a short recess for Personnel and Real Property at 7:22PM.
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 Real Property
The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5). Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.
- OPEN SESSION 6. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Bieri, to come out of Closed Session at 8:09 PM. Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- HIRE APOLLO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL 7. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Monson, to hire Chad Robertson as Apollo Elementary School Principal. Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- HIRE HS ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL 8. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Balmer, to hire Brandy Dornon as High School Assistant Principal. Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 1 Nay. Motion carried.
- HIRE HS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR 9. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Bowns, to hire Dustin Murray as High School Athletic Director. Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- HIRE HEAD VARSITY FOOTBALL COACH 10. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to hire Tanner Matlick as Head Varsity Football Coach. Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- HIRE HEAD VARSITY VOLLEYBALL COACH 11. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Bowns, to hire Lexi Strange as Heady Varsity Volleyball Coach. Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 1 Abstain, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

HIRE ASSISTANT BASEBALL COACH 12. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Bowns, to hire Anthony Ruggles as Assistant Baseball Coach.
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

NON TENURED STAFF 13. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Bowns, to approve the Non Tenured staff contract renewal as presented.
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

ADJOURN 14. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Bowns, to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM.
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:

ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS 1. None

PUBLIC COMMENT 2. None

BOARD COMMENTS 3. Julie Wagner asked the board to complete a survey that was sent out via IASB regarding Division Meetings.

CORRESPONDENCE 4. Thank you cards were received for memorials sent to the families of Nancy Coulter, Katy Olson, and Tony Tracy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS 5. Finance Committee – None

FOIA REQUESTS 6. None

DISTRICT GOALS UPDATE 7. Mr. Petrie reviewed the district goals in place for this school year and provided updates. K-8 is piloting new K-8 math programs for adoption in 2023. Making gains in math scores. Seesaw has been adopted by the PreK program for communication purposes. Google Classroom continues to be utilized by all levels. STEM classroom at NBE with addition of Math Interventionist Sam Duncan. We continue to expand involvement in our schools working closely with Mercer County Health Department, City of Aledo, MC Crisis Center, Mercer County Historical Society, etc. Communication with the community and parents most recent notifications using our new all call system/email: 5 essentials survey, Community Forum Invites, testing dates at various buildings, and field trips. Mr. Petrie and Doug Giles met with Philips and Associates to discuss the 10-year life safety report and what projects are left to complete. The addition of a SRO at New Boston Elementary was implemented this year.

COMMUNITY FORUM 8. Mr. Petrie reminded the board of the upcoming Community Forum scheduled for April 11th. Using the information from this event, the board

and the admins will work together to write new district goals and objectives for the 2023-2024 school year. Invitations were emailed on Tuesday.

TRAC UPDATE

9. Mrs. Cooper discussed the information that was provided in the board packet, including the invitation to join the TRAC, our response, and the proposed football, volleyball, and basketball schedules. Many unknowns with this conference at this point. The board asked Mrs. Cooper to put together a google document listing pros and cons of joining this conference. She will reach out to coaches and athletic directors as well.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

10. In addition to the written reports, the following was mentioned:

Mr. Fleurette shared a picture of the new front entrance decal that was added at Apollo Elementary. The one way window film provides some additional safety at the entrance.

Bill Smock had questions regarding lack of space in most buildings. This is primarily due to the additional services we have added, including but not limited to, expanding course offerings at the high school, additional counselors, SROs, Math Interventionists, Math and Reading Coaches, Nurses in all buildings, and Social Workers.

Mike Bowns discussed the playground area at New Boston Elementary. The City of New Boston has offered to dismantle, store, and rebuild the newest playground equipment.

BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION

11. Mike Bowns presented a plaque to Mark Bieri for his years of service on the MCSD#404 Board of Education. He was thanked for his years of service and the time and effort he devoted to serving Mercer County School District #404.

Submitted By: _____
Recording Secretary

President, Bd. of Education

Secretary, Bd. of Education

Approved: _____