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 at the District Office, 1002 SW 6th Street, Aledo, IL, on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 6:30p.m.

ATTENDANCE
Board members present upon roll call: Balmer, Frieden, Smock, Wagner, and Yates. A quorum was present.
Absent: Chiles, Dillavou
Administrators present: Superintendent Scott Petrie, Principals Stacey Day, Bill Fleuette, Tim Sedam, and Marcus Bush
Also in Attendance: Andrew Hofer, Secretary Angie Baker and Bookkeeper Stefanie Carey
Reporters: Cathy Decker and Jim Taylor

A Public Hearing was held to inform the public of our 2018 Tax Levy.

Mr. Petrie reviewed the 2018 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.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Frieden, to adjourn the Public Hearing for 2018 Tax Levy. 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 at the District Office, 1002 SW 6th Street, Aledo, IL, on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 6:35p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Same as above. Dillavou arrived at 7:00p.m.

The Board of Education and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Board President Julie Wagner, followed by a brief prayer led by Jake Frieden.

RECORD OF MOTIONS & VOTES

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CONSENT AGENDA
1. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to approve the following items on the consent agenda:
   1.1 Meeting Minutes
      a. Regular Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2018
   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 Wrestling Coach Nathan Wicks

Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

ADOPT 2018 TAX LEVY
2. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to adopt the resolution for 2018 Tax Levy as presented, for a total anticipated amount of $7,462,051 excluding bond and interest.
Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

TREASURER BOND
3. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Frieden, to approve the Treasurer Bond for bookkeeper, Stefanie Carey.
Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

SCHOOL BOARD CODE OF CONDUCT
4. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Frieden, to approve the School Board Code of Conduct as presented.
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION
5. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Yates, to go into Closed Session at 7:00pm to discuss Personnel, Security, and Negotiations.
   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 Security
   Emergency security procedures and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public or public property, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8).
   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: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION
6. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Smock, to return to open session at 8:14pm.
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.
7. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Balmer, to hire Darrin Clawson as Junior High Wrestling Coach. Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

8. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Balmer, to hire Michelle Carle as Junior High Custodian. Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

9. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Frieden, to hire Linda McAuley as a One on One Paraprofessional at Apollo Elementary. Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

10. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Frieden, to approve volunteer employees, Megan Bull, Jennifer Hamerlinck, and Kristina Dixon. Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

11. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Balmer, to adjourn to meeting at 8:16 PM. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:

1. None

2. None

3. Bill Smock discussed the 5th graders field trip to JABiztown and what a great experience it was for all involved.

   Tab Balmer and Julie Wagner commended the district music department for the holiday concerts they organized and the opportunities that our students have through their programs.

4. There were several Christmas cards received by the board.

5. No changes were made from the tentative Tax Levy presented last month.

6. Jake Frieden went over the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes, discussing the health insurance balance increase compared to last month and that we are still waiting for the transportation payment from the state.
FOIA REQUESTS

7. We responded to two FOIA requests from the NRA and SmartProcure.

NON RESIDENT TUITION

8. Mr. Petrie spoke to the board regarding a possible tuition waiver for our district employees. This would eliminate out of district tuition charges for the children of staff members who live outside of our district boundaries. Some neighboring districts currently have this type of waiver. The board agreed to have him look into this further and discuss at the next board meeting.

THREAT ASSESSMENT TRAINING

9. Mr. Petrie discussed the Threat Assessment Training that was held at the Intermediate Building on December 11th. There were 16 school district employees, along with law enforcement, and health department employees that were in attendance. The district will follow up with training after our holiday break.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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

Apollo – Mr. Fleuette thanked the Mercer County FFA program for their $250 donation to Apollo Elementary.
New Boston – Mr. Bush reported that their Christmas Concert went well and recognized the Mercer County FFA program for their $250 donation to New Boston Elementary.
MCIS- Mr. Lefferson was not in attendance.
JH – Mr. Sedam reported the bottle filling station at the Junior High should be up and running in January and also commended the yearbook students for keeping the message board updated with information.
HS - Mrs. Day announced that the HS Christmas concert went well and the students enjoyed the Ugly Christmas Sweater Day held at the HS. Semester exams will take place the next two days.

Submitted By:

Recording Secretary

President, Bd. of Education

Secretary, Bd. of Education
Approved: ___________________________