PUBLIC HEARING
(To Sell School Fired Prevention and Safety Bonds)

- The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:00 PM with Roll Call. Board members present upon roll call: Wagner, Chiles, Yates, Balmer, VanderHeyden, and Dillavou – a quorum was present.
- Superintendent Petrie, Principals Day, Sedam, Jefferson, Bush and Fleuette, Cathy Decker, and Secretary Stefanie Carey were in attendance, along with Tim King and associate from King’s Financial.
- Tim King from King’s Financial gave a presentation on the bond sale. He gave handouts explaining the Health Life Safety amendments and the bond procedure. We are in very good financial shape to go through with this process.
- There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Chiles to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:15 PM. 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 Mercer County School District Office, on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 6:20 PM.

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

RECORD OF MOTIONS & VOTES

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ATTENDANCE
Board members present upon roll call: Balmer, Chiles, Dillavou, Wagner, VanderHeyden, and Yates. A quorum was present.
Absent: Smock arrived at 7:25 PM
Administrators present: Superintendent Scott Petrie, Principals Day, Sedam, Jefferson, Bush and Fleuette
Also in Attendance: Tim King, Pastor Dietmeier, Andrew Hofer, and Secretary Stefanie Carey
Reporters: Cathy Decker

CONSENT AGENDA
1. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Balmer, to approve the following items on the consent agenda, pulling Fall Coach Re-hires to be discussed in Closed Session.
1.1 Meeting Minutes
   a. Regular Meeting Minutes – December 20, 2017
1.2 Bill List
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| 1.3 Treasury’s Report |
| 1.4 Financial Report |
| 1.5 BCBS Health Insurance Account Statement |
| 1.6 Fall Cheerleading Coach Jenny Hofmann resignation |
| 1.7 High School English Teacher Kelly DeWitte resignation |
| 1.8 Retirement of Kris Chausse 2021-2022 |
| 1.9 Retirement of Mark Archer 2021-2022 |

Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

BOND RESOLUTION

2. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Balmer, to approve the bond resolution to sell bonds in the amount of $3,172,500 for the purpose of conforming the existing facilities that house students to the building code promulgated by the State Board of Education of the State of Illinois, by altering, reconstructing and repairing said facilities and having equipment purchased and installed therein.

Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR 2018-2019

3. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Yates, to approve the Public School Calendar 2018-2019 as presented.

Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR 2019-2020

4. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Yates, to approve the Public School Calendar 2019-2020 as presented.

Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

BUS LEASE

5. There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Dillavou, to approve a bus lease from Midwest Transit for 3 buses at $41,130 per year and 1 wheelchair bus for $14,988 per year.

Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

BUS SALE

6. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Yates, to approve the sale of 4 buses to Midwest Transit for $50,000.

Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Bill Smock arrived at 7:25 AM

CLOSED SESSION

7. There was a motion by Dillavou, seconded by Yates, to go into Closed Session for Personnel, Litigation and Closed Session minutes Review at 7:55PM.

7.1 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)

7.2 Litigation

Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action...
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7.3 Review of Closed Session Minutes

The discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)

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

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:31 PM with a motion by Yates, seconded by Dillavou.

HIRE PARAPROFESSIONAL 8. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to hire Michelle Mellgren as a one on one paraprofessional at the Junior High.
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

HIRE FALL COACHES 9. There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Balmer, to approve the Fall Coach Re-Hires as presented.

Head Volleyball Coach: Katie Dengler
JV Volleyball: Amy Degelman
Fr. Volleyball: Ashley Coulter
Cross Country: Alex Robertson
Boys Golf: Darrin Clawson
Girls Golf: Aaron Heartt
Head Football Coach: Andrew Hofer
JV Football: Dustin Murray
Assistant Football: Eric Russell
Assistant Football: Jason Kenney
Assistant Football: Fred Lucas

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

CLOSED MINUTE REVIEW 10. There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Balmer, to keep the closed minutes from July 2017 – December 2017 closed.
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

ADJOURN 11. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Dillavou, to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 PM.
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS 1. None

PUBLIC COMMENT 2. None

CORRESPONDENCE 3. There was a thank you card received for a memorial sent to the family of Peggy Dixon in the passing of her mother. Mr. Petrie also mentioned that
we received notice from the Looser Flake Foundation that they will fund our summer school program again, and they are offering a grant to our Junior High for one on one technology.

BOARD COMMENTS

4. Barb Chiles had several comments, reporting on good things happening in the district. She presented a written report, noting her appointment to the Illinois Retired Teacher’s Committee, Brynn Bergen’s award winning Growmark Essay, and Mercer County Graduates who were on Dean’s Lists and Scholarship lists at their respective colleges: Sullivan Adams, Matt Lloyd, Adam Ramadani, and Taylor Carey.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. The Fall Coach Re-Hires were moved to Closed Session for discussion.

SCHOOL CALENDARS

6. Mr. Petrie explained that approving 2 calendar years at once is becoming useful in order for families to schedule vacations and pre-approved absences. The new attendance rules are becoming more stringent due to ESSA, so more notice should prove helpful. The new calendars are very similar to the current calendar, with a couple modifications. Calendars are amendable.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

7. Tab Balmer presented the bus lease options from the Transportation Committee recommendations. We are leasing 3 regular sized buses and one wheel-chair bus. They have 20,000 mile limits per year.

   Mr. Petrie went over the Finance Committee Report, touching on Blue Cross Blue Shield credits, Health Life Safety reviews, and substitute reimbursements.

   Barb Chiles went over the Buildings and Grounds Report, as well as the BHASED Governing report. Written Statements were in the board packet.

AUDITORS

8. Our Current auditors, Cavanaugh, Davis, Blackman and Cramblet, have stepped down for next year. We received a letter stating that they would not be continuing their audit services with our school district, as they are moving away from schools in general due to new A133 requirements.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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

   Mrs. Day reported that High School Graduation has been set for 1:00 PM on May 20th. Stone Engle surpassed the school record for wins. Haley Tromblee qualified for the ILMEA All State Choir Festival in Peoria. The new “Fast Friday” early-out incentive has received much praise from the teachers.

   Mr. Fluette promoted their first “Winter Carnival” on February 24. He also mentioned the Eagle’s Flight will be held inside this year.

   Mr. Bush noted that they received a donation from Lowell Johnson for NBE and Apollo. He also mentioned the recent “intruder training” held at NBE.
10. Mrs. Day gave information on PE Waivers that are available again. She also reported on new AP classes that will be added to the High School Curriculum. They are also looking into other options for dual credit with Black Hawk. A semester of Computers was added to graduation requirements for incoming freshmen, as well as increased Science credits.

Mr. Petrie and Mr. Sedam added to the Curriculum discussion, describing scheduling options regarding Health and Technology at the Junior High.