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, May 16, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

Prior to Roll Call, Pastor Dietmeier opened with a brief prayer.

ATTENDANCE
Board members present upon roll call: Balmer, Chiles, Frieden, Wagner, and Yates. A quorum was present.
Absent: Smock
Administrators present: Superintendent Scott Petrie, Principals Day, Sedam, Jefferson, Bush and Fleuette
Also in Attendance: Pastor Dietmeier, Amy Degelman, Brooke Lindell, Dani Hagens, Jerry Schwartzkopf, Mark, Bieri, Michael Vipond, and Secretary Stefanie Carey.
Reporters: Cathy Decker

RECORD OF MOTIONS & VOTES

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CONSENT AGENDA
1. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Yates, to approve the following items on the consent agenda.
   1.1 Meeting Minutes
   a. Regular Meeting Minutes – April 18, 2018
   1.2 Bill List
   1.3 Treasurer’s Report
   1.4 Financial Report
   1.5 BCBS Health Insurance Account Statement
   1.6 Cook Reassignments
   1.7 Maternity Leave for Christina Eads
   1.8 Maternity Leave for Breanna McManus
   1.9 Resignation of 8th Grade Girls’ basketball coach Taylor Beguelin
Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
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<td>ABATEMENT RESOLUTION 2014</td>
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<td>There was a motion by Frieden, seconded by Balmer, to adopt a Resolution abating the taxes heretofore levied for the years 2017 &amp; 2018 to pay debt service on General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2014. Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.</td>
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<td>FUEL BID FY19</td>
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<td>There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Frieden, to accept the Halcomb Oil Fuel bid for FY19 as presented. Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.</td>
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<td>MILK BID FY19</td>
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<td>There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Chiles, to accept the Prairie Farms Milk Bid for FY19 as presented. Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.</td>
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<td>BREAD BID FY19</td>
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<td>There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Balmer, to accept the Aunt Millie’s Bread Bid for FY19 as presented. Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.</td>
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<td>REGISTRATION FEES FY19</td>
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<td>There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Frieden, to approve the 2018-2019 Registration fees as presented, including added technology fees at the High School and Junior High for one on one Chrome books for $40 and $30 respectively. Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.</td>
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<td>MEAL AND MILK FEES FY19</td>
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<td>There was motion by Balmer, seconded by Yates, to approve the Meal and Milk prices for 2018-2019 as presented. Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.</td>
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<td>STUDENT SAFETY AND PROTECTION RESOLUTION</td>
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<td>There was a motion by Frieden, seconded by Yates, to adopt the Student Safety and Protection Resolution as presented. Roll Call: 4 Ayes, 1 Nay. Motion carried.</td>
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<td>HIGH ROADS SUPPORT</td>
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<td>There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Chiles, to approve the annual support request from High Roads Advantage for $3,900 for FY19 as presented. Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.</td>
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<td>BOARD MEETING DATES FY19</td>
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<td>There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Balmer, to approve the FY19 Board Meeting Dates as presented. Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.</td>
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<td>CLOSED SESSION</td>
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<td>There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Yates, at 8:17PM to go into Closed Session after a short recess for Personnel, Security, and Litigation discussion.</td>
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11.1 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 1202(c)(1)
11.2 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 1202(c)(8).
11.3 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 is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding must be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes. 5 ILCS 1202(c)(11).

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

Closed Session started at 8:18 PM.

Tyson Dillavou arrived at 8:50 PM.

OPEN SESSION

12. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Dillavou, to come out of Closed Session at 9:58 PM.
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

HIRE MCIS SPED TEACHER
13. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Balmer, to hire Natalie Nelson as an Intermediate Special Education Teacher.
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

HIRE MCIS ENGLISH TEACHER
14. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Frieden, to hire Kristi Heaton as a 5th / 6th Grade English / Language Arts Teacher.
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

HIRE APOLLO 4TH GRADE TEACHER
15. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Balmer, to hire Amber Hessman as a 4th grade teacher at Apollo Elementary

HIRE HS SPED TEACHER
16. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Frieden, to hire Kay Hedrick as a high school Special Education Teacher.

HIRE JUNIOR HIGH COOK
17. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Yates, to hire Tina Frieden as a Junior High Cook.
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

HIRE HS CHEER SPONSOR
18. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Yates, to hire Chloe Cordell as a High School Cheer Sponsor.
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

HIRE 8TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL COACH
19. There was a motion by Dillavou, seconded by Yates, to hire Brandon Hofmann as an 8th grade Boys Basketball coach.
There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Yates, to hire

HIRE 8TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH
20. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Yates, to hire Kraig McPeek as an 8th grade Girls’ Basketball Coach.
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
HIRE FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL COACH
21. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Yates, to hire Erica Biddle as Freshman Volleyball Coach.
Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 1 Abstention. Motion carried.

HIRE SUMMER WORKERS
22. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Yates, to hire Alyssa Hess, Quinton King, Connor Reid, and Jacob Duncan as summer workers.
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

ADJOURN
23. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Frieden, to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 PM.
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:

ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS
1. None

PUBLIC COMMENT
2. Amy Degelman, Dani Hagens and Brooke Lindell spoke before the board in support of the Fast Friday incentive program at the High School. Mrs. Degelman put together some statistics that showed an improvement in grades, attendance, and even dress cuts since Fast Fridays have been implemented. The extra time to allow for homework has been very helpful for busy students who are involved in athletics and other activities.

CORRESPONDENCE
3. John Atkinson from the Masonic Lodge followed up with the board about the Student Assistance program that they offer.

BOARD COMMENTS
4. Barb Chiles submitted a written list of comments regarding an IASB conference she attended the Education Advisory Council, Gracie Olson’s Art recognition, and the Education Foundation’s support that will be matched by the Looser-Flake Foundation this fall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
5. Mr. Petrie went over the Finance Committee minutes. He noted that the Auditorium project is underway and ahead of schedule. We have also received a schedule for our new Auditors. Unemployment claims were also touched upon.

Barb Chiles summarized the most recent BHASED Governing meeting. They are experiencing personnel problems and a lack of staff. Limits might be made for enrollment because of this. They also renewed their IEP licensing software.

SAFETY RESOLUTION
6. The board discussed the Student Safety Resolution before its adoption. Tab Balmer expressed an opposing opinion to the rest of the board, speaking against adopting the resolution. He is concerned with the monetary cost of training and arming school staff, as well as finding willing and able staff to comply. School Resource Officers would be ideal. The
other board members reiterated that fact that some of our buildings are further away from law enforcement than others, staff would only participate if they chose to, and that School Resource Officers are a bigger expense.

If resolved the Illinois Association of School Boards will support and advocate for legislation which provides local school boards the option of developing Student Safety and Protection plans. Those plans may include school administrators who have completed a school district-approved training course, concealed carrying training, pass multiple background checks, and require concealed carry license.

BUDGET AMENDMENT DISCUSSION

7. Mr. Petrie went over the highlights of the Budget Amendments scheduled for next month. The Health Life Safety projects will affect some numbers crossing over the Fiscal Year as before.

BOARD POLICIES

8. The Board is implementing a process of reviewing the existing board policies on a regular basis in order to confirm their applications within the district. This process was advised by the IASB. Certain policies have review requirements, but the others will be set on a schedule of our own in the same manner as the Quarterly PRESS policies. Section 8 on Community Relations was presented or first reading this month.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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

   Mr. Bush reported that Eagle Olympics started today and a Summer Reading program would be implemented with Mrs. Kernan.
   Mr. Fleuette noted that they raised $1232 for the Champions for Children Walk.
   Mrs. Day reported that around $100,000 was given out in scholarships at the Awards ceremony last week.
   Mr. Sedam recognized a successful Track Season with several students qualifying for State.
   Mr. Jefferson announced that Lauryn Russell’s Lyme Disease Protection Act passed and there was much excitement following. The act releases restrictions for the use of experimental drugs used to combat Lyme Disease, allowing more freedom for Doctor’s to treat successfully. Lauryn and her mother had been working with Representative Swanson in this endeavor. She had testified on her struggles with the disease.

Submitted By: ______________________________________
                    Recording Secretary

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President, Bd. of Education

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Secretary, Bd. of Education

Approved: ______________________