PUBLIC HEARING
(FY19 Tentative Budget)

- The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:00PM. Board members present upon roll call: Chiles, Frieden, Smock, Wagner, and Yates; a quorum was present.
- Superintendent Petrie, Principals Day, Sedam, Jefferson, Bush and Fleuette, Pastor Josh Frieden, Dave Staley, Chris Sullivan, Chris Whitenack, John Hoscheit, and Secretary Stefanie Carey were in attendance.
- Mr. Petrie discussed the tentative budget for FY19. It is projected that the revenue will be $15,609,399 and expenses $16,352,085 with a fund balance of 9,694,982. Amendments will be made in June if necessary.
- There were no public questions.
- There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Smock to adjourn the Public Hearing at 7:05pm. 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, 1002 SW 6th Street, Aledo, IL on Wednesday, September 19, 2018, at 7:00 PM.

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

ATTENDANCE
Board members present upon roll call: Chiles, Frieden, Smock, Wagner, and Yates; A quorum was present.
Absent: Balmer, Dillavou
Administrators present: Superintendent Scott Petrie, Principals Sedam, Bush, Fleuette, Jefferson, and Day
Also in Attendance: Pastor Josh Frieden, Dave Staley, Chris Sullivan, Chris Whitenack, and Secretary Stefanie Carey
Reporters: John Hoscheit

RECORD OF MOTIONS & VOTES

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CONSENT AGENDA

1. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Chiles, to approve the following items on the consent agenda as amended with the resignation pulled for consideration during Closed Session.
   1.1 Meeting Minutes
   1.2 Bill List
   1.3 Treasurer’s Report
   1.4 Financial Report
   1.5 BCBS Health Insurance Account Statement
   1.6 Resignation of Elementary Guidance Counselor Jamie Miner

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

FY19 TENTATIVE BUDGET

2. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Yates, to approve the FY19 Tentative Budget as presented.

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

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

3. There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Smock to approve the Resolution for Support of the Safe Routes to School.

Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

CLOSED SESSION

4. There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Frieden, to go into Closed Session after a short recess for Personnel, Security, and Litigation discussion at 8:23PM.

4.1 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)

4.2 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).

4.3 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 120/2(c)(11).

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

The Board came out of Closed Session at 9:41PM with a Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote.

HIRE DISTRICT BOOKKEEPER

5. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Chiles, to hire Stefanie Carey as District Bookkeeper.

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

HIRE DISTRICT SECRETARY

6. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to hire Angie Baker as District Secretary.

Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
HIRE HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE SECRETARY  
7. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Chiles, to hire Erica Biddle as High School Guidance Secretary. 
Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

HIRE PART TIME ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE COUNSELOR  
8. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to hire Emily Baldwin as Part Time Elementary Guidance Counselor at Apollo. 
Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

HIRE VARSITY BASEBALL COACH  
9. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Frieden, to hire Jacob Harrison as Varsity Baseball Coach. 
Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION OF GUIDANCE COUNSELOR  
10. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to accept the resignation of Jamie Miner as Elementary Guidance Counselor. 
Roll Call: 4 Ayes, 1 Nay. Motion carried.

ADJOURN  
11. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Frieden, to adjourn the meeting at 9:51PM. 
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS  1. None

PUBLIC COMMENT  
2. Chris Whitenack addressed the board in response to their request for information on new safeguards put in place to help prevent any future embezzlement with the Athletic Booster Club. He explained different systems that are now being used including the following: 2 signature requirement for checks, 2 deposit signatures, new accounting software that will pull directly from the bank, and all treasurer reports required at every meeting.

The board responded, giving the reasons for questioning the Booster Club. The public has approached different board members, not knowing that the Booster Club is not a school affiliated group. These explanations will ease the minds of the public.

Chris Sullivan spoke about the new School Resource Officer Agreement, as well as a possibility of a Threat Assessment Team being implemented.

Dave Staley continued with an announcement regarding a new app for cell phones called P3 Campus through Crime Stoppers used to report crimes and bullying. He noted that it is free and available to our community by downloading the app. It was also mentioned that Officer Sabel was attending DARE/SRO training to become certified in DARE, which will benefit our older students that Officer Sabel is in contact with.
CORRESPONDENCE
3. None

BOARD COMMENTS
4. Barb Chiles submitted written comments, and Julie Wagner reminded everyone of the upcoming School Board Division Dinner hosted by Mercer County on October 4.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
5. Mr. Petrie went over the Finance Committee report, expanding on the Revenue that was touched upon during the Budget Hearing. He noted some changes to IMRF due to the IMRF Audit. A review of the current projects was also given.

   Barb Chiles summarized the BHased Governing meeting.

ILLINOIS SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOLS
6. Mr. Petrie explained the Safe Route to Schools grant for K-8 schools. He also mentioned the increase in the 6-day enrollment.

BOARD DELEGATE ASSEMBLY
7. Julie Wagner discussed the Delegate Assembly resolutions that will be voted on at the Joint Annual Conference in November. She asked that the Board look over the items and advise her how they want her to vote on the topics.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS
8. In addition to their written reports, the following was mentioned:

   Mr. Bush gave an update on activities from the last School Improvement Day. The new Math Coach Ryan Koresko has been meeting with students. He also mentioned that an influx of students in 1st and 4th grades has caused the need to monitor whether or not additional staff is necessary after the reduction this year.

   Mr. Fleuette loves the new coaches who are inserting themselves into classrooms. He also noted the recent need for a “Shelter in Place” due to tornado warnings that ran over dismissal times.

   Mr. Lefferson expanded on the “Shelter in Place” as well as the periods of no power which also meant no phones. He also praised his new staff, and noted that things were going well with the additions.

   Mr. Sedam reported on the SIP day as well as MAP tests that are being used to measure improvement. The recent Health Life Safety Inspections were also mentioned, noting that they were conducted by new inspectors.

   Mrs. Day also summarized SIP day activities including Social Media Policy discussion, department meetings, and test result review. She also mentioned struggling with several power outages.

Submitted By:

Recording Secretary

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President, Bd. of Education

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Secretary, Bd. of Education

Approved: ____________________________