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, October 18, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

Dave VanderHeyden opened with a brief prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance led by President Julie Wagner prior to Roll Call.

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ATTENDANCE

Board members present upon roll call: Chiles, Dillavou, VanderHeyden, Wagner, and Yates
Absent: Smock, Balmer arrived at 8:28 PM
Administrators present: Superintendent Scott Petrie, Principals Day, Sedam, Lefferson, Bush and Fleuette,
Also in Attendance: Darla Dixon, Sam Duncan, Ashley Stice, and Secretary Stefanie Carey
Reporters: Cathy Decker

RECORD OF MOTIONS & VOTES

CONSENT AGENDA
1. There was a motion by Dillavou, seconded by Chiles, to approve the following items on the consent agenda as presented.
   1.1 Meeting Minutes
      a. Regular Meeting Minutes – September 20, 2017
   1.2 Bill List
   1.3 Treasurer’s Report
   1.4 Financial Report
   1.5 BCBS Health Insurance Account Statement
   1.6 Maternity Leave for Cindy Simpson
Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

IASB POLICY UPDATES
2. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Dillavou, to adopt the July Quarterly IASB PRESS policies as presented.
   Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

Julie Wagner and Bill Smock were nominated and elected for the Joint Annual Conference IASB Delegate and Alternate, respectively.
The 7th Grade Boys Basketball large numbers and a possible extra coach were discussed at length, but no motion was made.

CLOSED SESSION

3. There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Dillavou, to go into Closed Session for Personnel, Student Issue, and Purchase or Lease of Real Property discussion at 8:55 PM.
   3.1 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)
   3.2 Student Issue
   Student disciplinary cases. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9).
   The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10).
   3.3 Purchase or Lease of 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).
   Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

The Board returned to Open Session at 10:35PM.

JV SOFTBALL COACH

4. There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Wagner, to hire Dustin Murray as the JV Softball Coach for this year.
   Roll Call: 3 Ayes, 3 Nays. Motion failed.

HIRE SOFTBALL ASSISTANT COACH

5. There was a motion by Dillavou, seconded by Yates, to hire Kay Hucke as the Varsity Softball Assistant Coach.
   Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

HIRE WRESTLING ASSISTANT COACH

6. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by VanderHeyden, to hire Monte Smith as an Assistant High School Wrestling Coach.
   Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

HIRE WRESTLING ASSISTANT COACH

7. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Yates, to hire Dallas Morford as an Assistant High School Wrestling Coach.
   Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstention. Motion carried.

HIRE BASKETBALL CHEER ADVISOR

8. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Yates, to hire Megan Russell as the High School Basketball Cheer Advisor.
   Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

9. There was a motion by Dillavou, seconded by Balmer, to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 PM.
   Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.
OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS 1. None

PUBLIC COMMENT 2. Ashley Stice and Sam Duncan from New Boston Elementary spoke to the board about some positive programs they were involved in at the school. Mrs. Duncan reported on a fundraiser that they recently had to “adopt a classroom” from a hurricane stricken school from Texas. She also described a Lego Workshop that they attended that promoted robotics kits that they would like to get for their classrooms. The one that they have now has been very beneficial, and they are looking for grants in order to purchase more.

Ashley Stice gave an update on the new Go Math Curriculum. The students are beginning to really like it. Since it is accessible online, parents can help.

CORRESPONDENCE 3. None

BOARD COMMENTS 4. Barb Chiles praised the Junior High Cross Country team success, noted that she, Julie Wagner, and Scott Petrie attended the Black Hawk Division dinner on October 3rd, and recognized the passing of Stephanie Braucht.

COMMITTEE REPORTS 5. Dave VanderHeyden read the minutes from the Finance Committee. Barb Chiles touched upon Buildings and Grounds. Mr. Petrie noted that BHASED hired a new payroll clerk. There was no Superintendents Advisory Council meeting. Tyson Dillavou gave a report from the recent Transportation Committee meeting. Meeting reports will be uploaded to the website at a later date.

JAC DELEGATES 6. A Delegate and Alternate are needed at the Joint Annual Conference in November to vote on the IASB resolutions. Julie Wagner and Bill Smock were nominated and elected for the Joint Annual Conference IASB Delegate and Alternate, respectively.

7TH GRADE BASKETBALL 7. 25 students showed interest in joining the 7th Grade Boys Basketball team. The large numbers and a possible extra coach were discussed. An extra coach would cost around $2,500. This action item was discussed at length, but no motion was made. It was decided that the team would be cut to 15. The head varsity coach has plans to organize some kind of “travel teams” to accommodate the extra students who want to play, but cannot. The hope is that these players will be able to learn the necessary skills and be able to play later.

FOIA REQUESTS 8. We responded to one FOIA requests from American Watchdogs, Inc.

PRINCIPAL RECOGNITION 9. The Principals were recognized for Principals Week, October 15-21 and all they do to help our children learn and succeed.
10. The resolutions that will be discussed and voted on at the IASB Delegate Assembly in November were presented to the board. There will be significant issues on the table this year, including proposals regarding school safety, PARCC testing, and energy savings contracts. The Board was told to review the resolutions and make sure their delegate knows the board’s position on each resolution so they can vote accordingly.

11. A new grant was discussed that would extend Ag teacher contracts to help compensate for the extra summer activities involved with Ag Instruction, FFA, and SAE Record books. The Grant reimburses up to 50% of time over the regular 180 teacher contract.

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

   Mrs. Day reported that they were working with Dan Swanson on a Blood Drive to benefit hurricane victims and the Vegas area. A new Dual Credit program was discussed to help with Math and English transitions.

   Mr. Sedam noted the success of the JH Cross Country team and the Pre-K expansion program at his building. He also summarized an upcoming Safety Assembly regarding internet and social media.

   Mr. Jefferson expanded on the Cross Country team send off and added information on Eco Camp.

   Mr. Fleuette mentioned the upcoming Book Fair and Family Night as well as the recent visit from the Wrestling Team.

   Mr. Bush continued with Wrestling Team visit discussion, adding that Coach Speaker wants to get more kids involved in extracurricular activities by holding clinics on the west end. He also added that the new Math Curriculum is working out well. A PTO fundraiser for Chrome books was also discussed, and the upcoming Career Day.

   The Principals prepared a group power point on PARCC score data.

Submitted By: ____________________________

Recording Secretary

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President, Bd. of Education

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Secretary, Bd. of Education