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 17, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

Jake Frieden 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, Frieden, Wagner, and Yates
Absent: Smock arrived at 7:50 PM, Balmer arrived at 8:30 PM
Administrators present: Superintendent Scott Petrie, Principals Day, Sedam, Lefferson, Bush and Fleuette
Also in Attendance: Andrew Hofer, Chris and Beth Whitenack, Louise Johnson, Steve Speaker, Carly Bialobreski, Chief Sullivan, Jim Essig, Matt and Tabitha Essig, Nick and Jeannie Heinrich, Bookkeeper Stefanie Carey, and Secretary Angie Baker
Reporters: Cathy Decker, James Taylor

CONSENT AGENDA

1. There was a motion by Frieden, seconded by Yates, to approve the following items on the consent agenda as presented with addition.
   1.1 Meeting Minutes
      a. Regular Meeting Minutes – September 19, 2018
   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 Nicole Whitehair
   1.7 Resignation of Paraprofessional Morgan Cunningham
   1.8 Retirement of School Nurse Jeri Stanford
Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

2. There was a motion by Dillavou, seconded by Yates, to go into Closed Session for Personnel, Security, Litigation, and Review of Closed Session Minutes at 7:44PM.
2.1 **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)

2.2 **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).

2.3 **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).

2.4 **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: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

The Board returned to Open Session at 11:12 PM.

**HIRE LONG TERM SUB**  
3. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Balmer, to hire Jessie Thomson as a long term substitute at New Boston Elementary for this year.  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**HIRE PARAPROFESSIONAL**  
4. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to hire Danielle Anderson as a paraprofessional at Apollo.  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**  
5. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Balmer, to keep Closed Session Minutes from January, 2018 – July 2018 closed.  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN**  
6. There was a motion by Dillavou, seconded by Balmer, to adjourn the meeting at 11:21 PM.  
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

**OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:**

**ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS**  
1. Retirement of School Nurse, Jeri Standford, was added to the Consent Agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**  
2. Jim Essig and Steve Speaker addressed the board regarding their opposition of the P3 campus app being used.

**CORRESPONDENCE**  
3. Reatha Owen, the director of Field Services, sent a thank you card on behalf of the Division Officers for hosting the Blackhawk Division Fall Dinner meeting.

**BOARD COMMENTS**  
4. Barb Chiles commended Julie Wagner on the organization of the Blackhawk Division Dinner and Tyson Dillavou on the school safety
presentation. She recognized the Mercer County Girls Golf Team for winning the Conference Title. She also congratulated Janel Reed and Alex Robertson who were chosen by the Illinois Retired Teachers Association Foundation to receive grants this fall. She also voiced her concerns after attending the Illinois Retired Teachers Association Legislative Committee meeting.

Julie Wagner recognized the principals as Principals Week is October 21-27. She also stated that Don Swanson will be at Apollo on October 30th as the “Principal for a Day”.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
5. Barb Chiles went over the minutes from the Finance Committee Meeting and Mr. Petrie elaborated. Buildings and Grounds and Protocol Meeting were held earlier this month. Updated copies of the Board Protocol Agreements were included in the packet and will be voted on next month.

FOIA REQUESTS
6. NONE

P3 CAMPUS
7. Mr. Petrie explained the P3 campus procedures and the reasons we chose to use it. Chief Sullivan will give updates in Closed Session.

POLICY REVIEW
8. They discussed and decided to form a Committee for Policy Review.

SHORT TERM SUBSTITUTE LICENSE
9. Mr. Petrie spoke about the Short Term Substitute License change effective until 2023. This will allow individuals that meet specific criteria to sub in our district. This will be an action item for next month.

NURSE NAVIGATOR
10. Mr. Petrie spoke briefly regarding Elyssa’s Mission and how we can work to meet the social emotional needs of our students. He and Krissy Dixon will be having a phone conference on Friday with Elyssa’s Mission and will have more information at the November Board Meeting.

VETERANS DAY
11. Mrs. Day spoke about a district wide Veterans Day assembly that will be held at the High School on November 9th. The assembly will include music groups of all ages, a potential guest speaker, and speaking parts from students of all ages to honor area Veterans.

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

    Mr. Fleuette mentioned the First Quarter PBIS prize day was a staff vs. student volleyball game.
    Mr. Bush handed out flyers about Reggie Dabbs coming to speak about self-worth to all of our students and the community on November 26th. He will also be in area schools that week.
    Mrs. Day wanted to commend the high school students who acted quickly and appropriately to a medical emergency in their building last week.
Submitted By: _______________________________________
Recording Secretary

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President, Bd. of Education

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Secretary, Bd. of Education