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, February 21, 2018 at 6:00 PM.

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

ATTENDANCE
Board members present upon roll call: Balmer, Chiles, Dillavou, Frieden, Smock, and Wagner,
A quorum was present.
Absent: Yates arrived at 7:08PM
Administrators present: Superintendent Scott Petrie, Principals Day, Sedam, Jefferson, Bush and Fleuette
Also in Attendance: Tim King, Kendall King, Pastor Dietmeier, Andrew Hofer, Laura Mehl, Dawn Noble,
Melissa Hodges, Heidi Brown, Jackie Brown, and Secretary Stefanie Carey
Reporters: Cathy Decker

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CONSENT AGENDA
1. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Balmer, to approve the following items on the consent agenda including additional minutes listed.
1.1 Meeting Minutes
   a. Regular Meeting Minutes – January 24, 2017
   b. Special Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2018
   c. Special Meeting Minutes – February 15, 2018
1.2 Bill List
1.3 Treasurer’s Report
1.4 Financial Report
1.5 BCBS Health Insurance Account Statement
1.6 Resignation of Pre-K Teacher Tara Hyett
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

SERVICE RECOGNITION
2. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Dillavou, to recognize David VanderHeyden’s service to the Board of Education.
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.
BOND RESOLUTION

3. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Smock to adopt a resolution providing for the issue of $3,525,200 Taxable General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2018, for the purposes of financing school fire prevention and safety projects and refunding certain outstanding obligations, providing for the levy of taxes to pay said bonds, and providing for the sale of said bonds to the purchasers thereof.
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

ADOPT BOARD AGREEMENTS

4. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Dillavou, to adopt the revised board agreements as presented.
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

BHASED JOINT ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

5. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Chiles, to approve the BHASED Joint Articles of Agreement as presented.
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

6. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Smock to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the MCEA regarding the Ag Three Circles Grant as presented.
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

7. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Balmer, to go into Closed Session after a short recess for a Student Matter and Personnel at 7:52PM.

7.1 Students
The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10).

7.2 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)

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

OPEN SESSION

8. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Dillavou to come out of Closed Session at 10:00 PM.
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

HIRE JV BASEBALL COACH

9. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to hire Peter Nelson as JV Baseball Coach.
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

HIRE ASSISTANT HS FOOTBALL COACH

10. There was a motion by Dillavou, seconded by Yates, to hire Tanner Matlick as Assistant HS Football Coach at a split stipend.
Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
HIRE ASSISTANT HS FOOTBALL COACH

11. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Smock to hire Montgomery Smith as Assistant HS Football Coach at a split stipend. Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

TEACHER REASSIGNMENT

12. There was a motion by Balmer, seconded by Smock, to approve the reassignment of Holly Staker to the Junior High Math position for the 2018-2019 School Year. Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

13. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Dillavou, to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 PM. Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

1. 7.1b Special Meeting Minutes 2/12/18
    7.1c Special Meeting Minutes 2/15/18
    9.4 BHASED Articles of Joint Agreement (moved from Information Items)
    9.5 Memorandum of Understanding – Ag Grant
    12.2e Approve Reassignment of Junior High Teacher

PUBLIC COMMENT

2. Dawn Noble presented a video that she recently participated in creating at a Professional Development Conference with other Spanish Teachers to boost their curriculum. Laura Mehl addressed the board with an update on the English Language Arts Curriculum. She talked about recent visits to neighboring districts that have good English scores to compare notes. She and the other English teachers have been able to collaborate on common prep periods and the monthly SIP days in order to better the curriculum.

CORRESPONDENCE

3. There were three thank you cards received for memorials sent to the families of Jane Hoerner, Paula McGraw and Nancy Robinson in the passing of family members. Sandra Tisor also sent a thank you letter for being allowed the opportunity to interview for the recent school board vacancy.

BOARD COMMENTS

4. Barb Chiles had 3 positive comments praising the High School Scholastic Bowl team, Spelling Bee competitors, and her registration for the upcoming IASB Equity Conference. She also mentioned speaking with New Boston Mayor Chris DeFrieze who thanked us for the sale of our ball diamond to the City of New Boston.

Bill Smock recognized Stacey Day’s award as the IPA Regional Principal of the Year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

5. Mr. Petrie went over the minutes of the Finance Committee. The Bonds were touched on. The Blue Cross Blue Shield funds are low with the self-
insurance claims, but we have money coming from BCBS. Mr. Petrie presented a chart regarding the new funding model.

Barb Chiles relayed information from the recent meeting with the architect for the Buildings and Grounds Committee. She went over the timeline for the upcoming Health Life Safety upgrades. Bids are coming soon, and work should start by May 14th.

Bill Smock went over the Wellness Committee Minutes. The Wellness plan was edited slightly to reflect the new PE requirement language. Employee incentives for Health Insurance were discussed.

A new Committee was created to plan a community forum again as last year. There will be no outside moderator from IASB this time. Goals for the District will be discussed.

Bill Smock went over the edits that were made to the Board Agreements. There was discussion on the board packet deadlines and professional development.

BOND SALE

6. Tim and Kendall King were here from King’s Financial to explain the bond sale to finance the Health Life Safety projects and refinance Working Cash. They mentioned that this abatement would need to be referenced on the December Tax Levy and passed out a reference sheet. There will be no rating fee and we will earn interest by buying the bond from ourselves.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

7. The 3 Circles Ag Grant has allowed for a pay increase for Aaron Heartt for extra duties and days worked. A Memorandum of Understanding was approved with the MCEA Labor Union to ensure that the prior contract will be used in the event that the Ag 3 Circles Grant goes away. This will remain on file for future reference to any new board members and new administration.

BOARD SELF EVALUATION

8. Julie Wagner explained the Self-Evaluation process and the history behind it. She wants to do one evaluation seminar with a moderator this Spring and one on their own afterwards.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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

Mrs. Day reported that the athletic schedule had been very busy with Basketball Regionals, State Qualifiers for Wrestling (Steve Speaker and Stone Engle), and the Hall of Fame Induction. We also had a Girls Basketball player get to participate in the 3 point shoot out.

Mr. Sedam updated the Board on the sports schedule. The Junior High has hosted several regional tournaments, and Bob Stockham was praised for his hard work with organizing. The Fire Marshall inspection went well, but they are having drain issues because of tree roots and clay tile. New basketball hoops are also needed.

Mr. Jefferson promoted the debut of the MCIS Ukulele concert tomorrow night. They also sampled a 60 day trial for Star Math. Drainage problems are also being experienced at this building as well.

Mr. Bush reported on the ESSA training they have been having during SIP days. He also noted that Mrs. Duncan received her STEM leg
set and did a presentation for the staff. They are still experiencing problems with the lack of hot water in the building.

Mr. Fleuette reported on the teacher presentations done at the Institute showing good things happening in their classrooms.

Mr. Hofer spoke on projected numbers for Spring Sports. Baseball has a large level of interest which will require more transportation and or coaching staff.

Submitted By: ________________________________
Recording Secretary

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President, Bd. of Education

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Secretary, Bd. of Education

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