PUBLIC HEARING
(FY18 Amended Budget)

- The Public Hearing was called to order with Roll Call at 6:00PM. Board members present upon roll call: Chiles, Frieden, Dillavou, Smock Wagner, and Yates. A quorum was present.
- Mr. Petrie went over the changes in the amended budget from the September tentative version. Our numbers are ultimately in the black. The budget has increased from last year’s approximate 14.3 million to 14.7 million. Transportation is still a concern due to the State payment deficiencies.
- There was some discussion, but no questions from the audience.
- There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Frieden to adjourn the hearing at 6:11 PM. 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, June 20, 2018 at 6:12 PM.

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

ATTENDANCE
Board members present upon roll call: Chiles, Frieden, Dillavou, Smock Wagner, and Yates. A quorum was present.
Absent: Balmer
Administrators present: Superintendent Scott Petrie, Principals Sedam, Lefferson, Bush and Fleuette, Assistant Principal Andrew Hofer
Also in Attendance: Pastor Dietmeier, Chief Sullivan, Sheriff Staley, and Secretary Stefanie Carey.
Reporters: Cathy Decker, John Hoscheidt

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. Special Meeting Minutes – May 14, 2018
      b. Regular Meeting Minutes – May 16, 2018
      c. Special Meeting Minutes – June 4, 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 Speech Pathologist Gyuchan Steele
   1.7 Resignation of Elementary Music Teacher Abbie Hicks
   1.8 Resignation of High School Special Education Teacher Lindsay Zerull
   1.9 Resignation of Teacher Liz Blackwell
   1.10 Retirement of Apollo Teacher Liz MacDonald-Gray, 2022
   1.11 Retirement of High School Custodian Candy Swank, 2020
   1.11 Retirement of Junior High Cook Pennie Ringle
   1.12 Resignation of JH Volleyball Coach Nicole Hermansen
   Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

AMENDED BUDGET

FY18

2. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Dillavou, to approve the Amended Budget for FY18 as presented.
   Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

TECHNOLOGY LEASE

3. There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Smock, to approve a 4-year Technology Lease from American Capital for $85,762.50 to purchase Chromebooks with a $1 buy-out.
   Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

HANDBOOK CHANGES

4. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Dillavou, to approve handbook changes for the 18-19 school year, pending clarification of language for the High School and Intermediate School.
   Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

PREVAILING WAGE

RESOLUTION

5. There was a motion by Dillavou, seconded by Chiles, to adopt the Prevailing Wage Resolution as presented.
   Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

JOHANNES BUS

CONTRACT

6. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Smock, to approve the recommendation from the Transportation Committee to accept the Johannes Bus contract, pending number of routes to be determined later.
   Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

7. There was a motion by Dillavou, seconded by Yates, at 7:53PM to go into Closed Session after a short recess for Personnel, Security, Litigation and Negotiations discussion.
   7.1 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)
7.2 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).

7.3 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).

7.4 Negotiations
Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

OPEN SESSION
8. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Chiles, to return to Open Session at 9:35PM.
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

HIRE HS CUSTODIAN
9. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Dillavou, to hire Barbara Marlene Loving as a High School Custodian.
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

HIRE APOLLO COOK
10. There was motion by Smock, seconded by Frieden, to hire Bridget Hildestad as Apollo Cook.
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

HIRE ELEMENTARY MUSIC TEACHER
11. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to hire Kristen Reick as Elementary Music Teacher.
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

HIRE NEW BOSTON PRE-SCHOOL TEACHER
12. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Frieden, to hire Cassidy Murray as Pre-K Teacher at New Boston Elementary.
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

ADJOURN
13. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Yates, to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 PM.
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS
1. Resignation of Choir Teacher Mariah Chapdelaine was added as 6.13.
Johannes Bus Contract was moved from Information 9.8 to Action 8.6.

PUBLIC COMMENT
2. None

CORRESPONDENCE
3. None

BOARD COMMENTS
4. Barb Chiles submitted a written list of comments including praise for the fund raising efforts of Mrs. Sywassink to supply the new Sensory Room at
MCIS; a scholarship received by graduate Connor Sharp; and an editorial in the Argus/Dispatch on security in our schools.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

5. Mr. Petrie went over the Finance Committee report, touching on the Health Insurance fund and the status on that account. The renewal for Health Insurance will be on the agenda for July.

   Barb Chiles summarized the most recent BHASED Governing meeting.

   Transportation committee meeting minutes were submitted. We will be approving another contract with Johannes Bus Service, per recommendation from the Transportation Committee. Mr. Petrie met with Kim Lloyd recently to try to reduce routes if possible. Routing software has been purchased to help streamline this process.

**POLICY REVIEW**

6. Per the advice of the State Board representative Reatha Owens, the Board is planning to go over all of the Board Policies gradually and edit if necessary. They began this month with Section 8 – Community Relations.

**SCHOOL HANDBOOKS**

8. Changes were submitted to the Board for all 5 school handbooks. There were some questions on cell phone usage at the High School that were discussed, and clarifications were made. Fast Friday incentive days were also touched upon. It was mentioned that they could be implemented at lower grades. Mr. Petrie explained that the lower grades already had incentive programs that better fit their age levels. Attendance rules were also discussed regarding medical notes. It was also suggested that the language be edited slightly in the Intermediate Handbook to clarify excused absences.

**SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS**

9. Sheriff Staley and Police Chief Sullivan attended the board meeting to speak of recent estimates they have come up with regarding the hiring of School Resource Officers for all 5 buildings. Many pros and cons were discussed, as well as options to that scenario including Crisis Intervention teams trained to deal with problem situations.

**LOSS OF FUNDING**

10. Funding through the Regional Office of Education was lost for next year affecting Pre-School services and other Parent Educator services by approximately half. Distribution is being appealed.

**BOARD UPCOMING EVENTS**

11. Mercer County is hosting the Fall IASB Division meeting dinner on October 4. We are planning a Fine Arts Display and Concert, as well as dinner and breakout sessions after a business meeting. Catering is still being discussed.

   The Joint Annual Conference Registration for the fall has opened up. The Board discussed who is planning to attend. The group will be registered the first week of July in order to get the classes that they want and choice hotels.
9. In addition to their written reports, the following was mentioned:

   Mr. Bush summarized a recent professional development seminar held at the Intermediate school called GRIT, which will take the place of the current PBIS. He also stated that their new camera system is close to being completed.

   Mr. Jefferson reported that the new Sensory Room is now fully funded. They are very excited about the new addition.

   Mr. Hofer added to the good word regarding GRIT. It covered every major content area, and he was impressed.

   Mr. Fleurette stated that their building has new doors that are ready for the scanners.

   Mrs. Day was at the IVAT conference in Decatur where Mr. Heartt was receiving an Agriculture Educator Award.

   Mr. Sedam was not in attendance, as he was bringing a new baby home from the hospital.

Submitted By: ________________________________

Recording Secretary

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President, Bd. of Education

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Secretary, Bd. of Education

Approved: ________________________________