PUBLIC HEARING FOR NON RESIDENT TUITION

- Pastor Dietmeier led the audience in a brief prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Julie Wagner prior to Roll Call.
- The Public Hearing was called to order with Roll Call. Board members present upon roll call: Chiles, Dillavou, Frieden, and Wagner – a quorum was present.
- Superintendent Petrie, Principals Day, Sedam, Lefferson, Bush and Fleuette, Athletic Director Andrew Hofer, Pastor Dietmeier, Cathy Decker, and Secretary Angie Baker were in attendance.
- Mr. Petrie discussed the Non Resident Tuition Waiver for district employees, stating reasons that would make this beneficial to our school district. By waiving the out of district tuition for our school employees’ children, this would improve student performance by allowing the school employees the flexibility of schedule and positively impacting the performance of the employee, who will be more connected to the school district, due to their own child attending the district.
- Public comments included responses from all five principals in favor of this waiver stating the benefits and attraction of keeping our staff in the district along with the benefits to our students. No written comments were provided.
- There was a motion by Frieden, seconded by Dillavou to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:08 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, on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 6:08 PM.

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

RECORD OF MOTIONS & VOTES

ATTENDANCE
Board members present upon roll call: Chiles, Dillavou, Frieden, and Wagner. A quorum was present.
Absent: Smock, Balmer, Yates
Administrators present: Superintendent Scott Petrie, Principals Day, Sedam, Lefferson, Bush and Fleuette
Also in Attendance: Pastor Dietmeier, Andrew Hofer, and Secretary Angie Baker
Reporters: Cathy Decker
CONSENT AGENDA

1. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Frieden, to approve the following items on the consent agenda.

   6.1 Meeting Minutes
      a. Regular Meeting Minutes – December 19, 2018
      b. Expulsion Hearing Minutes – December 19, 2018

   6.2 Bill List
   6.3 Treasurer’s Report
   6.4 Financial Report
   6.5 BCBS Health Insurance Account Statement
   6.6 Resignation of High School Cross Country Coach Alex Robertson

Roll Call: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

NON RESIDENT TUITION WAIVER

2. There was a motion by Dillavou, seconded by Frieden, to approve the Non Resident Tuition waiver as presented.

Roll Call: 3 Ayes, 1 Nay. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

3. There was a motion by Dillavou, seconded by Chiles, to go into Closed Session for Personnel, Security, and Negotiations at 6:50PM.

11.1 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).

11.2 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).

11.3 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).

Roll Call: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:50 PM.

HIRE ONE ON ONE PARAPROFESSIONAL

4. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Frieden, to hire Lisa Watson as a one on one paraprofessional at Apollo Elementary.

Roll Call: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

VOLUNTEERS

5. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Dillavou, to approve Erica Hajny and Britteny Kelly as volunteers.

Roll Call: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

6. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Frieden, to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 PM.

Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.
OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:

ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS 1. None

PUBLIC COMMENT 2. None

CORRESPONDENCE 3. None

BOARD COMMENTS 4. Barb Chiles had several comments, reporting on good things happening in the district. She congratulated Nicholas Cody Brown on receiving a Bachelors of Science degree from Western Illinois in Engineering and Physics. She recognized Michael Bowen for being on the Columbia College Deans List. Barb would also like to see a survey posted on our website to receive feedback from our Mercer County High School graduates regarding their insight on our curriculum, etc.

COMMITTEE REPORTS 5. Barb Chiles and Mr. Petrie went over the Finance Committee Report, discussing the allotments received for Title I, II, and IV Grants, Health Life Safety Projects planned for the summer, and the use of the Future Safety Reimbursements. Mr. Petrie also discussed the draft audit report we received.

BHASED Governing Board Meeting was postponed due to inclement weather conditions. They will have a double agenda for the February 19th meeting.

FOIA REQUESTS 6. We responded to one FOIA request from the Illinois Retired Teachers Association.

2019-2020 PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR 7. Mr. Petrie discussed the changes from the General Assembly stating Parent Teacher Conferences cannot count as school attendance days. The calendar committee will meet and make the needed changes. The 2018/2019 calendar will remain as is.

LOWELL N JOHN CHARITABLE FOUND. 8. Apollo Elementary, New Boston Elementary, and Mercer County Intermediate received grant money from The Lowell N. Johnson Charitable Foundation Committee for grade level initiative as determined by the teachers. We are very grateful for their generosity.

SCHOOL SAFETY DRILL ACT 9. Mr. Petrie spoke on changes for the 2019-2020 regarding our school safety drill. This will be conducted within 90 days from the start of the school year and will include all students at all grade levels.

COMMUNITY FORUM 10. Another Community Forum has been scheduled for April 9th at 6:30PM. The purposed of this forum is to develop district goals. Invitations will be sent.
11. In addition to their written reports, the following was mentioned:

Mrs. Day reported that High School Graduation has been set for 1:00 PM on May 19th.

Mr. Bush and Mr. Sedam mentioned the new playground that was constructed in Joy for the Preschool program. Only a few things left to do to finalize the project.

Submitted By: ________________________________
Recording Secretary

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President, Bd. of Education

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Secretary, Bd. of Education

Approved: ________________________________