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 20, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

Prior to Roll Call, Pastor Luke Dunn 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, Smock, Wagner, and Yates.
A quorum was present.
Absent: Frieden
Administrators present: Superintendent Scott Petrie, Principals Day, Sedam, Jefferson, Bush and Fleuette
Also in Attendance: Pastor Luke Dunn, Andrew Hofer, Shelly Reusch, Ryan Koresko, Darla Dixon, and Secretary Angie Baker
Reporters: Cathy Decker

RECORD OF MOTIONS & VOTES

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CONSENT AGENDA
1. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Smock, to approve the following items on the consent agenda as presented.
1.1 Meeting Minutes
a. Regular Meeting Minutes – January 16, 2019
1.2 Bill List
1.3 Treasurer’s Report
1.4 Financial Report
1.5 BCBS Health Insurance Account Statement
1.6 Resignation of HS Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach Amy Degelman
1.7 Resignation of HS Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Coach Ty Goben
Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

PRESS POLICY
2. There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Balmer, to adopt the updated PRESS Policies from IASB for the October Quarter.

ADDITION
Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.
BUS LEASE
3. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates to accept the proposal from Midwest Bus to lease six buses for two years, each at a total cost of $171,754, and sell four buses for $6,000. Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

APOLLO
ROOF BIDS
4. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Chiles, to accept the bid from R. A. Oldeen Inc. for the Apollo roof project in the amount of $76,434. Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

FY18 AUDIT
5. There was a motion by Chiles, seconded by Smock, to accept the FY18 audit as presented. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

HARD SURFACE
BUS ROUTES
6. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates, to direct the Superintendent to develop hard surface bus routes in anticipation of the spring road conditions. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION
7. There was a motion by Yates, seconded by Balmer, to go into Closed Session after a short recess for Personnel and Negotiations discussion at 7:12PM.
   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 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: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:12PM.

HIRE
FALL COACHES
8. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Balmer to approve the rehire of the Fall High School coaches as presented.
   Girls Golf: Aaron Heartt
   Boys Golf: Darrin Clawson
   Football HC: Andrew Hofer
   Football JV: Eric Russell
   Football Assistant: Fred Lucas
   Football Assistant: Dustin Murray
   Football Assistant: Jason Kenney
   Football Assistant: Monte Smith
   Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 1 Nay. Motion Carried.

HIRE HS CROSS
COUNTRY COACH
9. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Balmer, to hire Peter Nelson as the High School Cross Country Varsity Coach.
   Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 1 Nay. Motion carried.
10. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Balmer, to hire Erica Biddle as the High School Varsity Volleyball Coach. Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. 1 Abstention. Motion carried.

11. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Yates to approve volunteer employee, Jodi Powell. Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

12. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Balmer, to approve the amended 2018-2019 Public School calendar as presented. Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

13. There was a motion by Smock, seconded by Dillavou, to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 PM. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS
1. Hard Surface Bus Routes
9.5
12.1d Hire HS Varsity Volleyball Coach

PUBLIC COMMENT
2. Shelly Reusch complimented our music program and thanked Mr. Ruggles for his help and encouragement on a music scholarship offered to her son from Augustana College.

CORRESPONDENCE
3. None

ACADEMIC COACHING UPDATE
4. Ryan Koresko addressed the board regarding his and Katie Danglers’ experiences as academic coaches thus far. He shared a short video presentation about Go Math and Map testing data. He explained the Personal Math Trainer program and the use with technology of the chrome books. He also spoke on Collaborative Skills stating that students are given the opportunity to practice taught materials in small groups. He showed several pictures of our students working in groups and learning not only from the classroom teacher, but from their peers. There was discussion regarding the Map testing and having the ability to compare scores between fall and spring.

BOARD COMMENTS
5. Barb Chiles congratulated the High School Wrestling team on a good season. She mentioned that our State Senator, Chuck Weaver, has been named a spokesperson for the Senate Education Committee. He has started a Teacher of the Month program in his legislative district. Barb will be attending the Illinois Retired Teachers Association Legislative Committee meeting in Springfield on March 12th. The committee tracks and lobbies for or against any legislation that impacts the TRS pensions. Student Council
will be hosting a blood drive at MCHS on February 28th. The high school does an outstanding job organizing and hosting this event. She encouraged all who are willing, to give blood on that day. She also expressed her condolences to the family of Velma Stineman, a retired Mercer County School District custodian/cook.

Julie Wagner mentioned the Community Forum scheduled for April 9th at 6:30PM. Board members received a list of past attendees and were encouraged to let Julie know if they wanted to invite additional community members this year.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

6. Barb Chiles went over the minutes of the Finance Committee and the BHASED Governing Board Meeting. Concern about the transportation reimbursements was discussed as well as the Health Life Safety Projects planned for this summer. The Apollo Roof bid opening was held on Feb. 15th. Tuck pointing at the high school will be discussed at the March Finance Meeting.

The Building and Grounds Committee Meeting, scheduled for February 7th, was cancelled due to winter weather conditions.

Tyson Dillavou went over the minutes of the Transportation Committee, touching base on the plan to lease six new buses and trade in four. They are recommending the bid from Midwest Bus. He also discussed altering the bus routes to hard surface roads only, this spring. There will be designated spots for parents/guardians to pick up and drop off their students. Mr. Petrie will be working on developing these routes for this spring, if needed.

**PRESS POLICIES**

7. The PRESS Policy updates were presented last month for review to be adopted this month. The October Quarter was adopted with several updates. These policy updates will be available on the school website.

**BUS LEASE PROPOSALS**

8. Mr. Petrie went over the bus lease proposals from Midwest Bus Sales and Midwest Transit Equipment. He discussed the different options requested on a two year lease from both companies. The Transportation Committee recommended accepting the proposal from Midwest bus to lease 6 buses for two years at a total cost of $171,754 and sell four buses for $6,000.

**APOLLO ROOF BID**

9. A bid opening was held on February 14th for the Apollo Roof construction. Three bids were submitted. The low bid was R. A. Oldeen, Inc. from Kewanee, IL. The work is scheduled to start on or after May 28, 2019 with an estimated completion date on or before August 6, 2019.

**FOIA REQUESTS**

10. None

**IASB DIVISION MEETING**

11. Julie Wagner reminded the board about the March 7th Black Hawk Division meeting. This meeting will take place at the Northeast Junior High School in East Moline, IL. Registration begins at 5:30pm with dinner to follow at 6:00pm.
12. Mr. Petrie reminded the board about the possible changes that may need to be made to our 2019-2020 Public School Calendar, based on the General Assembly discussions regarding the Parent/Teacher conference days not being counted as student attendance days. No changes have been made at this time.

13. In addition to their written reports, the following was mentioned:
   - Mrs. Day mentioned the March 5th date set for the FFA Banquet at the High School.
   - Mr. Sedam updated the Board on the March 2nd date set for the JH Wrestling Regional.
   - Mr. Jefferson spoke about the elementary music program purchasing a K-5 music program along with 4-5 new instruments.
   - Mr. Bush reported on the use of the Lowell N John Charitable Foundation Grant that was received last month. A 10 foot tall rock wall has been purchased for the New Boston Elementary gym to be delivered on Friday, February 22nd.
   - Mr. Fleuette praised the Academic Coaching staff of Ryan Koresko and Katie Dengler, for all of their hard work this year and being great resources for his teachers.

Submitted By: ________________________________
Recording Secretary

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President, Bd. of Education

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Secretary, Bd. of Education

Approved: ___________________________