

**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
MOKENA SCHOOL DISTRICT 159 - BOARD OF EDUCATION
MOKENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
January 16, 2012**

BOARD OF EDUCATION

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Patrick Markham- President	✓	
Mr. Joe Spalla- Vice President	✓	
Mr. Michael Ford- Secretary	✓	
Mr. Franceschini	✓	
Mrs. Kathy Moore	✓	At 7:10 pm via phone; at 7:45 pm attended in person
Mr. Scott Peters	✓	
Mr. Regan	✓	

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Stein, Superintendent, John Troy, Director of Business Operations; Chuck Vitton, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction; Eileen Parente, Director of Student Services, Anna Kirchner, Principal; Mike Rolinitis, Principal; Eric Melnyczenko, Principal; Mari Jo Hanson, Assistant Principal; Steve Hastings, Director of Technology; Mary Louise Knoerzer, Board Secretary.

VISITORS: John McGivney, Robert Swale, Stacy Cesta, Danielle Didrickson, Jim Andresen, Anna Brisoce

PRESS: Ginger Brashinger, Southtown Star; Ryan Bray, Mokena Messenger; Ann Piasecki, Mokena Patch

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Markham led the Board of Education and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN SESSION and ROLL CALL

Mr. Markham called the Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Mokena Public School District 159 to order at 7:03 pm on January 16, 2013.

Mr. Rolinitis, Principal of MJH, introduced the Mokena Junior High 7 and 8th grade basketball team to the BOE and audience. The girls won their Regional and State tournaments. The teams placed 4th in State competition. A great feat due to the fact there were no extra -curricular offered last year. They were all congratulated.

COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC: None

MTA: None

MEF/PTA: None

BOARD EDUCATION

Mr. Peters recognized Laurie Connolly, as an unsung hero who heads up the Athletic Boosters; running the concession stand which is opened at every event at MJH. In regards to the 1/16 Messenger article, Mr. Peters was dismayed at the lack of transparency regarding the deal struck with Burros and Blue Demons in regards to the use of fields behind MES. He was not aware of the soon to be contract that Mr. Markham referred to. Mr. Peters has nothing against either organization.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Stein reported:

- Article in 12/27 Messenger listed 78 LWE Illinois State Scholars- 43 graduated from District 159

- Attended Chamber of Commerce meeting 1/15- Inaugural dinner is 1/25 at DiNolfo's
- Read thank you note from Cancer support Center for \$2,285.00 donation. Thanked teacher Debi Blank for all her hard work and all who were involved; approx. 600 people attended.
- No good news from Washington and Springfield; Tribune reported \$400 million less for education; CPI December number came in at 1.7

PRINCIPALS REPORTS

Mrs. Kirchner presented to BOE:

- Provided updated with a timeline of the safety changes made in MES building and other district changes

Mr. Melnyczenko presented to BOE:

- Updated some safety procedures in MIS building
- Lots of testing taking place this week; Benchmarking; Terra Nova and Access
- Final Mission Statement
"The mission of Mokena Intermediate School is to provide a safe and secure learning environment in order to create lifelong learners while emphasizing respect, responsibility, and independent critical thinking."

Mr. Rolinitis presented to BOE:

- Conducted an unannounced lockdown drill on 1/15 with Mokena Police present; lockdown was completed in two minutes;
- Safety Dog "Goldie" was at MJH; no drug of any kind present
- Boys' Basketball winding down; Volleyball just beginning
- Music Pre-contest held the previous weekend
- Spoke of Mr. Martinus' Border Crossing project ; a great experience for students
- Geography Bee held 1/11- James DiFiore earned 1st place; great to see students cheering for an academic event

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mr. Spalla moved to approve minutes for Committee of the Whole December 5, 2012; seconded by Mr. Franceschini. The Board was all in favor.

Mr. Peters discussed the Kadner article attached to December 19, 2012 minutes.

Mr. Peters moved to approve the amended minutes of December 19, 2012 Regular Board meeting removing "the Kadner 12/5 excerpts on page 11, leaving Mr. Markham's levy statement attached; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Moore.

On Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Ford, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Mr. Regan, Mr. Spalla

Nays: Mr. Franceschini, Mr. Markham

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 5-2

Mr. Spalla move to approve December 19, 2012 Closed Session part 1 & 2 minutes. Mr. Ford seconded the motion. The Board was all in favor.

INFORMATION REPORTS

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Troy reviewed the Financial Report with the Board of Education. The revenue for the month in all funds was \$316,134.34 or 1.68% of budgeted revenues. The expenditures for the month in all funds were \$1,381,083.94 or 7.42%% of the budgeted expenditures. As reported last month expenses for

December were noticeably less than November and less compared year to year. This was due to the timing of bond and interest payments. Through December we have received \$7,830,752.49 in levy revenue out of the \$15,027,306.00 budgeted .

Month	Revenue 2011	% of Bud. Rev.	Expense	% of Bud. Exp.	Revenue 2012	% of Bud. Rev.	Expense	% of Bud. Exp.
December	\$620,611	3.54%	\$2,810,671	15.08%	\$316,134	1.68%	\$1,381,083	7.42%

Budget concerns:

- Bond Charge - \$15,485
- Special Ed A I account 12/13 budget is \$0 – will be over \$101,000 (approx.4 students)
- Transportation claim due to 2010 audit approx. \$15,000

Mr. Troy cannot guarantee the \$114,000 surplus in budget for end of year- District has no control over Special Education services.

Good news regarding State revenue will receive vouchered \$33, 311.74 in Special Ed. transportation.

TREASURER REPORT

Mr. Troy reviewed the Treasurer’s Report with the BOE reporting an ending balance of \$11,415,632.96 for December; presented the Certificate of Deposit Investment report as well.

Mr. Markham asked for Mr. Troy to reach out to the Will County Treasurer Steve Weber.

STUDENT ACTIVITY REPORT

Mr. Troy reviewed the Quarterly Student Activity Report with the BOE.

Mrs. Moore requested of Mr. Troy to monitor PTA and MEF accounts on a quarterly basis. Mr. Troy stated the district has no fiduciary responsibility to these organizations; Mrs. Moore would like a check and balance between the District and the school organizations. Mr. Troy said he would look into it.

MEDICAL INSURANCE UPDATE

Open enrollment for Blue Cross Blue Shield Medical Insurance is this month. The effective date for the insurance will be February 1, 2013 to June 30, 2013. Total premiums decreased approximately 4%. The annual savings for the employee will be \$53.04. Mr. Troy is continuing to work with MTA insurance committee. New enrollment will begin in July so all the insurances are on the same enrollment schedule.

2013-2014 PROPOSED School CALENDAR

Mr. Stein presented the tentative calendar for the 2013-14 school year. The calendar will be approved at the February Board meeting.

SPANISH

Mr. Franceschini asked the administration to consider Spanish 1 taught at Lincoln Way be offered as a curricular class for 8th grade at MJH again. According to the survey completed by parents 39% requested the program. Dr. Vitton and Mr. Rolinitis will explore the possibility in terms of scheduling and staff; continue to discuss the semester courses currently offered. Additional information will be provided in March.

BUDGET CALENDAR

Mr. Troy provided a simplified 2013-2014 budget Calendar. The adoption on the levy has been moved up one month to November.

Mr. Spalla asked that the new buses leases coordinate with the budget calendar.

Will County Transportation Consortium agreement was presented; this is proposal for drug and alcohol testing for bus drivers at a group discount.

LINCOLN WAY SPECIAL EDUCATION MINUTES

Mrs. Moore presented to BOE:

- The biggest concern that has effected District #843 is District #122 intent to leave the cooperative causing the revamping and reallocating of expenses to the remaining districts
- Impacts bus leases, personnel, all services
- Each remaining district will vote to agree or disagree of District #122 intent. They agreed all the districts will do it in the same month

POLICY

Mr. Stein presented updates to Policy 2:260; 7:10 and 7:20 for Board review.

CERTIFY CANDIDATES FOR APRIL 2013 ELECTION

Mr. Stein presented the candidates for the April 9, 2013 Consolidated Election as follows:

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| 1. Robert Swale | 5. Mark Franceschini |
| 2. Anna M. Briscoe | 6. Jeffrey Regan |
| 3. Stacy Ann Cesta | 7. Danielle Didrickson |
| 4. Jim Andresen | |

FEES

Mr. Troy presented a report in regards to the \$20,000 applied to a contingency account during the budget process. Due to unforeseen expenditures, which were highlighted, Mr. Troy does not recommend reducing fees for the balance of 2012-13 year.

CPI figure came in earlier in the day: for December 2012 CPI rose 1.7 after a 3.0 percent increase in 2011. This was the third smallest December. In the past ten years December averaged a 2.4% increase.

Mr. Troy presented several scenarios regarding fee structures for 2013-2014. The levy for the 2013-2014 school year will be less.

1. eliminate locker fee
2. eliminate technology fee
3. eliminate both fees
4. 10% reduction in transportation fees
5. reduction of extracurricular fees at 10% and at 20 %

A chart was provided of the surrounding Lincoln Way district schools and their fees in comparison. Mr. Troy also pointed out the variance in tax rate for all schools. Frankfort 157 C the highest at 3.6144 and Mokena at the lowest 2.4452.

Mrs. Moore would like to have seen this report sooner; report was available late afternoon day of meeting; requested looking at Early Start Fees when considering all fees.

Mr. Regan requested the free and reduced numbers from surrounding districts; requested looking at transportation routing and combining runs.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Mr. Hastings provided the BOE with update of continued integration of technology in the District:

- We are immediately doubling our internet bandwidth from 20 MB to 40 MB 700/month thru June; decreasing to \$575/month July 1, 2013.
- Target the summer of 2014 for major network / services restructuring and bandwidth upgrades. Planning for this must be completed by the December – March 2014 e-rate filing period.
- The administration's goal is to have an interactive projector in each classroom. The product of choice for implementation is the **Epson Brightlink 475 wi**.
- It is also the desire of the administration to ensure that the adoption of these projectors is done in a timely manner
- A large scale implementation must be planned around appropriate installation timeframes
- Purchase 35 new computers for the MJH B100 lab. This lab has the lowest level of technology of any lab in the district. It is also one of the most heavily used labs. The computers in the B100 lab will be relocated to MIS classrooms in order to eliminate the last batch of 8+ year old computers in the district.

The BOE request the District work with PTA for additional money to sponsor some of these projects. Mr. Markham requested a timeline within the next two week regarding the implementation of the interactive projectors.

ACTION REPORTS

DISTRICT BILLS

Recommended Motion:

Mr. Peters reviewed District bills this month. Mr. Peters moved to approve the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Moore.

On Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Ford, Mr. Franceschini, Mr. Markham, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Mr. Regan, Mr. Spalla

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

Recommended Motion:

WILL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION CONSORTIUM

Mr. Spalla moved to approve the Will County Transportation Consortium Intergovernmental Agreement as presented. The motion as seconded by Mrs. Moore.

On Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Ford, Mr. Franceschini, Mr. Markham, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Mr. Regan, Mr. Spalla

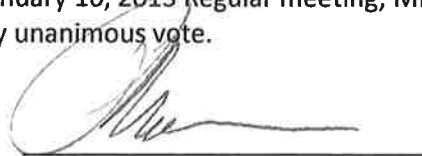
Nays: None

Abstain: None

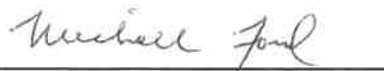
MOTION CARRIED 7-0

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:05 pm Mr. Franceschini moved to adjourn the January 16, 2013 Regular meeting; Mr. Ford seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.



President



Secretary

