

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION- MOKENA SCHOOL DISTRICT 159
MOKENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
February 9, 2012**

BOARD OF EDUCATION

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. John Troy – President	✓	
Mr. Joseph Spalla – Vice President	✓	
Mr. Patrick Markham – Secretary	✓	
Mr. Michael Ford	✓	
Mr. Mark Franceschini	✓	
Mrs. Katherine Moore	✓	Arrived at 7:14 pm
Mr. Scott Peters	✓	

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Stein, Superintendent; Chuck Vitton, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction; Kirt Hendrick, Director of Business Operation; Karen Perry, Assistant to the Superintendent, Mike Rolinitis, Principal; Nancy Chibe, Principal; Chris Clavenna, Principal; Judy Splayt, Asst. Principal; Don Shaughnessy, Dean of Students, Ann Lewandowski, Director of Food Services, Ken Stanley, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Ron Kaczorowski, Director of Transportation; Steve Hastings, Director of Technology, Mary Louise Knoerzer, Board Secretary. Debi Blank, Kath Arduino, Michelle Matt, Laurel McGowan, Kim Rueth.

VISITORS PRESENT:

Gina Arndt, Jackie Tulk, Nancy Arndt, Megan Wagner, Jack Bahnaman, Mark Kalinowski, Sandy Wayne, Susan Stratton, Gabrys ' family, John Abell, Claudia Gricus, Kathy Tucker.

PRESS

Hanna Kohut, Mokena Messenger; Ginger Brashinger, Southtown Star; Paul Dailing, Mokena Patch

MOMENT of SILENCE

President Troy called for a moment of silence to remember Frank Ventura a much respected Board member who resigned in September 2011.

OPENING AND ROLL CALL

President Troy called the Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Mokena Public School District 159 to order at 7:00 p.m. on February 8, 2012.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC

Gina Arndt, a student at MIS, requested the Outdoor Ed trip to Camp Timber lee be reinstated; presented the Board with a petition signed by 85 students.

Jack Bahnaman, a resident, parent and a representative from Lincoln Way Blue Demons, asked to the Board to meet with him and his Board regarding the fields they have maintained for the 10 years* behind MES; their program develops social skills, good sportsmanship in their participants.*contract with MPS from 2007- 2012.

MTA- No comment

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASE –Dr. Chibe introduced teachers Steve Roberts and Megan Horsch, along with students Connie Beebe, Danielle Abell and Giana Gricus. All participated in a PowerPoint presentation of the “rocket” program that takes place at MIS in Fall and Spring. The girls showed the Board some of the student made rockets.

consideration; StratPlan- three year outlook. Mr. Troy wants to review StratPlan prior to it going to Finance committee.

- **Policy**-Chairman Markham reported the committee had second readings of policies: after some discussion the following policies are:
 - 2:150 Committees- back to committee level for further verification; send any input
 - 4:110 Transportation- Second reading in March
- **Building & Grounds/Transportation**- Chairman Ford reported the committee has made:
 - Final recommendation regarding MIS /MES
 - Next meeting 2/23/2012
- **Parent Advisory**- Chairman Spalla reported:
 - The building principals presented chart tracking discipline results in 2010-11- to 2011-12
 - Rachel 's Challenge working to reinstate at MJH
 - Bullying issues addressed
 - Reciprocal agreement with Mokena Police and 159
- **Curriculum** –Dr. Vitton will present
 - Early Start Program for 2012-2013 at this Board meeting
 - Next meeting 2/29/2012
- **Technology**- Chairman Spalla reported the committee had:
 - Recording the meetings did not work; due to insufficient equipment
 - Facility tour cancelled
 - Review plan for budget purposes
 - Next meeting 2/14/2012

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

After much research and discussion, the Building-Grounds and Transportation Committee is recommending to the Board of Education, that Mokena Intermediate School remain open for 2012-2013 and continue to function as a grade 4-5 building.

Mr. Peters questioned MES/MIS building usage for 2012-13 is on the agenda for both Information and Action. After Board discussion it was decided to have a Special meeting on February 23, 2012 for purposes of Early Start and MES/MIS building usage action; also review the presentation on MIS as presented at Forum; also StratPlan presentation with Mr. Heidemann.

JOINT CONFERENCE REPORT

Mrs. Moore shared with the Board of Education their experiences at the Joint Conference in November. She participated in a workshop how to work with the Board and the superintendent; was certified in Open Meetings Act. Also attended an IPAD class which was very interesting; but all teacher/classes need to be on board.


EARLY START PROGRAM CONSIDERATIONS

Dr. Vitton presented to the Board of Education a detailed PowerPoint of the Early Start program at MES along with several studies regarding the history and results of At-Risk programs. Dr. Vitton is requesting the Board make a decision of the fate of MPS159 Early Start program for 2012-13 school year later this month. Mrs. Moore thanked Dr. Vitton, Ms. Matt and the committee for their commitment to this project. Questions were asked and answered.

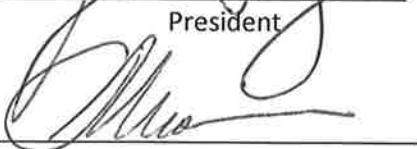
SCHEDULE B ACTIVITIES FEES

Mr. Markham wants discussion to continue among the Board regarding eliminating fees for extra curriculars that are non- athletic programs.

Mr. Peters said the previous Board did not take this action lightly when it was voted to charge for all extracurricular.



President



Secretary