MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION- MOKENA SCHOOL DISTRICT 159 MOKENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MARCH 8, 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	√	
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, Kathy Arduino, Michelle Matt, Joyce Siska, Kim Truffa, Judy Kuypers, Heather Esgar,

VISITORS PRESENT:

Joe Moore, Andrea Espinosa, Peter Hitterman, Cne Doran, Renee Roberson, Kristen Welch.

PRESS

Ryan Bray, Mokena Messenger; Ginger Brashinger, Southtown Star; Paul Dailing, Mokena Patch

OPENING AND ROLL CALL

President Troy called the Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Mokena Public School District 159 to order at 7:03 p.m. on March 8, 2012.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Splayt along with students Turner Doran, Haley Hitterman, Logan Gilberston and Katelyn Edmier led the Board of Education and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC

Kathy Arduino, teacher, spoke on behalf of Early Start and charging tuition for the program.

Andrea Espinosa, a parent of child who benefited from ES, requested the Board to keep the program available in the District at a reasonable cost; the great benefits of program.

Joe Moore, parent and resident of Mokena, spoke on behalf of ES, requesting the program remain in the district for the good of ALL Mokena residents and the education process.

Kirstin Welch, a parent and resident of Mokena, advocated for full day kindergarten; advocated for ES. Bill Phelps, a parent and resident of Mokena, asked the Board to consider a carnival as a source of revenue for the district; talked to vendor; some minor details worked out.

MTA- No comment

Board of Education

Kathy Moore spoke on the benefits and outcomes of the Early Start program in the district.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASE –Mrs. Splayt introduced teacher Heather Esgar and students Turner Doran, Haley Hitterman, Logan Gilberston and Katelyn Edmier to the BOE. All participated in a PowerPoint

presentation of samples from their writing binders. The students shared with the Board some of the decorated binders.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Stein reported:

- no FOIA request
- He and Mr. Troy attended a leaders meeting with the Village of Mokena; School organizations or clubs possible having a booth at French Market
- Received Certificate of Recognition from Will County ROE

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mr. Peters, seconded by Mr. Spalla to approve the following previous meeting minutes:

Regular Meeting, February 8, 2012, Special meeting February 23, 2012 and Closed Session, February 8 12, 2012 and February 23, 2012 part 1 and part 2.

On Roll Call

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

Nays: None Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:43 p.m. Mr. Spalla moved to adjourn to Closed Session for purposes of personnel; to return. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ford.

On Roll Call

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

Nays: None Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

OPEN SESSION

At 8:30 p.m., President Troy called Open Session to order. The Board meeting was opened by unanimous vote.

INFORMATION REPORTS

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Hendrick reviewed the Financial Report with the Board of Education. Mr. Hendrick presented to BOE contingency fund charts and graphs summarizing the activity.

TREASURER REPORT

Mr. Hendrick reviewed the Treasurer's Report with the Board of Education. Mr. Hendrick presented to BOE charts reflecting the status of categorical payments.

Mr. Troy commended Mr. Hendrick and the business office for their hard work on developing the additional graphs and charts.

LINCOLN WAY SPECIAL EDUCATION MINUTES

Mrs. Moore reviewed the important points:

- Fundraiser March 31, 2012 Fashion/Talent Show
- SELF program will be located in Dist. 122
- Sealcoating bid
- Federal Grants in process of being filed
- June 11-Loose the Training Wheels

COMMITTEE REPORTS

• Finance- Chairman Peters reported the committee met 2/29/2012 regarding:

- o Annual audit results
- Overview of Professional Negotiations Agreement
- o Fiscal 2012-2013 budget
- StratPlan presentation
- Meet w/directors and principals on March 30 for 2012-13 budget
- **Policy-**Chairman Markham reported the committee had second readings of policies: after some discussion the following policies are:
 - o 2:150 Committees- approved for second reading
 - o 2:110 Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers- approved for second reading
 - 2:210 Organization of BOE meetings approved for second reading
 - o 4:60 Purchases and contract- send back to committee for further clarification
 - o 4:150 Facility Management- contingent on the results from 4:60
- Building & Grounds/Transportation- Chairman Ford reported the committee:
 - o Next Meeting March 29 at MIS
- Parent Advisory- Chairman Spalla reported:
 - Next meeting March 22
- Curriculum –Mr. Troy reported the committee:
 - o Discussion regarding Early Start Program for 2012-2013
 - Kindergarten discussion move to March 28th
- Technology- Chairman Spalla reported the committee had:
 - o Equipment for BOE meetings needs to be reconsidered
 - Reviewed plan for 2012-2013 budget
 - o Update memory on older equipment
 - o Must align Technology to Curriculum
 - o Next meeting April 19

JOINT CONFERENCE REPORT

Mr. Peters shared with the Board of Education his experiences at the Joint Conference in November. He participated in a workshop regarding bargaining and how to handle RIF; very informative. Cyber Bullying (internet/cell phones) workshop also was very informative. Senate Bill 7 workshop was interesting as well.

BID PROCESS FOR CUSOTDIAL AND MAINTENANCE

Mr. Hendrick presented to Board of Education the basic process for bidding on custodial and maintenance supplies for 2012-2012 school year.

BUDGET CALENDAR

Mr. Hendrick presented to Board of Education the budget calendar for 2012-2013.

FEES FOR 2012-2013

Mr. Stein presented to the Board of Education the fees for student book fees, transportation fees, lunch fee, building usage fees and Schedule B Activity fees to the Board for 2012-2013. The BOE was in agreement that the current fees continue for the 2012-2013 school year. Mr. Spalla requested revisiting the fee for transportation due to lack of future payments from the state of Illinois.

FEES FOR EARLY START

Dr. Vitton presented to the Board of Education the suggested fee for this program.

BUS LEASES for 2012-2013

Mr. Hendrick presented to the Board of Education the bus lease replacement calendar. He is requesting action on leases for four new buses in April. Some Board members asked to consider District #210.

ACTION REQUESTS

PERSONNEL

Recommended Motion:

Mr. Markham moved to approve personnel recommendations 1 through 10 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spalla.

On Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

1. Administrative -New Hire

Eileen Parente Director of District 7/1/2012 \$100,000

Student Services

2. Administrator Recommendations for the 2012-2013

Charles Vitton Assistant Superintendent of Instruction 12 months

Kirt Hendrick Director of Business Operations 12 months

Michael Rolinitis Principal of Mokena Junior High 12 months

Christine Clavenna Principal of Mokena Elementary School 12 months

Judith Splayt Assistant Principal of Mokena 10.5 months

Elementary School

Steve Hastings Director of Technology 12 months

Ken Stanley Director of Buildings and Grounds 12 months

Ann Lewandowski Director of Food Service 200 days

Ron Kaczorowski Director of Transportation 11 months

3. First Year Teachers to Rehire for Year Two

Michael Manns

Andrea Kinsella-Lacny

Nicole Kmiec

Nicole Marx

Allison Kwiatoski

4. Second Year Teachers to Rehire for Year Three

Renee Missella Lori Meehan

5. Third Year Teachers to Rehire for Year Four

Kathryn Flaherty

6. Renewal- Part-time Certified Staff

Laura Dosen

7. Honorable Dismissal -Certified Staff

Jennifer Macie

Teacher - MJH

8. Non-Renewal- Certified Staff

XXX-XX-5256

9. Classified - New Hire

Debbie Kurowski

Food Server

District

March 9, 2012

3 hours/day

\$8.31/hour/166/year

Felicia Davis

Food Server

District N

March 9, 2012

3 hours/day

\$8.31hour/166/year

10. Certified - Resignation

Meghan Darnell

teacher

MES

5/27/2012

DISTRICT BILLS

Recommended Motion:

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

On Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

BOARD POLICY 4:110

Recommended Motion:

Mr. Ford move to approve policy 4:110 transportation as presented. The motion was seconded Mr. Franceschini.

On Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

PREPARATION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 TENTATIVE BUDGET

Recommended Motion:

Mr. Spalla moved that the Board of Education authorize the preparation of the Fiscal 2012-2013 for Mokena School District 159. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Moore.

On Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

VERBATIM DESTRUCTION OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Recommended Motion:

Mr. Spalla moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to destroy the verbatim audio recordings of the Closed Session Meeting proceedings as presented. Mr. Peters seconded the motion.

On Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

SEMI-ANNUAL REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION

Recommended Motion:

Closed Session minutes were reviewed by Mr. Peters, Mr. Ford and Mr. Stein.

Mr. Peters moved to approve Closed Session minutes 11/14/2007, 09/13/2010 and 09/08/2011 to be opened as presented between January 13, 1982 and January 21, 2012. Mr. Spalla seconded the motion.

On Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

FEES FOR EARLY START

Recommended Motion:

Mrs. Moore moved that Mokena School District 159 continue to offer the Early Start program for at-risk preschoolers in the district, at a fee of \$168.00 per year. Mr. Peters seconded the motion.

Discussion regarding this action took place among Board of Education and some audience members. Mrs. Moore stated she was not locked into the \$168 fee. Mr. Peters concurred; wants to maintain the program. Mr. Ford advocates for ES; would like to offset the cost of the program by one-third

No Roll Call vote taken.

Amended Motion:

Mr. Spalla motioned to amend the motion that Mokena School District 159 continue to offer the Early Start program for at-risk preschoolers in the district, at a fee of \$75 per month. Mr. Markham seconded the motion.

On Roll Call

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

Nays: None Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

APPOINTMENT OF LIAISON TO MEF AND PTA

Mr. Troy appointed Mr. Franceschini to the Mokena Educational Foundation as a liaison.

On Roll Call

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

Nays: None Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

Mr. Troy appointed Mr. Markham to PTA as a liaison.

On Roll Call

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

Nays: None Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

ITEMS FOR April 12, 2012 AGENDA

- Policies-first and second readings
- School Fees
- Carnival opportunity explored by BOE

GOOD OF MOKENA

- Mrs. Moore and her husband Joe Moore stated they will sponsor two students for Early Start for the 2012-2013 school year who cannot afford the tuition based program.
- Mr. Spalla reported the Band Students participated in IGSMA and Ensemble contest; MIS 24 -1st place ratings-2 2nd place ratings; MJH 64 1st place ratings- 25 2nd place ratings.

CLOSED SESSION

At 10:50 p.m. Mr. Ford moved to adjourn to Closed Session for purposes of personnel and leasing; not to return. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spalla.

On Roll Call

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

Nays: None Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

Regular Meeting March 8, 2012

President

Secretary