

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION- MOKENA SCHOOL DISTRICT 159
MOKENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
April 18, 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 7:03 pm
Mr. Scott Peters	✓	

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Stein, Superintendent; Chuck Vitton, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction; Kirt Hendrick, Director of Business Operation; Mike Rolinitis, Principal; Chris Clavenna, Principal; Judy Splayt, Asst. Principal; Don Shaughnessy, Dean of Students, Ron Kaczorowski, Director of Transportation; Steve Hastings, Director of Technology, Mary Louise Knoerzer, Board Secretary. Debi Blank, Kathy Arduino, Kim Truffa, Cathy Lark, Laurel McGowan, Laura Lynch, Patt Di Fiore, Toni Szostak.

VISITORS PRESENT:

Eric Melnyczenko, Lynn Garrison, Laura Chiarappa, Johnny Veiskus, Jeff Regan.

PRESS

Ginger Brashinger, Southtown Star; Jeff Graveline, 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 7:00 p.m. on April 18, 2012.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC

Laura Lynch, building aide, spoke on behalf of classified staff; requesting the BOE look at the current salaries of 7-8 yr employees vs. new hires; twelve cents per hour separates these employees.

MTA- No comment

BOARD OF EDUCATION

John Troy thanked the BOE, administrators and staff for their condolences of the passing of his mother

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Stein reported:

- Introduced Eileen Parente hired as Director of Student Services.
- FOIA request from Pennsylvania firm for special services was answered
- Volunteered to be on the *Site and Long-range Planning Committee* for District #843
- May 1st is Parents' Day in the District

PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Mr. Rolinitis reported:

- MJH participated in Government Day- broadcast on Channel 6
- Washington DC trip next weekend- 50 students attending; could not accommodate the wait list

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Finance**-No update
- **Policy**-No update.
- **Building & Grounds/Transportation**- Chairman Ford reported the committee discussed:
 - Bus leases for 2012-2013 school year
 - Custodial bid process –May for 2012-2103
- **Parent Advisory**- Chairman Spalla reported:
 - Working on Parent/Student handbook
 - Reciprocal agreement with Mokena Police Department
 - Bullying- how this issue is being handled at all the schools
- **Curriculum** –Mr. Troy reported the committee:
 - Full day Kindergarten discussion
- **Technology**- Chairman Spalla reported the committee discussed:
 - Equipment for BOE meetings needs to be reconsidered
 - Reviewed plan for 2012-2013 budget
 - Consider tablet replacement;
 - Leasing vs. purchasing of tech. equipment

BID PROCESS FOR CUSOTDIAL AND MAINTENANCE

Mr. Hendrick presented to Board of Education the bid package for custodial and maintenance supplies for 2012-2013 school year.

SUMMER HOURS

Mr. Stein presented to the Board of Education the summer hours for the district beginning June 4 ending August 3, 2012.

STANDARDIZED TESTING FOR ENRICHMENT

Dr. Vitton presented the overall standardized testing costs for FY11 and FY12. These assessments are primarily used to identify students for the Enrichment Program. Previously when brought to the Board of Education for action in 2010, it was stalled in a 3-3 tie.

SECOND GRADE NOVEL ADDITIONS

Dr. Vitton presented to the BOE the teachers request for two novels to be added to the second grade list: Charlotte's Web by E.B. White and Frindle by Andrew Clements.

CERTIFIED TRANSFERS

Dr. Vitton presented the transfers of certified staff due to upcoming retirements.

STUDENT TUITION

Mr. Hendrick presented to the BOE The student tuition figure to be used for the 2012-2013 school year is based upon the Per Capita Tuition charge furnished to the Illinois State Board of Education. The fee is: \$820.60/month based on a nine month payment.

2011 TAX EXTENSIONS

Mr. Hendrick presented the completed 2011 Mokena School District Tax Extension from the Will County Clerk's Office. For 2011, the **Equalized Assessed Value** (EAV) for the property in Mokena School District 159 is \$595,333,347. This is a decrease of \$25,728,425 or 4.14% from the 2010 EAV of \$621,061,772. The new EAV included \$4,971,675 in new property. The year-to-year change by type is as follows:

<u>Levy Yr</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>	<u>Industrial</u>	<u>Farm</u>
2011	\$503,476,754	\$72,343,361	\$19,011,857	\$501,375
2010	\$523,979,012	\$75,569,982	\$21,007,482	\$505,296

2009 \$536,501,846 \$71,735,964 \$22,579,345 \$845,932

BUS LEASING For 2012-2013 YEAR

Mr. Hendrick presented to the BOE the bus leasing replacement program. He is requesting action for leasing of four buses to maintain our current fleet later in the meeting.

POSSIBLE PENSION REFORMS

Mr. Stein shared with the BOE various reforms that are on the table with the Governor Quinn of Illinois.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

Mr. Stein presented to the BOE two contracts to consider for school photographer; Van Gogh and Life Touch.

ACTION REQUESTS

PERSONNEL

Recommended Motion:

Mrs. Moore moved to approve personnel recommendations 1 through 12 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

1. Administrative –Resignation

Christine Clavenna Principal MES 6/30/2012

2. Administrative – New Hire

Eric Melnyczenko Principal MIS 2012-2013 \$80,000/12months
school year

3. Administrative – Salary Increase

Charles Vitton Assistant District 1/1/2012- 2.5% increase based on their
Superintendent of 6/30/2012 2010-11 annual salary
Instruction

Michael Rolinitis Principal MJH 1/1/2012 - 2.5% increase based on their
6/30/2012 2010-11 annual salary

Judith Splayt Assistant Principal MES 1/1/2012 – 2.5% increase based on their
6/30/2012 2010-11 annual salary

4. Classified – Resignation

Molly Janik Nurse MES/MIS 4/5/2012

Debra Mulvaney Building Aide MIS 4/5/2012

Felicia Davis Food Server District 4/6/2012

5. Classified- Elimination of Health Aide Position at MIS

Linda Petty Health Aide MIS End of 2011-2012
school year

6. Classified – Leave of Absence

Jennifer McGee Custodian MIS 3/12/- 6/11/2012

Beverly Whittier Food Server 4/16/2012- until
doctor's release

7. Classified- New Hire

Pam Sanders Building Aide MIS 4/16/2012 6.5hrs/day 5/wk

Julie Sicinski	Sub Building Aide	MIS		\$8.31/hr \$8.31/hour
Neula Gavin	Nurse	MES/MIS	4/16/2012 thru remainder of 2011- 2012 school year	\$22/hour

8. Stipends for non-certified staff for the 2011-2012 school year

A salary stipend of 2.699% (based on the annual salary amount for the 2010-2011 school year) will be granted to non-certified staff and Directors who have not become new Mokena 159 employees or assigned to new positions since July 1, 2012.

9. Certified –Family Medical Leave

Vickie Miller	Teacher	MIS	4/2/2012 until end of 2011- 2012 school year	
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10. Certified – Extended Sub-Teacher

Marie Benjamin	Teacher	MIS	4/16 thru 5/25/2012	\$149.84/day
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11. Classified – New Hire

Karen Bussean	Instructional Aide	MJH	4/20 thru 5/25/2012	\$ 9.06/hr 1hr/day 5 days/wk
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12. Certified-New Hire

Ryan Bell	Teacher	MJHS	2012-2013 school year	\$37, 948 Lane 1, Step D
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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 Mr. Markham.

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 POLICIES

Recommended Motion:

Mr. Markham move to approve policy Board Policies 2:150, 2:110, 2:210 as presented. The motion was seconded 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

AUTHORIZATION TO BID

Recommended Motion:

Mr. Ford moved to authorize Mokena School District 159 to initiate the bidding process for the custodian and maintenance supplies according to board policy. The motion was seconded by Mr. Markham.

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

BUS LEASING 2012-2013

Mr. Markham moved that the Mokena School District Board of Education approve the lease of four

new buses from Midwest Transit Equipment at the rate of \$10,559 per bus for a five year lease and authorize the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee to sign the lease agreement. 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

FEES for 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR

Recommended Motion:

Mr. Spalla move to approve the fees for the 2012-2013 school year as presented excluding the transportation fee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Peters.

No roll was taken.

Discussion was held among the Board regarding extra- curricular and transportation fees.

Amended Motion:

Mr. Markham moved to approve the building usage fee, lunch fee, registrations fees, and Schedule B: extra-curriculars as presented. Mr. Franceschini 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

Mr. Markham motioned to table the issue of transportation fees to the next regular meeting n May. Mr. Franceschini seconded the motion.

On Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Ford, Mr. Franceschini, Mr. Markham, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Troy
Nays: Mr. Peters, Mr. Spalla Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 5-2

SUMMER TEMPORARY CUSTODIAL POSITIONS

Mr. Spalla move to authorize the process of finding and hiring up to three (3) summer temporary Custodial positions. Mrs. Moore 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

CARNIVAL

Mr. Troy presented the contract to the BOE; the contract is between the Board of Education Big H amusements.

Recommended motion:

Mr. Markham moved to approve the Agreement for Operation of Carnival and Related Facilities at Mokena School District 159. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ford.

On Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Ford, Mr. Franceschini, Mr. Markham, Mr. Spalla, Mr. Troy
Nays: Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 5-2

Carnival discussion regarding additional cost for insurance and insurance riders, for garbage removal port-a- potties, timing of event(during school year), use of the grounds and security was had among the Board.

At 10:12 pm, Mr. Stein, President Pro-Tem, called the re-organization meeting to order.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Mr. Stein opened up nominations for President. Mrs. Moore nominated Mr. Spalla for President. Mr. Ford nominated Mr. Troy for President. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed for President. Mr. Spalla received three votes; Mr. Troy received four votes. Mr. Stein declared Mr. Troy elected president by majority of the votes cast. Mr. Troy is elected President of the Board of Education.

ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT

Mr. Troy opened up nominations for Vice-President. Mr. Franceschini nominated Mr. Markham for Vice-President. Mr. Spalla nominated Mr. Peters for Vice-President. Mr. Peters respectfully declined this nomination. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed for Vice-President. Mr. Troy declared Mr. Markham Vice-President elected by unanimous vote. Mr. Markham is elected Vice-president of the Board of Education.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY

Mr. Troy opened up nominations for Secretary. Mr. Markham nominated Mr. Ford for Secretary. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed for Secretary. Mr. Troy declared Mr. Ford Secretary elected by unanimous vote. Mr. Ford is elected Secretary of the Board of Education.

Committee Structure

Mr. Troy initiated discussion on revamping the regular Board meeting and the Committee meeting structure; establish a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Franceschini motioned to have a regular Board meeting and a Meeting of the Whole each month. The motion was seconded by Mr. Markham.

On Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Ford, Mr. Franceschini, Mr. Markham, Mr. Troy

Nays: Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Mr. Spalla

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 4-3

Mr. Troy suspended all future Board Committees. Parent Advisory Committee will continue the committee structure; due to policy.

Selection of times

Motion #1

Mr. Markham motioned to schedule the Meetings of the Whole and regular Board meetings the first and third Wednesday of the month. The motion was seconded by Mr. Franceschini.

Discussion was held among the Board of Education. Mrs. Moore stated, due to her work schedule out of town, she will not be able to attend these meetings in person.

No Roll Call vote was taken.

Amended Motion:

Mr. Spalla motioned to schedule the regular Board on the second Thursday of the month and schedule the Meeting of the Whole on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Mrs. Moore seconded the amended motion.

No Roll Call vote was taken.

Amend the Amended Motion:

Mr. Peters amended the previous motion to schedule the Committee of the Whole to meet the second Thursday of the month and schedule the regular Board meeting to the fourth Thursday of the month.

On Roll Call

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

Nays: Mr. Ford, Mr. Franceschini, Mr. Markham, Mr. Troy

Abstain: None

MOTION Failed 3-4

Amended Motion:

On Roll Call

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

Nays: Mr. Ford, Mr. Franceschini, Mr. Markham, Mr. Troy Abstain: None

MOTION Failed 3-4

Motion #1:

On Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Ford, Mr. Franceschini, Mr. Markham, Mr. Troy

Nays: Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Mr. Spalla

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 4-3

ITEMS FOR MAY, 2012 AGENDA

- Benefits of the Enrichment program
- Transportation Fees

Mr. Peters requested the referendum issue be put on agenda for next month; wants to clarify to the public that the Board of Education would **not** support a referendum in the near future. Mr. Troy denied the request; in accordance with School Code; asked if three members supported the addition, only two members (Peters and Moore) made the request.

FOR THE GOOD OF MOKENA

CLOSED SESSION

At 10:40 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. Markham.

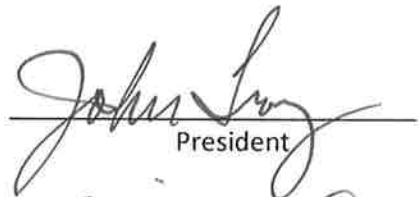
On Roll Call

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

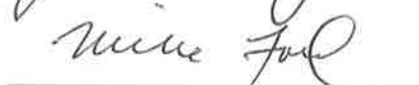
Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 7-0



President



Secretary