

**MINUTES RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MOKENA SCHOOL DISTRICT 159 - BOARD OF EDUCATION
MOKENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
May 1, 2013**

BOARD OF EDUCATION

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Patrick Markham- President	✓	
Mr. Joe Spalla- Vice President	✓	
Mr. Michael Ford- Secretary	✓	
Mr. Franceschini	✓	
Mrs. Kathy Moore		✓
Mr. Scott Peters	✓	
Mr. Regan	✓	

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Stein, Superintendent; Chuck Vitton, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction; Eileen Parente, Director of Student Services, John Troy, Director of Business Operations; Mike Rolinitis, principal; Anna Kirchner, Principal; Eric Melnyczenko, Principal; Steve Hastings, Director of Technology, Ken Stanley, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Mary Louise Knoerzer, Board Secretary, Debi Blank, Kim Rueth, Toni Szostak, Erin Menozzi, Andrea-Kinsella-Lacny, Laurel McGowan, Kim Truffa, Cathy Lark, Cheryl Behland, Julie Tiberi, Sharon Smutny, Luann Lodes, Michelle Matt, Katherine Barr, Pat Haiser.

VISITORS: Omar Castillo, Bob and Madeline Kral, Grege and Beth Andresen, Tom Briscoe, Christy Peloquin Mullin, Beth Rogers, Jenny Daley and Stephanie Thompson.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board of Education, Administration and visitors recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN SESSION and ROLL CALL

Mr. Markham called the Re-organizational meeting of the Board of Education of Mokena Public School District 159 to order at 7:01 pm on May 1, 2013.

COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC: Mr. Melnyczenko led the audience in song- "Happy Birthday" to Superintendent Stein.

MTA: Mrs. Szostak, MTA president, read a statement thanking the outgoing Board members for their service to the District; welcoming the new Board members; commenting on the MTA's dissatisfaction of the hiring of new staff in regards to salaries and experience.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mr. Ford moved to approve *amended* minutes for Special Meeting April 10, Regular meeting April 17, 2013 and Closed Session April 10 and 17, 2013, seconded by Mr. Peters. The Board was all in favor.

CANVAS RESULTS OF APRIL 9, 2013 ELECTION

Mr. Markham confirmed the canvas of votes verified by Will County Clerk's Office. Mr. Markham thanked former and incoming Board members for their commitment.

SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

At 7:18 pm Mr. Markham asked for motion to adjourn the Board, "Sine Die". Mr. Peters moved the Board adjourn "Sine Die", motion was seconded by Mr. Spalla. The Board adjourned by unanimous vote.

RECOGNITION ON NON-RETURNING BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Stein recognized members, Jeff Regan, Mark Franceschini, Scott Peters and Katherine Moore for their service to the District. Mr. Markham presented each outgoing member with a token from the District.

Mr. Peters thanked the community and the District for allowing him to serve; met many people through this experience; was a pleasure; he may be stepping down but not stepping away.

PRESIDENT PRO—TEM/OATH OF OFFICE

At 7:19 Superintendent Stein serving as President Pro-Tem called the Mokena School District 159 Board of Education meeting to order. New Board members: Mr. Andresen, Mrs. Briscoe, Mrs. Cesta and Mrs. Didrickson recited their Oaths of Office and took their seats on the Board.

After the Oaths were recited the Board, audience and administration enjoyed cake and coffee in honor of outgoing Board members and incoming members.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Mr. Stein opened the nomination for President. Mr. Ford nominated Mr. Spalla for President. Mr. Andresen nominated Mrs. Didrickson for President. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed for President. Mr. Stein asked for a show of hands for nominee Spalla for president; Mr. Spalla received a vote of two. Mr. Stein asked for a show of hands for nominee Didrickson for president; Mrs. Didrickson received a vote of five. Mr. Stein declared Mrs. Didrickson received the majority of the votes cast and is elected President of the Board of Education; he directed the secretary to record in minutes. Mrs. Didrickson assumed the chair as President.

ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT

Mrs. Didrickson opened the nominations for Vice-president. Mrs. Cesta nominated Mr. Andresen for Vice –President. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed for Vice-President. Mrs. Didrickson declared Mr. Andresen Vice-President by unanimous vote and directed the secretary to record in minutes.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY

Mrs. Didrickson opened the nominations for Secretary. Mrs. Cesta nominated Mrs. Briscoe for Secretary. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed for Secretary. Mrs. Didrickson declared Mrs. Briscoe Secretary by unanimous vote and directed the secretary to record in minutes.

SELECTION OF DAY AND TIMES FOR MEETINGS

Mr. Spalla moved, seconded by Mr. Andresen to approve the dates as listed for the Regular meetings of the Board of Education from June 2013 through May 2015.

APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT 843 REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs. Didrickson appointed Mrs. Cesta Special Education Representative and Mr. Spalla as the alternate.

INFORMATION REPORTS

PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK 2013-2014

Mr. Stein presented a first read of the Parent/Student Handbook for next year; asked to send any questions or concern via email; asking for approval at the next regular Board meeting.

NEW READING PROGRAM

Dr. Vitton presented on behalf of the ELA Curriculum Committee to the BOE Journeys 2014 (Houghton, Mifflin, Harcourt) as the new reading program for grades K-5.

The implementation plan for the new K-5 Reading series is:

- Kindergarten – Third Grade: FY14 (purchased out of FY13 budget)
- Fourth Grade – Fifth Grade: FY15 (purchased out of FY14 budget)

In the fall of 2013, MJHS ELA department will begin the process to determine which curriculum resources will best serve our students (and serve as a “bridge” between the K-5 program and what is being offered at Lincoln-Way East). The implementation plan for a new Reading program at MJHS will be:

- Sixth Grade – Eighth Grade: FY16 (purchased out of FY15 budget)

Questions were asked and answered by the Board. The district has not had a major adoption for 10 years.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:06 pm Mr. Ford moved to adjourn the May 1, 2013 Re-Organizational meeting; Mrs. Briscoe seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.



President

Secretary

