

**MINUTES COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MOKENA SCHOOL DISTRICT 159 - BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MOKENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
MAY 2, 2012**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. John Troy – President	✓	
Mr. Joseph Spalla– Vice President	✓	
Mr. Patrick Markham	✓	
Mr. Mike Ford	✓	
Mr. Franceschini	✓	
Mrs. Kathy 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; Chris Clavenna, Principal; Judy Splayt, Asst. Principal; Ron Kaczorowski, Director of Transportation; Steve Hastings, Director of Technology, Mary Louise Knoerzer, Board Secretary.

**VISITORS: None**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**OPEN SESSION and ROLL CALL**

Mr. Troy called the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Board of Education of Mokena Public School District 159 to order at 7:00pm on May 2, 2012.

**Public Comments: None**

**INFORMATION REPORTS**

**Technology Report**

Mr. Hastings, Director of Technology, gave an overview of the state of the district to date. He updated the Board on projects completed this year;

- Over 200o support requests
- Removed all CRT monitors- 6300 lbs recycled
- Redesigned district website
- Replace district firewall
- Replaced 40 computers at MJH
- STI improvements
- Purchased Dell Latitude ST tablet to evaluate
- Purchased 2 Elmo CRA-1 extension tablets for evaluation for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

In process:

- Implement a shared modem technology in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade
- Replace current aging back-up system w/modem disk array based backup system

Mr. Hastings spoke on Proposed Technology

- Beginning implementing a wireless system – approx. \$60,000
  - Purchase classroom computing devices(PC, tablets, iPads, cameras)- approx. \$34,000
- Mr. Hastings presented some information on future direction of Technology in the district.

- Implement curriculum designed to take advantage of these new technologies ; Gain an understanding of technology requirements for state testing ; Implementation of software\services to support common core ; Continue Implementing a wireless network infrastructure to support mobility in the classroom
- Increase internet connectivity speeds to support district needs
- Upgrade\enhance internal network infrastructure to support required end user performance levels
- Move to a virtualized desktop environment (required to provide an environment that is secure and manageable when supporting various hardware platforms)
- Mounted projectors\document cameras in all classrooms
- Interactive classroom equipment\ devices (tablet PCs, iPads, or some other future technology)
- Operating system upgrades\changes
- Office Suite upgrade \ replacement

Mr. Hastings presented ideas for future needs of the district Infrastructure. These projects need to be considered in the future in order to maintain current operations. They are considered a cost of operating the school district. Questions were asked by the BOE and answered by Mr. Hastings and Dr. Vitton.

### **Transportation Update**

Mr. Hendrick presented information regarding the revenue and expenditure of the student transportation program in Mokena School district 159. Several reports were included regarding revenue received. Actual data from Transportation Claim Reports from 2001 to present were referred to. Discussion regarding the current state of transportation and funding in the state of Illinois was had.

### **Carnival Update**

Mr. Troy gave a carnival update regarding dates and times:  
Thursday and Friday May 17 and 18<sup>th</sup> 4- 11pm, Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 11am to midnight and Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 11am to 8 pm. Sponsors were secured for event; Pepsi will be providing signage; contract agreement for port a potties was supplied. Next update will be May 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **ACTION REPORTS**

#### **Personnel**

#### **Recommended Motion:**

Mr. Spalla moved to approve personnel recommendations 1 through 5 as presented, subject to successful background checks, drug screening and physicals. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ford.

#### **On Roll Call**

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

#### **MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

#### **1. Administrative – New Hire**

Anna Kirchner	Principal	MES	2012-2013 school year	\$80,000/year 12 months
Mari Jo Hanson	Assistant Principal	MJH	2012-2013 school year	\$60,000/year 10.5 months

**2. Certified- Retirement**

Patricia Kwilosz                      Teacher                      MES                      End of the 2011-  
2012 school year

**3. Certified - New Hire**

Caryn Hill                      Teacher                      MIS                      2012-2013 school      Lane 1 Step E  
year                      \$39,869

**4. Classified – New Hire**

Karen Cronin                      Sub Building Aide      MIS                      4/26/2012 thru end of  
2011-2012 school year

**5. Classified- Resignation**

Jeff Novak                      Building Aide              MIS                      4/20/2012  
Instructional Aide

**Transportation Fees for 2012-2013 School year**

Prior to the motion discussion was had regarding transportation fees and the state reimbursements.

Mr. Markham moved to charge \$200 per eligible student residing over 1.5 miles from school or in a hazard zone and charge \$375 per student living 1.5 miles from school for the 2012-13 school year. Mr. Ford seconded the motion.

**On Roll Call**

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

Nays: None                      Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Mr. Stein presented to the Board a "work in progress" agenda for the future meetings of Committee of the Whole. This new format will be informational reports in nature; professional development for the Board of Education. Rotation to the other schools will be considered.

Mr. Markham revisited the fact MPS 159 is charging for extracurricular for the 2012-2013 school year. He requested this subject be brought before the Board of Education again for action at May 16 regular Board meeting.

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 9:55pm Mr. Franceschini 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, Mr. Spalla, Mr. Troy,

Nays: None                      Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

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President

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Secretary

