

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION- MOKENA SCHOOL DISTRICT 159
MOKENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
May 16, 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	✓	Via phone
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, Laurel McGowan, Kim Rueth.

VISITORS PRESENT:

John McGivney, Carol Garcia, Maribeth Meaux, Dina Fugett, Lindsey Samanic, Michelle Yurgin, Deanna Huetkovsky.

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 7:03 p.m. on May 16, 2012.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC

Bill Phelps, gave a carnival update; thank the BOE and Mr. Stein; had additional donation check for \$100.
Dina Fugett, a parent, outlined the proposal from Music Boosters sent to Mr. Stein; offering to pay for aide and part-time teachers-\$4000-\$5000.

Maribeth Meaux, a parent, spoke in support of music program; encouraged BOE to support Music Boosters proposal; charge fee for class.

John McGivney, community member, asked if the BOE pays the employee portion of TRS.

MTA- No comment

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mr. Peters addressed a letter to the editor explaining his wife works as a sub bldg. aide; addressed the issue he did NOT want to have a referendum

Mr. Markham, discussed leasing options regarding the Blue Demons. Provided the BOE with information what the Blue Demons were willing to donate.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Stein reported:

- Multiple End-of-the-Year events going on thru out the District
- No FOIA request

- Carnival setup running smoothly
- Goals Special meeting May 12, 2012

PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Mr. Rolinitis reported:

- Just got back with the 8th grade Great American trip
- May 24th 8th grade Graduation – LW East at 7pm

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mr. Spalla, seconded by Mr. Franceschini to approve the following previous amended meeting minutes: Regular Meeting, April 18, 2012; Special Meeting April 2, 2012; Closed Session, April 2; April 18, 2012.

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

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. Expenses are \$800,000 less than last year at this time.

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. Spalla requested a fund balance report.

LINCOLN WAY SPECIAL EDUCATION MINUTES

Mrs. Moore reviewed the important points:

- Meeting was held May 5, 2012
- Roof repair at Pioneer Grove bldg. was a big expenditure
- Joint Site and Planning Committee was set up; meeting will be set up over summer

HOLIDAY SCHOOL WAIVER

Mr. Stein reviewed with the Board of Education the reason to have a public hearing regarding the five holidays as sited in packet; instructional activities will be done on these particular days. The May 16, 2012 School Board meeting shall serve as the public hearing to both the educators and the community of Mokena Public Schools that Mokena School District 159 is requesting school to be conducted on these holidays as well as any holiday listed below according to School Code 24-2 with no expiration date for this request.

CLASSIFIED HANDBOOK

Mr. Stein reviewed with the Board of Education the Classified Employee Handbook. He thanked the district office personnel who worked on this document. He reviewed some of the key changes. Mr. Stein will present the handbook with classified employees in June and the Fall.

RESOLUTION OF INTEREST EARNINGS

Mr. Hendrick reviewed the Interest Earnings resolution proposal with the Board of Education.

EXTRA -CURRICULAR FEES

Mr. Rolinitis presented to BOE data regarding extra- curricular activities. Policies and fee structure needs to be considered for participation in all of our activities. A game plan was presented if fees were to be revised for signup and payment; also commitment to the conference for DPVC competition.

MUSIC PROGRAM

Mr. Rolinitis presented to BOE several options regarding Music and Band program.

1. Keep things the same as they are this year
2. Move Band into the school day and Move Choir to an Extracurricular
3. Band and Choir become Extracurricular

Mr. Rolinitis presented concerns regarding each of these options.

AGREEMENT FOR RECIPROCAL REPORTING BETWEEN MPS 159 & MOKENA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Stein reviewed with the Board of Education the agreement the reciprocal agreement between the Mokena School and Mokena Police department.

NATURAL GAS BIDS

Mr. Hendrick reviewed with the BOE the three bid suppliers for natural gas. Nicor had the lowest rate. W

POLICIES -FIRST READING

Mr. Stein reviewed with the BOE several new policies:

1. 2:250 Access to District Public Records
2. 3:60 Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal
3. 3:70 Succession of Authority-**NEW**
4. 3:70-AP Administrative Procedure-Succession Plan-**NEW**
5. 5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
6. 5:100 Staff Development Program
7. 6:150 Home and Hospital Instruction
8. 6:60 Curriculum Content
9. 7:305 Student Athlete Concussion and Head Injuries- **NEW**
10. 7:305 – AP Administrative Procedures for Managing Student Athlete Concussion and Head Injuries- **NEW**
11. 7:300 – E1 Exhibit Agreement to Participate- **NEW**

ACTION REQUESTS

PERSONNEL

Recommended Motion:

Mr. Spalla moved to approve personnel recommendations 1 through 4 as presented. The motion was seconded by 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

1. Certified – New Hire

Stacey Curtis	Teacher	MIS	2012-2013 school year	Lane 1, Step A- \$35, 423
Daniel Dumford	Teacher	MIS	2012-2013 school year	Lane 4, Step E- \$44,203
Jessica Gibson	Teacher	MJH	2012-2013 school year	Lane 1, Step B-\$36,485
Mary Ann Ornelas	Sub Teacher	MES	5/9/2012 thru the end 2011-2012 school year	\$149.84/day

2. Certified –Family Medical Leave of Absence

Jennifer Thomas	Teacher	MES	4/25/2012 end 2011-2012 school year	
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3. Classified – New Hire

Anna Schuler	Sub Building Aide	MES	5/17/2012	\$8.31/day 5days/wk
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4. Certified –Resignation

Jessica Maffia Teacher MJH end 2011-2012 school year

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

Recommended Motion:

Mr. Franceschini moved to approve a five year contract with Van Gogh photographers. 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

STANDARDIZED TESTING/ENRICHMENT ELIGIBILITY

Recommended Motion:

Mr. Franceschini moved, as presented in this information report, to utilize the Reading and Mathematics universal screening / benchmarking data to reduce the time and costs associated with administering the K-5 standardized testing for enrichment placement. The motion was seconded 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

SECOND GRADE NOVEL ADDITION

Recommended Motion:

Mr. Spalla moved to approve the adoption of Charlotte's Web and Frindle as novels for use in the second grade Reading/Language Arts curriculum. The motion was seconded by 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

DISTRICT BILLS

Recommended Motion:

Mr. Spalla reviewed District bills this month. Mr. Spalla moved to approve the bills as presented. 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

CUSTODIAL BIDS

Recommended Motion:

Mr. Peters moved that the Board of Education approve the purchase of custodial and transportation supplies for the 2012-2013 school year, as presented, to the lowest responsible bidders as outlined in the summary charts included in the packet. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Moore.

No Roll Call Vote was taken

Discussion was held regarding the bids. The cost savings of the bid was not as significant as some members thought it would be.

Amended Motion:

Mr. Markham moved to reject the custodial and maintenance bids as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Franceschini.

No Roll Call Vote was taken

More discussion regarding the additional information regarding previous pricing was requested.

Amended Motion:

Mr. Markham moved to table the custodial and maintenance bids 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

NATURAL GAS BIDS

Recommended Motion:

Mr. Franceschini moved that the Board of Education approve the 24-month heating gas supply contract with Nicor Enerchange to provide heating gas supply based upon the NGI's "Bidweek Survey" index - \$0.01. 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

EXTRACURRICULAR

Recommended Motion:

Mrs. Moore moved to reduce fees for extracurricular as presented by 20%, students paying the remaining 80%. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spalla.

Amended motion:

Mr. Ford moved that extracurricular activities fee be changed as follows for: basketball fee- \$175, volleyball fee- \$175, track fee -\$150 and Cross Country fee-\$200 and other extracurricular fees remain as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Markham.

On Roll Call

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

MOTION FAILED 2-5

Original motion was called and roll call was taken.

Mrs. Moore moved to reduce fees for extracurricular as presented by 20%, students paying the remaining 80%. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spalla.

On Roll Call

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-1

Public comment made by Deana Huetkosky; additional discussion among the BOE.

MUSIC/BAND

Amended Motion:

Mr. Spalla moved that the Band program be part of the extracurricular for a fee of \$80 per student. The motion was seconded by Mr. Markham.

Public comments were made by Jen Daley and Carol Garcia; additional discussion among the BOE.

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

Amended Motion:

Mr. Spalla moved that Choir program be part of the extracurricular for a fee of \$80 per student. 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

Public comments were made by Dena Fugett, Jen Daley Michelle Yurgin and Carol Garcia.

ITEMS FOR JUNE, 2012 AGENDA

- Classified handbook
- Parent student handbook
- Operations Management Policies moved to Committee of the Whole agenda

FOR THE GOOD OF MOKENA

- Carnival this weekend at MES grounds Thursday – Sunday; thank you to Mr. Phelps

CLOSED SESSION

At 11:05 p.m. Mr. Spalla moved to adjourn to Closed Session for purposes of personnel and leasing; not to return. The motion was seconded by 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



President



Secretary