

**MINUTES COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MOKENA SCHOOL DISTRICT 159 - BOARD OF EDUCATION
MOKENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
August 1, 2012**

BOARD OF EDUCATION

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Patrick Markham- President	✓	
Mr. Mike Ford- Secretary	✓	
Mr. Franceschini	✓	
Mrs. Kathy Moore	✓	Via phone
Mr. Scott Peters	✓	
Mr. Joseph Spalla	✓	

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Stein, Superintendent, Chuck Vitton, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, Eileen Parente, Director of Student Services; Mike Rolinitis, Principal; Anna Kirchner, Principal; Judy Splayt, Asst. Principal; Steve Hastings, Director of Technology, Ken Stanley: Director of Buildings and Grounds, Mary Louise Knoerzer, Board Secretary, Debi Blank, Kathy Arduino, Victoria Albon, Katherine Barr, Nula Gavin.

VISITORS: Jeff Regan, Bob and Madeline Kral, Jill Moran, John McGivney, Anna Briscoe, Veronica Villa, Christy McMullin.

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. Markham called the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Board of Education of Mokena Public School District 159 to order at 7:02 pm on August 1, 2012.

COMMUNICATIONS

Public : None

MTA/PTA/MEF: None

Board of Education

- Mr. Markham thanked all for attending tonight's meeting; thanked Mr. Troy for his service to the BOE; thanked people who commented on the "Patch"; new business manger's salary should be around \$65,000.
- Mr. Peters asked that people signed their names to comments made on blogs; so the BOE could respond to their concerns.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Stein reported:

- No FOIA's
- Some conflicts of future Board meetings dates: 11/21/2012; 1/2/2013; 4/3/2013
- All school Registration went well
- Playscape will be closed 8/2-8/13

INFORMATION REPORTS

FINANCE: Preliminary Budget Review:

Mr. Stein presented a very preliminary budget to the BOE, highlighting the increase in: Bonds, the textbook fund; bus lease fund; Schedule B fund. He commended the business office staff for their efforts due to the lack of business manager.

Mr. Markham will not support proposed preliminary budget

BOE asked for columns to Excel document of budget reflecting the larger dollar amount differences on certain line items.

Level of Reserves

Mr. Stein and the BOE discussed the philosophy of this issue. Mr. Stein suggested continuing this subject once the new business manger is determined.

PARENT ADVISORY/DISCIPLINE: next meeting will be August 16 at MES in room S126 to continue the discussion on bullying and Mokena Schools policy.

CURRICULUM: no report

POLICY: no report

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/TRANSPORTATION: no report

LINCOLN WAY SPECIAL EDUCATION MINUTES

Mrs. Moore presented:

- Pioneer Grove roof repair complete
- Joint Site and Long Range Planning met July 16; discussed needs for the future
- Draft budget complete ; sent to feeder districts
- August 13 is the first day of school

INTERVIEWS FOR BOARD VACANCY AND VICE-PRESIDENT ELECTION

- Interview date for new Board member – August 11 at 8 am in S126
- Seat at August 15 meeting along with electing a new Vice-President

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:30 pm, Mr. Peters motioned to in to Closed Session for the purposes of personnel to return. The motion was seconded by Mr. Franceschini. The Board was all in favor.

OPEN SESSION

Mr. Markham made a motion to call Open Session to order. The meeting was opened by unanimous vote.

ACTION REPORTS

PERSONNEL

Recommended Motion:

Mrs. Moore moved to approve personnel recommendations 1 through 3 as presented, subject to successful background checks, drug screening and physicals. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spalla.

On Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

1. Certified – New Hire

Antony Soyak	Teacher	MES/MJH	2012-2013 year	school	Lane 4, Step A \$39, 274
Karen Bussean	Teacher	MES/MJH	2012-2013 year	school	Lane 1, Step A \$21, 253.80- (.60FTE)

2. Classified - Resignation

Sandy McSherry	Administrative Secretary	MES	7/18/2012
Maria Barto	Bus Driver	District	7/19/2012

3. Classified- Reassignment

Lin Silvestri	Administrative Secretary	MES	2012-2013 school year	\$14.45/hr 7.5hrs/day 12 months
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Item number 4 under Personnel Recommendation – Transportation was tabled.

Public comment:

- Mrs. Gavin commented on the need for a fulltime nurse at MIS

FISCAL YEAR 2102-2013 SPECIAL EDUCATION BUDGET

Recommended Motion:

Mrs. Moore moved that the Board authorized Mokena School District 159 representative to approve the Fiscal year 2012-2013 Budget for Lincoln-Way Area Special Education Cooperative, District #843 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

Nays: None Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER

Recommended Motion:

Mrs. Moore moved to approve the recommendation to appoint Steve Stein to serve as District 159's treasurer for a term beginning August 1, 2012, and concluding on June 30, 2013, and approve the notice and resolution 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

Nays: None Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

CONTRACT FOR IVY LEAGUE AND KINDERBRIDGE

Recommended Motion:

Mr. Peters moved to approve the contract for Ivy League's Before and After School Care Program and the Kinderbridge program at Mokena Elementary from August 2, 2012 to June 9, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spalla.

On Roll Call

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

Nays: None Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

AUDITOR CONTRACT RENEWAL

Recommended Motion:

Mrs. Moore moved to that the Board of Education accept the audit proposal from Mulcahy, Pauritsch and Salvador & Co for the Fiscal Year 2011-12, 2012-13, and 2013-14 audits as recommended by the Finance committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Peters.

Discussion among the BOE took place.

No Roll was taken

Amended motion:

Mr. Franceschini moved that the Board of Education accept the audit proposal from Mulcahy, Pauritsch and Salvador & Co for the Fiscal Year 2012-13. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spalla.

On Roll Call

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

Nays: Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

ADJOURMENT

At 9:55 pm Mr. Peters moved to adjourn to Regular meeting of August 1, 2012. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spalla. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote.



President



Secretary