

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION- MOKENA SCHOOL DISTRICT 159
MOKENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
September 28, 2011**

BOARD OF EDUCATION

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. John Troy – President	✓	
Mr. Joseph Spalla – Vice President	✓	
Mr. Michael Ford	✓	
Mr. Patrick Markham	✓	
Mrs. Katherine Moore	✓	Via phone
Mr. Scott Peters	✓	

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Stein, Interim Superintendent; Mike Rolinitis, Principal; Mary Louise Knoerzer, Board Secretary, Patty Novak, Kim Truffa, Cathy Muehler, Joyce Siska

VISITORS PRESENT:

Vicki Draper, John Kroen, Jenny Daley, Chuck Lief, Trisha Hanson, Mark Franceschini.

PRESS

Amanda Jacobs, Mokena Messenger; Ginger Brashinger, Southtown; Paul Darling, Mokena Patch.

OPENING AND ROLL CALL

Mr. Troy called the Special Meeting of the Board of Education of Mokena Public School District 159 to order at 7:00 p.m. on September 28, 2011.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Stein led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

INFORMATION REPORTS

Mr. Stein presented to the Board of Education the "Pay to Participate" program sighting four options:

1. Remain on the same course – no sports or clubs offered this year
2. Review and table until the October 13 Regular Board of Education meeting with ramifications for girls' basketball and boys' volleyball not being able to be offered this year because of the late date of approval
3. No sports for Fall; clubs only for Fall and Spring; offered sports in Spring.
4. No sports at all and only clubs for the year.

Mr. Rolinitis continued with a Powerpoint presentation outlining each sport and club offered last year with the costs associated with each activity. The cost included: AD stipend, sponsor stipend, IESA and conference fees, officials, transportation, activity workers, and ancillary costs. Philosophy for participation was presented. Questions were asked by the Board; Mr. Rolinitis and Mr. Stein answered their questions.

ACTION REQUESTS

Reinstate Extra curricular as "Pay to Participate"

Recommended Motion:

Mr. Peters moved to approve the pay to participate program for extra curriculans for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year with all sports and activities involved as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spalla.

There was discussion regarding this motion.

Mr. Troy asked the audience if they had any questions or concerns. Cheryl Behland, Toni Szostak and John Kroen asked questions or made a comment. Mr. Rolinitis and Mr. Stein answered questions.

Recommended Motion:

Mr. Peters moved to approve the pay to participate program for extra curriculans for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year with all sports and activities that have been discussed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spalla.

On Roll Call

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


Nays: None

Abstain: None

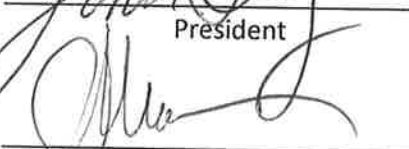
MOTION CARRIED 6-0 *

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:10 p.m. Mr. Peters moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Markham, September 28, 2011 Special Meeting. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote.



President



Secretary

***Attachment**

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*Mr. Markham indicated for the record: "I believe the District should fund a full educational product inclusive of extra curriculars. I am certain the Board still needs to find and correct some spending inefficiencies, therefore, until that is accomplished, I will support offering extra curriculars on a Pay to Play basis."