

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION- MOKENA SCHOOL DISTRICT 159  
MOKENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
October 13, 2011**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mr. John Troy – President	✓	
Mr. Joseph Spalla – Vice President	✓	
Mr. Patrick Markham – Secretary	✓	
Mr. Michael Ford	✓	
Mr. Mark Franceschini	✓	Appointed at 7:50 p.m.
Mrs. Katherine Moore	✓	
Mr. Scott Peters	✓	

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Steve Stein, Interim Superintendent; Chuck Vitton, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction; Kirt Hendrick, Director of Business Operation; Mike Rolinitis, Principal; Chris Clavenna, Principal; Judy Splayt, Asst. Principal; Ann Lewandowski, Director of Food Services, Ron Kaczorowski, Director of Transportation; Steve Hastings, Director of Technology, Mary Louise Knoerzer, Board Secretary, Kim Rueth, Laurel McGowan, Mary Petrizzo, Debi Blank, Katherine Barr, Cathy Muehler.

**VISITORS PRESENT:**

Samantha Gabrys, Julie Fliteraft, Madeline Kral, Mark Franceschini, Bernie Smith, Carrie Zakula, Kathy Kingma, Jen Brenner, Sheryl Canz, Mike Bartos, Susan Stratton.

**PRESS**

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

**OPENING AND ROLL CALL**

Mr. Troy called the Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Mokena Public School District 159 to order at 7:00 p.m. on October 13, 2011.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**MTA- Laurel McGowan** spoke on behalf of the 93 teachers and professionals regarding the unsettled contract; asking for fairness for everyone.

**Board of Education** –No comment

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 7:05 p.m. Mr. Peters moved to adjourn to Closed Session for matter relating to personnel to return; the motion was seconded by Mr. Ford.

**On Roll Call**

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

**OPEN SESSION**

At 7:50 p.m. Mr. Troy made a motion to call Open Session to order. The motion was seconded by Mr. Markham. Meeting was opened by unanimous vote.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Mr. Stein reviewed with the Board of Education:



### **FSA PRESENTATION**

Ms. Christiana Bock of Mesirow Financial presented competitive Flexible Spending Accounting Administration summary to the Board of Education. Questions by the Board were asked and answered by Ms. Bock. It was suggested by the Board to survey the eligible employees first of the interest; will pursue if there is a great interest in the program.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Hendrick reviewed the Financial report with the Board of Education.

### **TREASURER REPORT**

Mr. Hendrick reviewed the Treasurer's report with the Board of Education.

### **LINCOLN WAY SPECIAL EDUCATION MINUTES**

Mr. Markham reviewed the important points:

- Positive experience; toured facility
- Motto "Get Smart"; proactive to save money
- Joint Board meetings – February 6, 2012; encourage all to attend.
- Received \$3,500 from Knights of Columbus

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Finance-** Chairman Peters stated the next committee meeting will be October 26, 2011; The tax levy and cash flow analysis will be the focus of the meeting. Future plans to update budget timeline and involving the other committees.
- **Policy-**Chairman Markham reported the committee met for the first time earlier on October 13 to discuss policy changes in compliance with IASB and adjustments needed on our local policies.
- **Building & Grounds/Transportation-** Chairman Ford reported the committee reviewed the first draft of the public presentation; committee will be meet October 20 to revise and finalized the presentation; Public forum is tentatively scheduled for October 27.
- **Parent Advisory-** Chairman Spalla and committee will meet November 1, 2011.
- **Curriculum** – Chairman Troy and Dr. Vitton drafted the scope, parameters for this committee:
  1. Early Start- will outline the pros and cons for the BOE
  2. Kindergarten –will research the pros and cons of full and half day programs
- **Technology-** Chairman Spalla and the committee will meet October 18 to determine short and long term goals in relation to curriculum and technology also look at Board meeting taping etc. *Mr. Peters noted that since Mr. Franceschini was already a member of the committee and has now been appointed as a Board member he would be stepping down from the committee to ensure that no Board policies would be violated with more than two Board members serving on a committee.*

Mrs. Moore stated again she does not agree with three Board members on a committee. The policy needs to be changed to reflect the maximum of three Board members.

### **ISAT SCORES**

Dr. Vitton presented the District ISAT scores. He explained our students performed exceptionally well; students' scores either held constant or went up in almost every area at every grade level. On average, 86% of our students met or exceeded state standards in Reading and 91% of our students met or exceeded in Mathematics. Our Science scores held relatively constant with 91% of our 4<sup>th</sup> graders and 86% of our 7<sup>th</sup> graders meeting or exceeding state standards.

He thanked the staff for their efforts, the students for their hard work and the parents for their continual support. The scores reflect a collaborative effort of all involved in the education of students. Continued to explain ISAT will only be 2013-14; PARCC exam will begin 2014-15 aligned with Common Core standards.

### **SCHOOL REPORT CARD**

A draft of the 2011 Illinois District Report card was provided to the Board. The school improvement plans for each school will be included and ready for publication by the end of October.

### **ROE ANNUAL LIFE SAFETY REPORT**

Mr. Hendrick reviewed the ROE Annual Life Safety report with the Board of Education. Mr. Stanley and the Buildings and Grounds Department is to be commended.

### **ITEMIZED SALARY COMPENSATION REPORT**

Mr. Stein reviewed the Itemized Compensation report with the Board of Education.

### **JOB DESCRIPTIONS- Dean of Students**

Dr. Vitton presented to the Board of Education the job descriptions for Dean of Students for a first reading. Dr. Vitton and Mr. Rolinitis collaborated on updating this description.

### **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT MPS 159 and MOKENA PARK DISTRICT**

Mr. Stein presented to the Board of Education the IGA between MPS 159 and Mokena Park District for a first reading. Action will be requested later in the meeting. Questions and concerns were addressed by Mr. Stein. Third party agreements will be drawn between MPS 159 and third parties.

### **ACTION REQUESTS**

#### **PERSONNEL**

#### **Recommended Motion:**

Mr. Spalla moved to approve personnel recommendations 2 through 7 as presented, subject to successful background check, drug screening (if applicable) and physical". The motion was seconded by Mrs. Moore.

#### **On Roll Call**

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

#### **MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

#### **2. Certified- New Hire**

Macie, Jennifer	Teacher	MJH	September 28, 2011	Lane 3, Step D Salary Pending Negotiations
Baud, Marian	Social Worker	MIS	9/29/2011- 12/19/2011	149.84/day (long term sub rate)
Pizza, Leah	Teacher	MES	October 11, 2011	149.84/day (long term sub rate)

#### **3. Certified – Leave of Absence**

Paez, Marilyn	Teacher	MES	October 11, 2011 6-8 weeks	Medical Leave
Bidinger, Carrie	Social worker	MIS	Extended leave thru 12/5/2011	Family Medical leave

#### **4. Classified – Re-assignment**

Novak, Jeff	Building Aide	MIS	October 14, 2011	25hrs/wk. \$8.31/hr
	Instructional Aide	MIS		7.5hrs/wk \$9.43/hr

**5. Classified– Resignation**

Bulthuis, Julie      Food Server      Food Service      September 26, 2011

**6. Certified– Resignation**

Hiotis-Jochum, Georgia

**7. Certified– Resignation**

Gorman, Jennifer      Psychologist      MES/MJH      October 14, 2011

**Recommended Motion:**

Mr. Peters moved to approve personnel recommendation #1 Christine Clavenna, principal of MES for a contract of \$80,000 per year effective August 11, 2011. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spalla.

**On Roll Call**

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

Nays: None      Abstain: Mrs. Moore

**MOTION CARRIED 6 Ayes -0 Nays -1 Abstain**

**DISTRICT BILLS**

**Recommended Motion:**

Mr. Peters reviewed District bills this month. Mr. Peters moved to approve the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Moore.

**On Roll Call**

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

Nays: None      Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Recommended Motion:**

Mr. Peters moved to approved, seconded by Mr. Spalla consent agenda items as presented:

1. District Audit
2. Itemized Salary Compensation Report (P.A. 96-0434)
3. Ten (10) Year Life Safety for Mokena Junior High/ Legat - Rob Wroble

**On Roll Call**

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

Nays: None      Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

**JOINT CONFERENCE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE**

Mr. Troy appointed Mr. Ford delegate to represent District 159 at the Joint Conference. Mr. Troy appointed Mr. Spalla the alternate for the Conference.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT MPS 159 and MOKENA PARK DISTRICT**

**Recommended Motion:**

Mrs. Moore moved to approve the Mokena School District 159 and Mokena Park District Intergovernmental Agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Markham.

**On Roll Call**

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

Nays: None      Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

**BOARD ATTORNEY**

**Recommended Motion:**

Mr. Peters made motioned to approve the current law firms of Sraga, Hauser and Ottosen Britz, Kelly Cooper Gilbert and DiNolfo, Ltd. (OBKCG & D). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Moore.

**Amended Motion:**

Mr. Troy motioned to amend the previous motion and to add law firms of Scariano, Himes and Petrarca (SH &P) delete Sraga, Hauser, LLC and retain Ottosen Britz, Kelly Cooper Gilbert and DiNolfo, Ltd.(OBKCG & D) for services as pertain to negotiations. The amended motion was seconded by Mr. Markham.

**On Roll Call for the approval to amend the original motion**

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

Nays: Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Mr. Spalla

Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 4 Ayes -3 Nays**

Discussion was held among the Board of Education.

Mr. Troy motioned to approve the amended motion.

**On Roll Call of the amended motion**

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

Nays: Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Mr. Spalla

Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 4 Ayes -3 Nays**

Mrs. Moore stated the new approved law firm of Scariano, Himes and Petrarca will cost the district more money.

**ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER 10, 2011 AGENDA**

- Mrs. Moore will not be present; will call in
- Policy Revisions
- Outline School Improvement Goals
- Curriculum Committee Assignments
- MIS Recommendation

**GOOD OF MOKENA**

- Mr. Peters congratulated Mrs. Maffia and Mrs. Thomas on a great Band performance October 6 at MJH for grades 5-8<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:05 p.m. Mr. Peters moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Ford the October 13, 2011 Regular meeting. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

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President

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Secretary