

**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
MOKENA SCHOOL DISTRICT 159 - BOARD OF EDUCATION
MOKENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
December 19, 2012**

BOARD OF EDUCATION

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Patrick Markham- President	✓	
Mr. Joe Spalla- Vice President	✓	
Mr. Michael Ford- Secretary	✓	
Mr. Franceschini	✓	
Mrs. Kathy Moore	✓	Via Phone/arrived 7:35 pm
Mr. Scott Peters	✓	
Mr. Regan	✓	

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Stein, Superintendent, John Troy, Director of Business Operations; Mike Rolinitis, Principal; Eileen Parente, Director of Student Services, Mike Rolinitis, Principal; Eric Melnyczenko, Principal; Mari Jo Hanson, Assistant Principal; Steve Hastings, Director of Technology; Mary Louise Knoerzer, Board Secretary.

VISITORS: Ryan McWilliams, Therese Dydo, Tom Mau, Lisa Peters, Robert Swale

PRESS: Ginger Brashinger, Southtown Star; Ryan Bray, Mokena Messenger; Luke Wilusz, Mokena Patch

OPEN SESSION and ROLL CALL

Mr. Markham called the Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Mokena Public School District 159 to order at 7:00 pm on December 16, 2012.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

TAX LEVY HEARING

President Markham declared the 2012 Levy opened.

Tom Mau, 15yr resident, thanked District 159 for the great education they provided his three children; appealing to the Board for tax relief; communities are getting no relief from the government; spending problem not a revenue problem.

Mr. Markham responded that the district has made great strides in reducing their debt from 2 million; the district will continue to be efficient in their operation.

Therese Dydo, 7yr resident and parent, reiterated Mr. Mau same concerns; husband has been laid off and their taxes have increased \$600 in last 7 yrs; district needs to continue to find some relief for tax payers.

Mr. Troy explained the levy process and CPI and the balloon levy concept; CPI was taking into consideration when the teacher contract was negotiated.

Robert Swale, a resident, is calling on teachers to freeze CPI increase in their salaries.

Mr. Markham thanked the audience for their comments.

Mr. Spalla moved that the Board of Education close the 2012 Tax Levy Hearing. 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

At 7:15 pm the December 19, 2012 regular Board meeting was opened.

COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC: none

MTA: None

BOARD EDUCATION

Mr. Spalla asked the district to review their crisis plan; Band concert moved to Thursday 12/20 due to cancellation of all activities on 12/18; Congratulated 7 & 8th grade Basketball teams

Mr. Markham thanked Mr. Stein for acting quickly in regards to safety hold on 12/18.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Stein reported:

- No athletic teams tonight – will attend January Board meeting
- No FOIA requests
- Safety hold update; will provide the BOE in a brief this week
- Will answer a letter from a concerned citizen that was addressed to BOE and himself

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mr. Franceschini moved to approve minutes for Special Meeting and Closed Session for November 1, 2012; the motion was seconded by Mr. Spalla. The Board was all in favor.

INFORMATION REPORTS

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Troy reviewed the Financial Report with the Board of Education. The revenue for the month, in all funds was \$265,755 or 1.42% of budgeted revenues. The expenditures for the month, in all funds, were \$3,819,614 or 20.5% of the budgeted expenditures. Expenses were \$1.4 million higher than last year at this time due to timing of payments of bond principal and interest resulting in a shift from in payments from December to November. As a result next month's report will show a large decrease in December expenses.

Month	Revenue 2011	% of Bud. Rev.	Expense	% of Bud. Exp.	Revenue 2012	% of Bud. Rev.	Expense	% of Bud. Exp.
November	\$402,559	2.29%	\$2,464,853	13.23%	\$265,755	1.42%	\$3,819,614	20.5%

TREASURER REPORT

Mr. Troy reviewed the Treasurer's Report with the BOE reporting an ending balance of \$12,480,582.56 for November.

The BOE requested the interest rate be included with the yield in the Certificate of Deposit report.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Mr. Ford provided additional information on the agreement presented last month. Section 2F was changed. After additional conversations with the Mr. Romanek, the park district wishes to back out of the agreement with the school district.

Mrs. Moore verified the agreement is **not** in effect.

At 7:35 pm Mrs. Moore arrived in person. She had been present via phone prior to this point.

FEES

Mr. Troy presented to the BOE the list of all the current fees FY2012-2013 of the district. He asked the Board for direction on fees; district is beginning the pre-registration process with information going home to parents in February. Fees need to be finalized.

Mr. Ford asked to Mr. Troy for in depth analysis of transportation and the fees after the first of the year. Other questions were: what did registration fees include; what fees relate to what budget codes; also all incidental fees are to be included in the activity fee total.

Mrs. Moore suggested the community survey that was sent in December be resent; the feedback is crucial for the District.

WORKMENS' COMPENSATION RENEWAL

Mr. Troy updated the BOE on the renewal of the workmen's compensation contract (IDRF) which was 4% less due to a decreased in claims made by the district. In 2013-14 the district will bid out for this service.

JOINT CONFERENCE REPORT

Mr. Franceschini reported to the BOE:

- Attended the mandated Board Governance workshop and OMA
- Attended a workshop on iPads; implemented at CSD #6-how it was done on a budget; grants
- Enjoyed the conference- very informative

DISPOSAL OF EQUIPMENT

Mr. Troy presented to BOE of list of outdated overhead projectors and old air compressor. May donate or conduct a lottery for projectors.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Mr. Hasting presented to the BOE:

- Any new internet service has to be planned for during the e-Rate filing period (usually December-March) for the next school year in order to get discounts/funds. Any company can submit a bid during the e-rate bidding period once the district files for new service requests.
- Internet is a necessity; ATT provides current connectivity to ICN and also the VPN that allows MES and MJH to communicate with each other
- **Unifi Wireless – Ubiquiti Networks**
A bridge solution to allow the district to get wireless in the classroom at a very low cost. Proper network design and planning is still needed for the district in the long term. Would open up technology possibilities for classroom immediately
Unifi AP - \$199 for 3 pack /approximately \$66 per AP – entire district (\$7,000-\$9,000);
Software based wireless controller; will pilot in 3 classrooms, one in each building; if successful will gradually roll out into other rooms based on configuration options and capacity restraints.
- Technology survey has been sent out to district employees; will assemble results and prioritize needs and wants based on survey results.

Mr. Markham thanked Mr. Hastings for his detailed report.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:35 pm Mr. Franceschini moved to adjourn to December 19 Regular Meeting to go Closed Session for purposes of personnel; Pursuant of 5 ILSC 120/2 c (1) to return. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spalla. The Board adjourned for Closed Session by unanimous vote.

At 8:55 pm the December 19, 2012 regular Board meeting returned to Open Session.

ACTION REPORTS

THIRD PARTY SEARCH FIRM

Recommended motion:

Mr. Markham moved to request bid proposals from executive search firms for the superintendent position. The request for bid will be posted on the District website and local newspaper on December 21, 2012 with a bid return date of December 31, 2012. The bid opening will take place on December 31st in the district office at 1:30 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Regan.

On Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

DISTRICT BILLS

Recommended Motion:

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

On Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

When Mrs. Moore reviewed the legal bills notice there was no reference of letterhead being used by a member of the School Board.

BOARD DATE CHANGE

Recommended Motion:

Mr. Spalla moved to cancel the January 2, 2013 Board meeting and add a Special meeting for January 3, 2013 at 7 pm and add Special meeting for January 12, 2013 at 7:00 am. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ford. The Board was all in favor.

CIPA COMPLIANCE

Recommend Motion:

Mr. Spalla moved to approve Mokena School District's CIPA compliance documentation as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Moore. The Board was all in favor.

ILLINOIS LIQUID ASSET FUND RESOLUTION

Recommend Motion:

Mr. Spalla moved that the Board of Education adopt the resolution to participate in the Liquid Asset Fund as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Moore.

On Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

ADOPTION OF CERTIFICATE OF 2012 TAX LEVY

Recommend Motion:

The District is in compliance with the Truth In Taxation Act, Mrs. Moore moved that this Board of Education authorize the President to sign the Certification of Compliance with the Truth In Taxation Act for the 2012 Levy. The motion was seconded by Mr. Peters.

On Roll Call

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

Recommend Motion:

Mr. Franceschini moved that the Board adopts a certificate of tax levy resolution for the 2012 Levy in the amounts of: Education Fund, \$ 10,480,000; Building Operations & Maintenance Fund, \$ 1,200,000 Transportation Fund, \$415,000; Working Cash Fund, \$61,000; Municipal Retirement Fund, \$215,000; Social Security Fund, \$215,000; Tort Immunity Fund \$51,000; Special Education Fund, \$415,000; for a total operating levy in the amount of \$13,052,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Regan.

On Roll Call

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

Mr. Markham added a comment to his levy vote which is attached.

POLICIES

Recommend Motion:

Mrs. Moore move to approve the following policies as presented: 2:200, 2:200-AP and 2:50 E-2. Mr. Spalla seconded the motion. The Board was all in favor.

PERSONNEL

Recommended Motion:

Mr. Rolinitis presented this report. Mr. Regan moved to approve personnel recommendation 1 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Moore.

On Roll Call

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

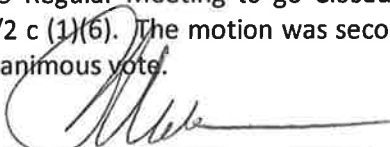
MOTION CARRIED 7-0

1. Certified- New Hire

Michael Manns	Athletic Director	MJH	12/10/2012-remainder of 2012-2013	Prorated as per Schedule B
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CLOSED SESSION

At 9:20 pm Mr. Spalla moved to adjourn to December 19 Regular Meeting to go Closed Session for purposes of personnel and leasing; Pursuant of 5 ILSC 120/2 c (1)(6). The motion was seconded by Mr. Franceschini. The Board adjourned for Closed Session by unanimous vote.



President

Secretary

Personally strongly oppose the practice of increasing taxes every year via a "levy".

Of course this is allowed by law with no taxpayer say in it. Therefore every year the District imposes an increase in taxes. I will continue to drive the district in the opposite direction.

I simply am not able to vote against this levy due to the teacher's contract. We are locked in contractually by the teachers contract to proceed with this levy. Voting against this levy puts me in an irresponsible position of nonperformance of contract.

Patrick Markham