

**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
MOKENA SCHOOL DISTRICT 159 - BOARD OF EDUCATION
MOKENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
February 20, 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
Mr. Scott Peters	✓	
Mr. Regan	✓	

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Stein, Superintendent; Chuck Vitton, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction; Eileen Parente, Director of Student Services, John Troy, Director of Business Operations; Anna Kirchner, Principal; Eric Melnychenko, Principal; Judy Splayt, Assistant Principal, Mari Jo Hanson, Assistant Principal; Steve Hastings, Director of Technology; Mary Louise Knoerzer, Board Secretary, Debi Blank, Kim Rueth, Laurel McGowan, Kathy Arduino

VISITORS: Stacy Cesta, , Ryan McWilliams, John McGivney, Robert Swale, Jim Andresen, Anna Briscoe.

PRESS: Ginger Brashinger, Southtown Star; Ryan Bray, Mokena Messenger; Ann Shiere, Mokena Patch

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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 7:04 pm on February 20, 2013.

COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC: Stacy Cesta, a resident said she was pleased the Board hired a search firm to select a new Superintendent; hoped it would be a collaborative interview process. Also, she stated as a candidate running for the Board of Education, she did not appreciate the negative campaign tactics; has not solidified her platform.

MTA: None

PTA: Stacy Cesta, Vice-President of PTA updated the BOE of upcoming activities:

- Blood Drive at MES March 15
- Will buy zipper name tags for incoming kindergarten students
- Planning book fairs and movie nights
- Books are audited yearly.

MEF: Scott Peters, secretary for MEF, updated the BOE of upcoming activity:

- Will donate 3- \$500 scholarships for Washington DC trip
- Donated 4 interactive projectors from Fall Fling revenues
- Will donate 3- \$500 scholarships to LW East graduates
- Will be coordinating the selling of school supply kits for next year
- Awarded a \$4000 grant to Mr. Melnychenko for interactive projectors
- Financials are available for review

Mr. Markham proposed the district reduce transportation from \$200 to \$150, which may increase ridership; this scenario having the least impact on budget. He said the BOE owes the community their due diligence.

Mr. Regan requested again reducing buses by half and combining routes.

Mrs. Moore did not agree to reduce transportation fees.

Mr. Peters did not agree to reduce transportation fees due to current budget constraints and the increased expenses in Special Ed.

Mrs. Moore suggested a sliding scale of fees in terms of multiple students paying for the bus per household.

Mr. Troy stated the possible surplus in this years' budget needs to be allocated for infrastructure projects that have been put off for the last few years; parking lots and roofs.

Continued discussion by Mr. Ford suggested Mr. Troy present for next meeting projections in varying scales to reduce fees no more than \$30,000 to \$40,000 for 2013-2014.

The Board of Education will vote on transportation fees at the March 6, 2013 Committee of the Whole meeting.

ACTION REPORTS

DISTRICT BILLS

Recommended Motion:

Mr. Regan reviewed District bills this month. Mr. Regan moved to approve the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Franceschini.

Mr. Peters questioned why the Burros and Blue Demons did not share in the legal expenses for the agreed field use contract approved last month.

On Roll Call

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

Nays: Mr. Peters

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 6-1

CONSENT AGENDA

Recommended Motion:

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

Mr. Markham moved to amended consent agenda to reflect the change on 2013-2014 School Calendar to move the last day to May 30, 2014. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spalla.

The following consent agenda items were approved as follows:

- Policy 2:260 Powers and Duties of the Board of Education
- Policy 7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities
- Policy 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited
- 2013-14 School Calendar (last day May 30, 2014)
- 403 B Change
- Personnel 1 through 3 as presented:

1. Certified– New Hire

Crystal Vargas	Extended-Sub PE Teacher	MJH	2/11/2013 thru FY 2013	\$155.02/day
Jocelyn Pascale	Extended –Sub Social Worker	MJH	Approx. 2/25- Thru 4/22/2013	\$155.02/day

2. Classified – New Hire

Sheryl Muth	Bus Driver	DO	2/14/2013	\$13.89/hr 4.25hrs/day 174 days/yr
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