

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MOKENA SCHOOL DISTRICT 159
MOKENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
March 9, 2011**

BOARD OF EDUCATION

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Tim King – President		✓
Mrs. Katherine Moore – Vice President	✓	
Mr. Scott Peters – Secretary	✓	
Mr. Tony Bruozas	✓	
Mrs. Denise Falbo		✓
Mr. John Troy	✓	
Mr. Frank Ventura	✓	Arrived at 7:07 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Karen Perry, Superintendent; Chuck Vitton, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction; Ellen Belotti, Student Services Director; Barbara Germany, Business Manager; Michael Krugman, Principal; Mike Rolinitis, Principal; Steve Stein, Principal; Patti Bogdan, Asst. Principal; Judy Splayt, Asst. Principal; Chris Clavenna, Asst. Principal; Ryan Adkins, Technology Administrator, Ann Lewandowski, Director of Food Services, Ken Stanley, Director of Buildings and Grounds, Mary Louise Knoerzer, Board Secretary.

VISITORS PRESENT

Larry Jourdan, Carrie Zakula, Kate Wojtulewicz, Sheryl McEvoy, Jack McDermott, Craig Nass, Melinda Corjean, Robert, Cochran, Mike Ford, Gina Zovlet, Joe Spalla, Dorelle Ackerman.

PRESS

Amanda Jacobs, Mokena Messenger; Caroline Evans, Patch.com; Ginger Brashinger; Southtown Star.

OPENING AND ROLL CALL

President Pro-tem Mrs. Moore called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Mokena Public School District 159 to order at 7:00 p.m. on March 9, 2011.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Clavenna along with representatives of Rachel's challenge: Connor Riley and Josh Currier led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASE

Mrs. Clavenna, assistant principal of MJH, along with four student representatives of "Friends of Rachel" presented information on the activities planned for MJH for Rachel's Challenge. The students designated the next five weeks to represent each of the five challenges.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- **MTA-** no comment
- **Superintendent Report:** ISAT Testing scheduled one week later; thanked Dr. Wolfe for the \$1300 donation on behalf of "Do the The Griff" race last Spring; next race is May 1, 2011; finalizing plans for registration etc. for students for 2011-2012.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mr. Peters moved, seconded by Mr. Troy to approve the following meeting minutes:

Regular Meeting –February 9, 2011 (as corrected)

Regular Meeting February 23, 2011 (as corrected)

Closed Session – February 9, 2011

Closed Session –February 23, 2011

On Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Bruozas, Mrs. Moore Mr. Peters, Mr. Troy, Mr. Ventura

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

INFORMATION REPORTS

FINANCIAL REPORT

The revenue for the month of February, in all funds, was \$162,488 which represents less than 1% of the total annual revenue budget. Last year at this time we received \$466,344. Last year during the month of February we received the majority of our ARRA reimbursements from the state. At this time in the fiscal year we have received a majority of our local tax revenues. We begin receiving the revenues from the 2010 levy extension in late April or May.

TREASURER REPORT

Ms. Germany reviewed the Treasurer's report with the Board of Education.

STUDENT ACTIVITY REPORT

Ms. Germany reviewed the Student Activity Report with the Board of Education.

LINCOLN WAY SPECIAL EDUCATION MINUTES

Mrs. Moore reported the following:

- Transition House received occupancy permit
- Dedication of Transition House is April 9, 2011
- June 13-17" Loose Your Training Wheels "; need volunteers
- LW Foundation will host a fundraiser April 2, 2011- Fashion and Variety Show with students and families of LWASE District 843.
- Mr. Troy will attend LWASE March 22 Board meeting for Mrs. Moore

BUDGET CALENDAR

Ms. Germany reviewed the Budget Calendar with the Board of Education.

ACTION REQUESTS

Mr. King reviewed District bills this month. Mr. Peters moved to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Mr. Troy.

On Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Bruozas, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Mr. Troy, Mr. Ventura

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

PERSONNEL

A. Classified – Termination

Grigoletti, Pamela Bus Driver 2/17/2011

B. Classified-Status Change

Barto, Maria Bus Driver 2/11/2011 Increase hours from

Herman, William	Bus Driver	2/28/2011	4.00/day to 4.25/day Increase hours from 3.00/day to 4.25/day
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C. Certified – Resignation

Horn, Joey	Teacher-PE	MJH	03/11/2011
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D. Certified-Leave of Absence

Darnell, Meghan	Teacher-1 st Grade	MES	2011-2012	Leave of Absence
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E. Certified-Rehire Tenure Teacher

Shaughnessy, Donald	Teacher	MJH	2011-2012	Salary Pending Negotiations
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Recommended Motion:

Mr. Troy moved to approve personnel recommendations A and E as presented, seconded by Mr. Bruozas.

On Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Bruozas, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Mr. Troy, Mr. Ventura

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

DISPOSAL OF EQUIPMENT

Recommended Motion:

Mr. Troy moved, seconded by Mr. Peters, that the Board of Education approve the disposal of the broken and outdated equipment.

On Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Bruozas, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Mr. Troy, Mr. Ventura

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

REQUEST TO PREPARE TENTATIVE BUDGET

Mr. Troy moved that the Board of Education authorize preparation of the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 for Mokena School District 159, seconded by Mr. Peters.

On Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Bruozas, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Mr. Troy, Mr. Ventura

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO ACTION REQUESTS

No questions.

ITEMS FOR MARCH 23, 2011 AGENDA

- Reduction in Force (bldg/instruct. aides)
- First Readings of Policies (possibly)

GOOD OF MOKENA

- Mr. Krugman announced the donation to St. Jude's from their 6th annual Math-A-thon was \$7,792.
- Outdoor Ed. is scheduled for May 11-13; \$190/student for trip; at home student- \$45; looking at PTA mini-grants and scholarships for students in need. MIS received \$1,000 from the Camp High fund.

- Mr. Rolinitis announced our Geography Bee winner, Christian Geoppo has qualified for the State Level; he is one of 100 students.
- MJH received \$1,000 from the Camp High fund to use towards "Rachel's Challenge" program.
- "Do the Griff" information is on virtual backpack.
- MPS will be hosting another rummage Sale to benefit all school organizations.
- Mokena Health and Business Expo - Saturday March 12 from 10- 1:00 p.m. at MES.
- MES will be participating later this year in a jump-a-thon for the American Heart Association.
- Community Rally for the referendum is March 20 at downtown Metra lot from 1-4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:38 p.m. Mr. Troy moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Peters the March 9, 2011 Regular meeting to adjourn to Close Session for purposes of negotiations; not to return. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote.



President

Secretary