

**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
MOKENA SCHOOL DISTRICT 159 - BOARD OF EDUCATION
MOKENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
March 20, 2013**

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; Mike Rolinitis, principal; Anna Kirchner, Principal; Eric Melnyczenko, Principal; Judy Splayt, Assistant Principal; Steve Hastings, Director of Technology, Ann Lewandowski, Director of Food Services; Ken Stanley, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Mary Louise Knoerzer, Board Secretary, Debi Blank, Kim Rueth, Laurel McGowan, Cathy Lark, Toni Szostak.

VISITORS: Omar and Maria Castillo, Kirsten Peterson, John McGivney, Bob and Madeline Kral, Jim Andresen, Brian Hannigan, Luann Lodes.

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

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 7:00 pm on March 20, 2013.

COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC: None

MTA: None

PTA: None

BOARD EDUCATION

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT Mr. Stein reported to BOE:

- No FOIA request
- Met with Carol of Mokena Library regarding the sharing storage space
- Attended Mokena Chamber Board meeting- not sure of the status of the Food and Wine Fest
- ROE Compliance visit on 3/26 went well; a few minor infractions that will be handled; only exception is PE 5 days/wk at MES; thanked Mary Louise Knoerzer for organizing the paper work needed for the visit.

Mrs. Kirchner introduced Ms. Halyko the new first grade teacher.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mr. Spalla moved to approve minutes for Regular Meeting February 6 and 20, 2013; seconded by Mr. Regan. The Board was all in favor.

Mr. Franceschini moved to approve minutes for a Special Meetings February 28, March 1, 7, 8 & 13, 2013; seconded by Mr. Spalla. The Board was all in favor.

Mr. Regan moved to approved minutes for Closed Session February 6, 20, 28 and March 1,6,7,8 and 13, 2013.; seconded by Mr. Franceschini. The Board was all in favor.

AMEND AGENDA

Mr. Spalla made a motion to move Closed Session to the end of the agenda; seconded by Mr. Franceschini. The Board was all in favor.

INFORMATION REPORTS

FINANCIAL REPORT

The revenue for the month in all funds was \$157,637.01 or 0.84% of budgeted revenues. The expenditures for the month in all funds were \$1,330,570 or 7.15% of the budgeted expenditures.

TREASURER REPORT

Mr. Troy reviewed the Treasurer's Report with the BOE reporting an ending balance of \$9,697,564.77.

BOARD MEETING CHANGE

Mr. Stein stated there will not be any administrators attending the April 3, 2013 Board meeting due to vacations (Spring break) and/or professional workshops. The Board will decide to postpone this meeting later in meeting. The Re-organizational meeting of the new Board will be held during the May 1, 2013 Committee of the Whole meeting.

BUS LEASING

Mr. Troy presented the leasing schedule for buses for 2013-2014 school year. The plan is to lease three buses and purchase one older bus. To run an RFP will not be appropriate in this case due to the limitation of vendors we can use, which is Midwest Transit. The Board directed Mr. Troy to proceed working with Midwest Transit to get the best possible prices for buses in the future and possibly combine our lease pricing with LW District 210. Also to consider buying a used bus from one that is coming off a lease.

The Board asked administration to review Policy 4:60 to put an exclusion in the policy to include bus purchasing in the future.

TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Markham opened up discussion regarding transportation fees for the 2013-2014 school year. He is aware of the dissatisfaction of the community regarding this fee.

Mr. Markham proposed if there was surplus in the budget at the end of the year can it be applied toward transportation fee as a credit.

Mr. Spalla stated the Board needs to set goals first in order to see where transportation falls in terms of priorities.

Mr. Peters and Mrs. Moore were dismayed the subject of transportation fees is being brought up without any prior information regarding this topic after fees were just approved at last Board meeting.

Mr. Regan stated if there is a surplus in the budget, all fees need to be considered.

Mr. Regan and Mr. Ford asked Mr. Troy and Mr. Stein to draft a potential motion for a surplus for consideration by the Board.

ACTION REPORTS

DISTRICT BILLS

Recommended Motion:

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Recommended Motion:

Mr. Peters moved to approve consent agenda items 1 through 6, seconded by Mr. Spalla as presented:

The following consent agenda items were approved as follows:

1. Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes
2. Verbatim Destruction of Closed Session Minutes
3. Authorization to Prepare 2013-2014 Tentative Budget
4. Policies
 - a. 5:125 Personal Technology and Social Media
 - b. 5:125E Employee Receipt
 - c. 7:60 Residence
5. Job Descriptions
 - a. MES Social Worker
 - b. Speech/Lang Pathologist
 - c. EC Teacher
 - d. School Psychologist
 - e. Paraprofessionals
6. Blue Demons Approval

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

Item #7 Meeting Date Change no motion was made.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Spalla moved to approve Dr. Omar Castillo as the Superintendent of Mokena School District 159 effective July 1, 2013 as per his contract. The motion as 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

Dr. Castillo thanked the BOE the opportunity to lead this school community into the 21st century. His beliefs are student centered and family comes first. He graciously thanked his parents, his sons, his mother-in-law and his wife for their unconditional support throughout is educational career. He is looking forward to working with all the staff, students and parents.

Mr. Spalla moved to approved Personnel items 2- 12; seconded by Mr. Ford.

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

2. Administrator Recommendations for the 2013-2014

Charles Vitton	Assistant Superintendent of Instruction	12 months
Eileen Parente	Director of Student Services	12 months
John Troy	Director of Business Operations	12 months
Michael Rolinitis	Principal of Mokena Junior High	12 months
Anna Kirchner	Principal of Mokena Elementary School	12 months
Eric Melnyczenko	Principal of Mokena Intermediate School	12 months
Judith Splayt	Assistant Principal of Mokena Elementary School	10.5 months
Mari Jo Hanson	Assistant Principal of Mokena Junior High	10.5 months
Steve Hastings	Director of Technology	12 months
Ken Stanley	Director of Buildings and Grounds	12 months
Ann Lewandowski	Director of Food Service	203 days

3. First Year Teachers to Rehire for Year Two

Ryan Bell
Caryn Hill
Stacey Curtis
Daniel Dumford
Jessica Gibson
Brian Zimmerman
Rebecca Rodey
Morgan Teichmiller
Anthony Soyak

4. Second Year Teachers to Rehire for Year Three

Michael Manns
Andrea Kinsella-Lacny
Nicole Kmiec
Nicole Marx
Jennifer Macie
Allison Kwiatkoski

5. Third Year Teachers to Rehire for Year Four

Renee Missella
Lori Meehan

6. Fourth Year Teachers to Rehire for Year Five

Kathryn Flaherty

7. Renewal- Part-time Certified Staff

Laura Dosen
Karen Bussean

8. Certified –Resignation

Tiffany Davis	Teacher	MES	End of 2012- 2013 year
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9. Classified- Resign.

Lisa Torres	Food Server	DO	2/26/2013
Laura Shanesy	Food Server	DO	3/8/2013

10. Classified –New Hire

Lynn Terrell	Food Server	DO	3/11/2013	\$8.31/hr 3 hrs/day
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11. Certified – LOA

Diane Denovellis	Teacher	MES	3/4/2013 until dr.'s release
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12. Certified –New Hire

Therese Tabor	Extended Sub-Teacher	MES	3/4/2013	\$155.02/day
Melissa Halyko	Teacher	MES	2013-2014 School Year	\$36, 308 Lane 1, Step A
Rebecca Sweeney	Teacher	MES	2013-2014 School Year	\$48, 067 Lane 4, Step G

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:19 pm Mr. Markham moved to adjourn to Closed Session for reasons of Personnel; Pursuant of 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1);Mr. Peters seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.



President



Secretary

