

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MOKENA SCHOOL DISTRICT 159  
MOKENA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL  
April 13, 2011**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
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	✓	

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Karen Perry, Superintendent; Chuck Vitton, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction; Ellen Belotti, Student Services Director; Barbara Germany, Business Manager; 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:**

Carrie Zakula, Stacy Cesta, Bob and Madeline Kral, Edward Ronkowski, Marguerite McDermed, Diane Leo, Debi Blank, Bob and Carol Garcia, Joe Spalla, Jennifer Gorman, Marie and Cathy Spall, Stephanie Musto, Mark Franceschini, Gina Zoevelt, Laurel McGowan, Anna Briscoe, Jenny Daley, Kate Wojtulewicz, Michael Ahern, Christina Russo, Carolyn Farhat, John McDermott, Sue Murphy, Sarah Sullivan, Mike Ford, Sophia Maria Andricopolus, Anna Lynn Andricopolus, Toni Szostak, Bill Zoevlet, Mary Cummins.

**PRESS**

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

**OPENING AND ROLL CALL**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mrs. Bogdan along with winners from the MIS Bake-off Contest: Sophie Imlach, Jack Sargent, Matt Russo led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASE**

Mrs. Leo, a music and art teacher at MIS presented two performers from the Talent Show ; Cathy Spalla-dancer and Stephanie Dietel-singer.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- **MTA-** no comment
- **Superintendent Report:** Clarified statement made in press; presented ISBE awards to building principals.
- **Bill Yukich**, resident, asked for Board unity, to balance budget; seat new Board before making additional decisions.

- **Edward Ronkowski**, resident and retired prosecutor, questioned voting on personnel on agenda
- **Margo McDermed**, resident of 33 yrs. asked the Board to create a positive future for Dist. 159.
- **Stacy Cesta**, resident, spoke on behalf of Friends of Mokena, to reconsider closing MIS; rebuild trust in the community.

#### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Mrs. Falbo moved, seconded by Mrs. Moore to approve the following meeting minutes:

Regular Meeting – March 9, 2011

Regular Meeting - March 23, 2011

Closed Session – March 3, 2011

Closed Session – March 9, 2011

Closed Session –March 23, 2011

#### **On Roll Call**

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

Nays: None Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

#### **INFORMATION REPORTS**

##### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The revenue for the month of March, in all funds, was \$540,824, which represents 3% of the total annual revenue budget. Last year we received \$390,549 in March 2010. We received categorical payments for September 2010 during the month of March in the amount of \$286,020. The Mokena Organizational Leaders made a second payment to the district in the amount of \$52,585 for Schedule B activities for the 2010-11 school year. We have received a majority of our local tax revenues. We will begin receiving the revenues from the 2010 levy extension this coming 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:

- Dedication of Transition House was April 9; April 2nd Fundraiser raised \$5,000
- Approximately \$150,000 of labor and goods was donated to the House
- Next Board meeting will be held April 21, 2011
- Two classes of Development Kindergarten will be added next Fall
- District 843 is in contract negotiations

##### **STUDENT TUITION**

Ms. Germany presented student monthly tuition fee for 2011-2012 school year; \$878.85/month

##### **SUMMER HOURS**

Mrs. Perry presented the Summer office hours for the District.

##### **TRANSPORTATION COSTS**

Ms. Germany reported the analysis for transportation costs. The quotes submitted by Lincoln Way District 210, was approximately 15% higher than District 159's current costs; not including field trip costs.

### 2010 TAX EXTENSION

We received the completed 2010 Mokena School District Tax Extension from the Will County Clerk's Office. For 2010, the **Equalized Assessed Value (EAV)** for the property in Mokena School District 159 is \$621,061,772. This is \$10.6 million or 1.7% decrease from the 2009 EAV of \$631,663,087. The new EAV included \$9.8 million in new property. The year-to-year change by type is as follows:

	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>	<u>Industrial</u>	<u>Farm</u>
2010	\$523,979,012	\$75,569,982	\$21,007,482	\$505,296
2009	\$536,501,846	\$71,735,964	\$22,579,345	\$845,932

The existing property EAV has decreased, the resultant tax rate has increased, the tax cap limits the levy growth. What we will actually receive is based on either the CPI or 5%, **whichever is lower**, multiplied by last year's tax extension. The Limiting Rate Calculation with a 2.7% increase in our previous extension provided the 2010 operating rate of 1.9556 which is more than the 2009 rate of 1.8427.

### CLOSED SESSION

At 7:54, Mrs. Moore made a motion to go into Closed Session for matters relating to personnel to return. The motion was seconded by Mr. Troy. Closed Session was opened by unanimous vote.

### ACTION REPORTS

#### DISTRICT BILLS

Mrs. Moore reviewed District bills this month. Mrs. Moore moved to approve the bills as presented, the motion seconded by Mrs. Falbo.

#### On Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

### SUMMER HOURS

Mrs. Moore moved to approve the office hours for Summer beginning June 6 through August 4, 2011 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bruozas.

#### On Roll Call

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

Nays: Mrs. Falbo

Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 6-1**

### SUMMER TEMPORARY CUSTODIAL POSITIONS

Mr. Troy moved to authorize the process of finding and hiring up to three(3) summer temporary custodial positions. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Moore.

#### On Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

### AMMENDED AGENDA

Mr. Ventura made a motion to add a Closed Session at the end of the regular meeting for purposes of leasing, negotiations and personnel; not to return.

#### On Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

**PERSONNEL**

**A. Administration – Resignation**

Mr. Ventura made a motion to accept the resignations of Patricia Bogdan and Ellen Belotti as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Peters.

**On Roll Call**

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

Nays: None Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

**B. Administrator – Reinstate**

Mr. Ventura made a motion to reinstate Judy Splayt as principal of MES for 10.5 months, beginning July 1, 2011 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Peters.

**On Roll Call**

Ayes: Mrs. Falbo, Mr. King, Mrs. Moore Mr. Peters, Mr. Ventura

Nays: Mr. Bruozas, Mr. Troy Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 5-2**

**C. Certified –rehire**

Mr. Ventura made a motion to rehire Leanne Lavery as a teacher for MIS for 2011-2012 school year, salary pending negotiations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Peters.

**On Roll Call**

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

Nays: None Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

No motion on the rehire of Kathryn Flaherty.

**Certified – Leave of Absence**

Mrs. Moore made a motion to accept the Leave of absence of:

Barr, Katherine	Teacher	MES	3/11-5/2/2011	Medical Leave of Absence
Maffia, Jessica	Teacher	MJH	3/30/2011 to end of 2010-2011 school year	FMLA
McDonough, Maureen	Teacher	MIS	3/21/2011 to return 4/18-4/20/2011 .50 days 4/21/2011 return FT	FMLA

as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ventura.

**On Roll Call**

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

Nays: None Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

**D. Certified – Long Term Substitute Teacher**

Mrs. Moore made a motion to accept the hiring of long term substitute teachers of:

Kissinger, Diane	Teacher	MES	3/15/2011 to 5/2/11	\$149.84/day
Fieldman, Kait	Teacher	MJH	3/30/2011 to last day of school	\$149.84/day
Baser, Allison	Teacher	MIS	3/21/2011 to 4/20/2011	\$149.84/day

as presented. The motion was second by Mr. Peters.

**On Roll Call**

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

Nays: None Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

**E. Classified – New Hire**

Mrs. Moore made a motion to hire Deanna Ohlund as a bus driver beginning April 4, 2011 for 174 days, 4.25 hrs/day/\$14.09/hour. The motion was seconded by Mr. Troy.

**On Roll Call**

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

Nays: None Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

**F. Classified – Change of Status**

Mrs. Moore made a motion to increase days from 223 to 260 days beginning July 1, 2011 for Kimberly Janky. The motion was seconded by Mr. Troy.

**On Roll Call**

Ayes: Mrs. Falbo, Mr. King, Mrs. Moore Mr. Peters, Mr. Troy, Mr. Ventura

Nays: Mr. Bruozas Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 6-1**

**G. Classified – Unpaid Leave of Absence**

Mrs. Moore made a motion to accept the leave of absence of:

Creedon, Lorraine	Food Server	MES	2/14/2011 to return upon doctor's release	Unpaid Medical Leave of Absence
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Gabrys, Sandra	Cook's Helper	MJH	3/2/2011 for balance of 2010-2011 School Year	Unpaid Medical Leave of Absence
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as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Peters.

**On Roll Call**

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

Nays: None Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

**H. Permission to Post**

Mrs. Moore made a motion to post an Interim Principal position for MIS for 2011-2012 school year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ventura

**On Roll Call**

Ayes: Mrs. Falbo, Mr. King, Mrs. Moore Mr. Peters, Mr. Troy, Mr. Ventura

Nays: Mr. Bruozas Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 6-1**

**I. Permission to Post**

Mrs. Moore made a motion to post a Health Aide position at MIS for the 2011-2012 school year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Peters.

**On Roll Call**

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

Nays: Mrs. Falbo, Mr. Bruozas Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 5-2**

**BOARD POLICY**

Mr. Ventura moved to approve the following policy as presented:

1. 2:140 Communication To and From the Board
2. 4:15 Identity Protection

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Moore.

**On Roll Call**

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Ayes: Mrs. Falbo, Mr. King, Mrs. Moore Mr. Peters, Mr. Troy, Mr. Ventura

Nays: Mr. Bruozas

Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 6-1**

### REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Mrs. Moore moved to set Tuesday, May 3, 2011 as a reorganizational meeting of the Board of Education. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Falbo.

#### On Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

### QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO ACTION REQUESTS

No questions.

Mrs. Belotti thanked the Board and the Administration for the opportunity to be part of District 159 for the last 14 years.

### ITEMS FOR MAY 11, 2011 AGENDA

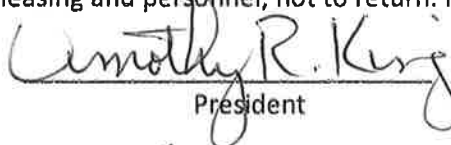
- Possibly change Board meeting day
- Restructuring of Board meeting agenda
- Personnel
- Closed Session Minutes Review

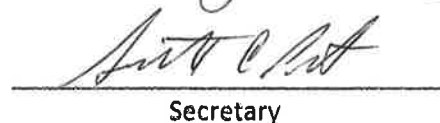
### GOOD OF MOKENA

- Jazz Band Coffee House – Friday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m. at MJH
- Village Clean-Up Day – April 16
- MEF Golf Outing – Friday June 3rd at Odyssey Country Club
- MIS Student/Staff basketball game Friday, April 15
- PTA Rummage Sale June 25 at MIS
- Rachel Challenge workshop June 22- 4 MJH staff members will attend; donations covered their fees
- Mr. Peters thanked Michael Krugman, Patty Bogdan and Ellen Belotti for the service and dedication to the District; commended Mrs. Leo for her outstanding effort on the MIS Talent Show
- Mr. Ventura spoke on behalf of the integrity of the Board; Stewards of the community
- Mrs. Falbo emphasized the misinformation that is in the newspapers and blogs; incorrect assumptions of Board members; thanked the referendum committee

### CLOSED SESSION

At 9:50 p.m. Mr. Troy moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Peters the April 13, 2011 Regular meeting to adjourn to Close Session for purposes of negotiations, leasing and personnel; not to return. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote.

  
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President

  
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Secretary