

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MOKENA SCHOOL DISTRICT 159
MOKENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
January 26, 2011**

BOARD OF EDUCATION

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Tim King – President	✓	
Mrs. Katherine Moore – Vice President	✓	
Mr. Scott Peters – Secretary	✓	
Mr. Tony Bruozas	✓	Arrived at 7:11 p.m.
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; 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 Ron Kaczorowski, Transportation Director; Ann Lewandowski, Director of Food Services, Mary Louise Knoerzer, Board Secretary.

VISITORS PRESENT:

Jennifer Bertino –Tarrant, Christine Bilus, Debi Blank, Bob and Madeline Kral, Jeff and Joann Cooper, Joe spalla, Kate Wojtulewicz, Kym Hanky, Jill Moran, Dina Fugett, Bob Huscher, Mike Ford, Sharon Smutny, Katie Nigro, Shannon Geetz, Sue Isdonas, Erin Menozzi, Susan Contreras, Mark Franceschini, Lora Grabowski, Ursula Damico, Kim Rueth, Laurel McGowan, Katherine Barr, Tammy Vermeire, Patty Novak, Liz Gillespie, Jenny Daley, Meredith Toosley, Beth McGrath, Jen Gorman. Larry and Tara McKenna, Kari Abrahamsen, Toni Szostak, Kelly Kmak, Rosalie Leitelt. Jack McDermott, Amber Vladika, Tracy Tervin, Carrie Zakula, Jim Schlegel, Jami Morgan.

PRESS

Amanda Jacobs, Mokena Messenger; Caroline Evans, Patch.com; Susan Lafferty, 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 January 26, 2011.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Perry led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Superintendent's Report

- Thanked Mrs. Bertino-Tarrant for providing background on boundaries and the process of re-aligning boundaries; answering the audience and Board's questions regarding this issue.
- Provided an update on the Transportation survey; some misinformation needs to be addressed

MTA- No comment

Christine Bilus spoke on behalf of the need to retain the Early Start Program.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting –January 12, 2011

Special Meeting – January 11, 2011

Closed Session – January 11, 2011

On Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

INFORMATION REPORTS

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mrs. Perry presented the proposed calendar for the 2011-2012 School year.

CLARIFICATIONS FROM JANUARY WORK SESSION

Ms. Germany provided answers for questions arising from January 20, 2011 Work Session.

EXTRACURRICULAR RECOMMENDATIONS

Mrs. Perry presented recommendations from the Administrative team for activities to remain that had educational impact on our students.

BOARD POLICY 2:160

Mrs. Falbo suggested a review of this Board Policy to the Board Policy Committee.

THREE YEAR BUDGET PLAN (STRAT PLAN)

Ms. Germany provided a power point presentation outlining a three year deficit reduction budget plan with various scenarios requested by the Board. Discussion was held among the Board; questions were answered by Administration.

REDUCTION IN FORCE

Mrs. Perry provided staffing needs based on the decline in enrollment and our financial situation.

TRANSPORTATION

Mrs. Perry presented the transportation survey results that were submitted on-line or paper copies turned in at the school offices this past week. A total of 1,154 responses were received.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:20 p.m. Mrs. Moore made a motion to adjourn to Closed Session for purposes of personnel, negotiations and leasing; to return. Motion was seconded by Mr. Troy. Closed Session was opened by unanimous vote.

OPEN SESSION

At 9:10 p.m., Mr. Peters motioned to call Open Session to order, seconded by Mr. Troy. Meeting opened by unanimous vote.

ACTION REQUESTS

SELECTION TO HEALTH COMMITTEE

Mrs. Perry recommended Mr. Ventura to fill the position as Board representative on the Health Committee. Mr. Troy was chosen to be the alternate on the committee.

SPECIALIZED INSTRUCTION TO RETURN TO DISTRICT 159

Mrs. Moore moved, seconded by Mr. Troy to approve that Mokena School District (MPS)159 will replace three Lincoln Way Area Special Education (LWASE) 843 teachers in the Specialized Instruction Classrooms with three teachers who will be employed by MPS 159. LWASE 843 will provide paraprofessional aides, related service staff and consultative services to the MPS 159 Specialized Instruction Classrooms.

On Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Bruozas, Mrs. Falbo, Mr. King, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Mr. Troy, Mr. Ventura
Nays: None Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Troy moved to table the motion to charge for transportation until the Special meeting scheduled for January 31, 2011. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Falbo

On Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Bruozas, Mrs. Falbo, Mr. Troy
Nays: Mr. King, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Mr. Ventura Abstain: None

MOTION FAILED 3-4

Mr. Ventura moved to charge \$200 per eligible student (residing over 1.5 miles from school or in a hazard zone) for the 2011-12 school year. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Moore.

On Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. King, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Mr. Troy, Mr. Ventura
Nays: Mr. Bruozas, Mrs. Falbo Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 5-2

CLOSING OF MOKENA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Mr. King made the motion to close Mokena Intermediate School (MIS) and transfer all students to Mokena Elementary School beginning with the 2011 -2012 school year, seconded by Mr. Ventura.

Discussion was held regarding this motion.
No Roll Call was taken.

Mr. Troy motioned to table the closing of Mokena Intermediate School (MIS) and transfer all students to Mokena Elementary School beginning with the 2011-2012 school year until the Special Meeting on January 31, 2011.

On Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Bruozas, Mrs. Falbo, Mr. King, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Mr. Troy
Nays: Mr. Ventura Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 6-1

QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO ACTION REPORTS

No comments

CLOSED SESSION

Not needed

ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 9, 2011

- Staffing reductions

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- Administrative reductions
- Review of Policy
- Recommendations if referendum passes

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:55 p.m. Mr. Troy moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Moore the January 26, 2011 meeting.
Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote.



President



Secretary