

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MOKENA SCHOOL DISTRICT 159  
MOKENA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL  
January 12, 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; 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**

Joyce Siska, Kim Klappauf, Steve Roberts, Tara McKenna, Madeline and Bob Kral, Debi Blank, Mike Ford, Stephanie Pote, Shellie Neiheisel, Jill Moran, Joe Spalla, Christine Biles, Patricia Haiser, Paul Treacy, Dorelle Ackermann, Mark Franceschini, Laurie Fleischer, Shelia Gavin, Amy Edmier, Laurel McGowan, Sophia Karnezis, Shirley McDonnell, Michelle Matt, Janet Grice, Drew Haverstock, Anna Briscoe, Katherine Barr, Tessa Quinlan, Jan Loven, Madia Sargeant, Carrie Zakula, Sophia Maria Andricopulos, Bob Huscher, Amber Vladika.

**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 12, 2011.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mrs. Bogdan and the winners of Mokena Fire Protection District Essay contest, Jared Bachman, Luke Handley, Claire Connors led the Board of Education in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASE**

Presentation on the PASS program at MIS was given by Mrs. Bogdan, Mrs. Wydeveld, one of the teachers of the program and Hannah Treacy, a student in the program.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Superintendent's Report**-Congratulated winners of the Geography Bee, Christian Geoppo and Mark Brown; Second set of benchmarking for RtI would be completed by Friday, January 14, 2011.

**MTA**- No comment

*Kim Klappauf* –spoke as a teacher at MIS and resident of Mokena asked the Board to consider not closing MIS and sighted various professional reasons.

Jennifer Daley spoke on behalf of the Citizens For Mokena School District 2011 Referendum Ballot Committee. She urged the Board to approve the resolution of the referendum.

### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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

Regular Meeting –December 8, 2010 as amended

Special Meeting – December 13, 2010

Closed Session – December 13, 2010

### **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**

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The revenue for the month of December, in all funds is \$574,141 which represents 3.2% of the total annual revenue budget. Last year we received \$512,740 for December 2009. The State of Illinois did fulfill its obligation to pay the remaining categorical funding from the 09-10 year prior to December 31. In total, we received \$777,155 of categorical funding in the 10-11 school year that should have been received by fiscal year close of June 30. For the 10-11 school year, we have received \$750.50 in categorical money. This revenue represents state lunch program revenue. We did not receive payments on September 30, 2010 or December 31, 2010 for any of the Special Education Categoricals, Transportation, or Early Childhood Block Grant. This amounts to \$606,430 that remains unfunded to date in categorical revenue.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Business Manager, Ms. Germany reviewed the Treasurer's Report with the Board of Education.

#### **STUDENTY ACTIVITY REPORT**

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

#### **LINCOLN-WAY SPECIAL EDUCATION MINUTES**

Mrs. Moore reported the following:

- Renewal of bus leases
- Tour of transition House end of January
- Progress on track

#### **PROJECTED ENROLLMENT /STAFFING NEEDS**

Pre School – The Pre School Grant will become a competitive grant for the 2011-2012 school year. Discussion was had regarding the value of the program.

Kindergarten - Decrease by 1

First Grade- Decrease by 1

Second Grade – Decrease by 1

Third Grade – No change

Fourth grade – Decrease by 1

Fifth Grade – Decrease by 1

Sixth through Eighth Grade – Decrease by 2. This is a total reduction of 10 teachers.

Successful referendum, the recommendation is: to recall positions Kindergarten through Eighth grade.

#### **BUILDING ADMINISTRATORS RESPONSIBILITIES**

Mrs. Perry provided a review of principal and assistant principal daily activities. Discussion was had regarding this information.

**DISCUSSION OF THREE BUDGET PLAN**

The Board needs to supply direction for the Administration to balance the budget due to shortfall of payments from the State of Illinois. Much discussion was had, but agreed the choices are dismal.

A three year budget plan was suggested including a timeline; need to look at the "big ticket" items: closing of a building (MIS), transportation, staffing, classroom size, food service.

Need to consider revenue: charging for transportation, increasing of book fees, leasing a building.

Need to consider the future needs of the district: textbooks, building maintenance, technology.

**BOARD AGENDA RESTRUCTURING**

Mr. Ventura suggested this discussion be put on a future agenda after the Election.

**REVISED MANAGED PRINT CONTRACT**

After working with Martin Whalen Office Solutions, Inc., Dr. Vitton reported there will be a 15% reduction in our print contract effective February 1, 2011 at an estimated savings of \$7,264 to the District.

**HEALTH INSURANCE COMMITTEE**

A Board member will be appointed to the District committee at the January 26, 2011 meeting.

**CERTIFY CANDIDATES FOR TH APRIL 5, 2011 ELECTION**

The Certification of Ballot will be filed with Will County Clerk's Office on January 13, 2011.

**SCHEDULE OF ADDITIONAL MEETINGS**

The Board agreed to schedule a Regular Board meeting on the fourth Wednesday of each month through April; also the need to schedule a Work Session on Thursday, January 20, 2011.

**SPECIALIZED INSTRUCTION CLASSROOM (SI)**

Mrs. Belotti presented the option of providing specialized instruction support to our students providing a potential savings of approximately \$100,000 to the District as opposed to having the services be provided by District 843. The Board was in favor of the district taking over this program.

**ACTION REQUESTS**

**DISTRICT BILLS**

Mr. Ventura reviewed the bills for the month. Mr. Ventura moved to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Mrs. Moore.

**On Roll Call**

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

**PERSONNEL**

**A. Classified – New Hire**

Erazo, Jeanette	Bus Driver	12/10/2010	3 hrs/day 5 days/wk \$ 13.89/hr
Leonard, Susan	Assistant Cook	01/04/2011	5 hrs/day 5 days/wk \$8.46/hr

**B. Classified – Status Change**

Barto, Maria	Bus Driver	01/03/2011	Increase hrs/day from 3 to 4
Sullivan, Tricia	Cook	01/03/2011	Increase hrs/day from 6 to 6.5

**C. Classified – Leave of Absence Request**

Maldonado, Roberto	Custodian	MJH	12/23/10 to 3/17/11	Family Medical Leave
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**D. Correction: Certified-Long Term Substitute Teacher Request**

Swift, Monica                      Long Term Sub Teacher      MIS                      1/3/11 - 1/28/2011      \$149.84/day

**Recommended Motion:**

Mrs. Moore moved to approve Personnel recommendations A through D as presented, subject to successful background check, drug screening (if applicable), and physical. Mr. Bruozas seconded the motion.

**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**

**SCHEDULE ADDITIONAL MEETINGS**

**Recommended Motion:**

Mr. Ventura moved to schedule a Regular Board meeting on the fourth Wednesday of each month through April and a Board Work Session, January 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Peters.

**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**

**REFERENDUM RESOLUTION APRIL 2011**

**Recommended Motion:**

Mrs. Falbo moved for the Board adoption of the resolution to authorize a twenty-nine cent (29) Cent limiting Tax Rate Increase Referendum to be placed on the April 5, 2011 ballot as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ventura.

**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**

This resolution will be filed with the Will County Clerk's Office on January 13, 2011.

**ITEMS FOR JANUARY 26, 2011 MEETING**

- Short presentation by Regional Superintendent regarding boundaries
- Specialized Instruction (SI) Program at District 159
- Health Insurance Committee Appointment
- Specific Budget Reductions to be Voted On

**GOOD OF MOKENA**

- Charity Car Show at Tinley Park Convention Center on January 16; partial donation to go to MEF and LWSRA
- Rachel's Challenge – February 16, 2011 at MJH at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:35 p.m. Mrs. Moore moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Falbo, the January 12, 2011 meeting. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote.

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President

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Secretary