

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION- MOKENA SCHOOL DISTRICT 159  
MOKENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
May 11, 2011**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mr. John Troy – President	✓	
Mr. Joseph Spalla – Vice President	✓	
Mr. Frank Ventura – Secretary	✓	
Mr. Michael Ford	✓	
Mr. Patrick Markham	✓	
Mrs. Katherine Moore	✓	
Mr. Scott Peters	✓	

**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, Ron Kaczorowski, Director of Transportation; Mary Louise Knoerzer, Board Secretary.

**VISITORS PRESENT:**

Cathy Lark, Kim Truffa, Cathy Muehler, Kim Rueth, Bridget Jarecki, Joyce Siska, Bob Kral, Madeline Kral, Debi Blank, Sue Gillund, Mike Sheridan, Nancy Sheridan, Patricia Hasier, Margie Janes, Laurel McGowan, Beth Rogers, Jen Gorman, Sharon Smutny, Donna Dockus, Kathy Kingma, Jennifer Thomas, Cheri McKenna, Lora Grabowski, Kate Wojtulewicz, Sophia Maria and Anna Lynn Andricopulos, Gina Zoevlet, Mary Cummins, Mary Petrizzo, sue Isdonas, Beth Halm, Mark Franceschini, Anna Briscoe, Beth McGrath, D. Haverstock, Claire Doster, Steve Doster, Christy Mullin, Patt DiFiore, Michelle Matt, Mr. Varpucanskis and Justas Varpucanskis.

**PRESS**

Amanda Jacobs, Mokena Messenger; Ginger Brashinger; Southtown Star.

**OPENING AND ROLL CALL**

Mr. Troy called the Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Mokena Public School District 159 to order at 7:00 p.m. on May 11, 2011.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Stein along with recipients of IPA Student Recognition Awards; Jacob Jarecki and Christy Cook led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASE**

Mr. Rolinitis introduced Justas Varpucanskis, a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at MJH who was a top 10 finalist for the "Google" Doodle contest.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- **MTA-** no comment
- **Superintendent Report:** Clarified the transportation issue in regards to Band; will be offered for a fee since Band is curricular.
- **Joyce Siska,** a teacher, made personal statement; on behalf of the success of the RTI program and the need to reinstate the Intervention Specialist.

- *Mike Sheridan*, resident, thanked the Board for their service; concerned about the transportation and safety factor; concern about non-certified employment.
- *Carrie Zakula*, congratulated the new Board; need to begin the healing process; thanked *all* who worked on the referendum.

### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Mrs. Moore moved, seconded by Mr. Markham to approve the following meeting minutes:  
Special Meeting – May 3, 2011

#### **On Roll Call**

Ayes: Mr. Ford, Mr. Markham, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Mr. Spalla, Mr. Troy, Mr. Ventura

Nays: None

Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

### **INFORMATION REPORTS**

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Ms. Germany reviewed the Financial report with the Board of Education.

#### **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:

- Parent Advisory Council- will initiate a mentoring program
- Held East Egg Hunt for children.
- Teacher negotiations agreement was met; salary is separate however
- Dismissed classified staff
- Awards will be held at McKay Center May 19
- Received \$1,050 from Knights of Columbus
- Covered the Director's goals
- Next Board meeting will be held May 24, 2011 at Pioneer Grove

#### **RESOLUTION DESIGNATING INTEREST EARNINGS**

Ms. Germany reviewed the Resolution of Designating Interest Earnings report with the Board of Education.

#### **LINCOLN WAY SPANISH RECOMMENDATION**

Mr. Rolinitis reviewed various recommendations for maintaining /not maintaining the Spanish 1 program at MJH with the Board of Education.

#### **SPECIALIZED INSTRUCTION PSYCHOLOGIST**

Mrs. Belotti reviewed with the Board of Education, the need to increase the psychologist to fulltime status for the Specialized Instruction program to meet the needs of this program.

#### **BOARD MEETING LOCATION**

Mrs. Perry presented to the Board the idea of one location for future Board meetings – MES Band room with a 2 wireless microphone option.

#### **BOARD AGENDA FORMAT**

The Board had a discussion regarding changes in the Board agenda format. Agendas from the local school districts were provided. The Board will continue the discussion next meeting.

**BOARD POLICY**

Mrs. Perry presented Board Policy 2:110, Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers and Policy 2:150, Committees; for first reading.

**IVY LEAGUE AND KINDERBRIDGE CONTRACTS**

Mr. Stein reviewed with the Board of Education the contracts for the Ivy League and Kinderbridge programs for the 2011-2012 school year.

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

Mr. Troy and the Board discussed adding a special meeting. The date agreed up on was May 23, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Mokena Elementary School.

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 8:25, Mr. Peters motioned to go into Closed Session for matters relating to personnel to return. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Moore. Closed Session was opened by unanimous vote.

**OPEN SESSION**

At 9:25 p.m. Mr. Peters motioned to call Open Session to order; seconded by Mrs. Moore. Meeting opened by unanimous vote.

**ACTION REPORTS**

**DISTRICT BILLS**

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

**On Roll Call**

Ayes: Mr. Ford, Mr. Markham, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Mr. Spalla, Mr. Troy, Mr. Ventura

Nays: None Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

**FOOD BIDS**

Mr. Spalla moved to approve the lowest responsible bid for food and non-food supplies from Gordon Food Service; the lowest supplier of bread from IBC Sales/Wonder Bread, and the lowest responsible supplier of milk from Krystal Dairy.

**On Roll Call**

Ayes: Mr. Ford, Mr. Markham, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Mr. Spalla, Mr. Troy, Mr. Ventura

Nays: None Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

**PERSONNEL**

**A. Director – Resignation**

Mrs. Moore made a motion to accept the resignation of Ryan Adkins as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spalla.

**On Roll Call**

Ayes: Mr. Ford, Mr. Markham, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Mr. Spalla, Mr. Troy, Mr. Ventura

Nays: None Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

**B. Certified – Rehire**

Mrs. Moore made a motion to rehire Kathryn Flaherty Intervention Specialist for the 2011-2012 school year, salary pending negotiations as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Peters.

**On Roll Call**

Ayes: Mr. Ford, Mr. Markham, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Mr. Spalla, Mr. Troy, Mr. Ventura  
Nays: None Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

**C. Certified – Leave of Absence**

Mrs. Moore made a motion to accept the request for leave of absence for Kara Marcus as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ford.

**On Roll Call**

Ayes: Mr. Ford, Mr. Markham, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Mr. Spalla, Mr. Troy, Mr. Ventura  
Nays: None Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

**D. Administrator – Renewal**

Mrs. Moore made a motion to accept the renewal of administrators and directors as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Markham.

Vitton, Charles	Assistant Superintendent of Instruction	12 months
Germany, Barbara	Business Manager	12 months
Rolinitis, Michael	Principal of Mokena Junior High School	12 months
Stein, Steven	Principal of Mokena Elementary School	12 months
Clavenna, Christine	Assistant Principal of Mokena Junior High School	10.5 months
Stanley, Kenneth	Director of Building and Grounds	12 months
Kaczorowski, Ronald	Director of Transportation	11 months
Lewandowski, Ann	Director of Food Service	10 months

**On Roll Call**

Ayes: Mr. Ford, Mr. Markham, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Mr. Spalla, Mr. Troy, Mr. Ventura  
Nays: None Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

**E. Classified – rehires**

Mrs. Moore made the motion to rehire three summer custodians as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spalla.

Gucfa, Adam	Summer Custodian	Buildings & Grounds	June 6, 2011 to August 4, 2011	\$8.38/hr 9 hrs/day 4 days/week
Murphy, Alex	Summer Custodian	Buildings & Grounds	June 6, 2011 to August 4, 2011	\$8.38/hr 9 hrs/day 4 days/week
Tiberi, Lucas	Summer Custodian	Buildings & Grounds	June 6, 2011 to August 4, 2011	\$8.26/hr 9 hrs/day 4 days/week

**On Roll Call**

Ayes: Mr. Ford, Mr. Markham, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Mr. Spalla, Mr. Troy, Mr. Ventura  
Nays: None Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

**PARENT –TEACHER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

We are hereby appointing Joseph Spalla to fill the position as Board representative to the Parent-Teacher Advisory and Behavior Intervention Committee.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE**

We are hereby appointing Katherine Moore to fill the position as the Board of Education Special Education representative.

We are hereby appointing Patrick Markham to fill the position as the Board of Education Special Education alternate.

Mr. Troy in agreement with the Board fulfilled the Mokena School District 159 committee positions as follows:

Insurance	Frank Ventura
Negotiations	Entire Board
Policy	Patrick Markham- Chairman Michael Ford- member
Technology	Joseph Spalla- Chairman Scott Peters- member
Finance	Scott Peters- Chairman Patrick Markham- member

**QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO ACTION REQUESTS**

No questions.

**ITEMS FOR JUNE 9, 2011 AGENDA**

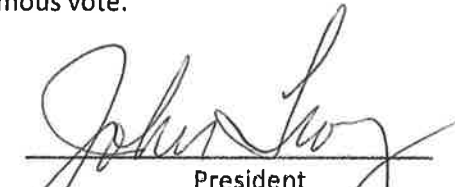
- Contract for Ivy League and Kinderbridge Programs
- Interest Earnings
- Bus Lease Requests
- Pre-approval of July Bills
- Workman's Comp/ Casualty Insurance/Custodial bid results
- Personnel
- Policy- second reading
- Closed Session Minutes Review (Moore/Ford)

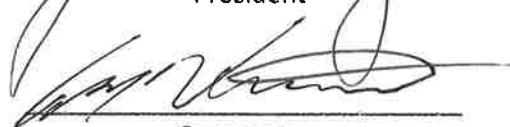
**GOOD OF MOKENA**

- MEF Golf Outing – Friday June 3rd at Odyssey Country Club
- PTA Rummage Sale – June 25 at MIS
- Fine Arts Concert- May 16- MJH – 7:00 p.m.
- Mrs. Moore asked to rearrange Board set-up

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 9:50 p.m. Mr. Ventura moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Moore, the May 11, 2011 Regular meeting to adjourn to Close Session for purposes of negotiations, leasing, student discipline and personnel; not to return. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote.

  
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President

  
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Secretary