

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MOKENA SCHOOL DISTRICT 159  
MOKENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
May 23, 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; Mike Rolinitis, Principal; Steve Stein, Principal; Michael Krugman, Principal; Patti Bogdan, Asst. Principal; Chris Clavenna, Asst. Principal; Judy Splayt, Asst. Principle; Ann Lewandowski, Director of Food Services, Mary Louise Knoerzer, Board Secretary.

**VISITORS:**

Joyce Siska, Laurel McGowan, Kim Rueth, Mark Franceschini, Donna Dockus, Jenny Daley.

**PRESS**

Amanda Jacobs, Mokena Messenger

**OPENING AND ROLL CALL**

Mr. Troy called the Special meeting of the Board of Education of Mokena Public School District 159 to order at 7:00 p.m. on May 23, 2011.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**COMMUNICATION/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- **Laurel McGowan**, teacher on behalf of MTA, clarified their position on choice of the insurance carrier and the plan that will be presented at tonight's meeting. She distributed to Board members the memo regarding their primary concerns; also a statement from Joyce Siska, MTA President.

**INSURANCE UPDATE**

Mr. Ventura presented the recommendation on behalf of the Insurance Committee regarding the carrier; United Health Care and the various plan choices from UHC. Discussion was held among the Board; questions were asked by the Board; Mr. Ventura and Mrs. Perry provided answers and clarification for the audience and the Board.

**ACTION REQUEST**

**INSURANCE RECOMMENDATION**

Mr. Ventura moved to approve for the 2011-12 plan year:

- United Healthcare (UHC) as the Mokena School District 159 sponsored Medical Plan as follows:

- UHC - PPO Plan A, PPO Plan B, and HMO for certified staff and
- UHC Core 2 for the Classified and Administrative Staff.
- Delta Dental PPO and DMO
- and Guardian VSP Vision Plan.”

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Moore.

#### **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**

Mr. Troy led the discussion regarding establishing of additional committees and the roles of current committees. The Board would like more community members involved in the established committees; Board will need to determine the. Established Committees:

##### **Finance Committee**

- Budget Timeline
- Levy
- Start Plan
- Three- four year Financial Plan for District

##### **Technology Committee**

- Enhance Board meetings
- Plan to allocate funds in budget
- Technology to replace textbooks
- Security issues

##### **Curriculum Committee**

- Full-day vs. half-day Kindergarten program
- Options for 8<sup>th</sup> grade Spanish
- Public awareness of RTI program; presentations etc.

##### **Policy Committee**

- Working with IASB on-going changes
- District goals; Public comments; organizational structure

##### **Parent-Advisory Committee**

- Parent –Student Handbook revisions

##### **Buildings & Grounds and Transportation Committee (new)**

- Capital Improvements needed in District
- Closing of MIS; public involvement; transition process

#### **FINAL CALENDAR 2010-11**

Mrs. Perry presented the revised 2010-2011 school calendar due to snow days for approval.

#### **NEW BOARD MEMBER MENTORING PROGRAM**

The following are the mentoring assignments:

Kathy Moore - Patrick Markham

Scott Peters- Mike Ford

Frank Ventura – Joe Spalla


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**AGENDA FORMAT**

Mr. Ventura made a motion to table Agenda Format until next Regular Board meeting on June 9, 2011.  
Mr. Peters seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

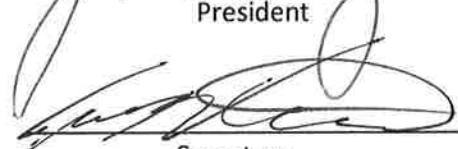
**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:16 p.m. Mr. Peters moved to adjourn, the May 23, 2011 Special meeting; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Moors. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote.



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President



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Secretary