

**MINUTES for SPECIAL/WORK SESSION MEETING
MOKENA SCHOOL DISTRICT 159 - BOARD OF EDUCATION
MOKENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
July 15, 2013**

BOARD OF EDUCATION

| | PRESENT | ABSENT |
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| Mrs. Danielle Didrickson- President | ✓ | |
| Mr. Jim Andresen- Vice President | ✓ | |
| Mrs. Anna Briscoe- Secretary | ✓ | |
| Mrs. Stacy Cesta | ✓ | |
| Mr. Patrick Markham | | ✓ |
| Mr. Joseph Spalla | ✓ | |
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STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Omar Castillo, Superintendent; Kathleen Wilkey, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction; Eileen Parente, Director of Student Services, John Troy, Director of Business Operations; Mary Louise Knoerzer, Board Secretary, Kim Rueth, Toni Szostak.

VISITORS: Jeff Cohn, ISBE

PRESS: Ginger Brashinger, Southtown Star; Ryan Bray and Will O'Brien, Mokena Messenger

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Didrickson, the Board of Education, Administration and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN SESSION and ROLL CALL

Mrs. Didrickson called the Special Meeting/Work Session of the Board of Education of Mokena Public School District 159 to order at 5:46 pm on July 15, 2013.

COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC: None

BOARD EDUCATION: None

AMEND AGENDA

Mr. Spalla moved to amend the agenda to add a Closed Session for purpose of Board Self Evaluation; Pursuant of 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (16). Mrs. Cesta seconded the motion.

ACTION REPORT

Mrs. Didrickson asked if there was a motion to appoint someone to fill the vacancy on the Board of Education effective immediately for the remainder of the term ending April 2015.

Recommended Motion:

Mrs. Cesta moved to appoint Aaron Janik to fill the vacancy on the Board of Education effective immediately for the remainder of the term ending April 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spalla. The Board was unanimous on the appointment of Mr. Janik.


SEATING OF THE NEW BOARD MEMBER

At 5:48 pm the Oath of Office was administered to Mr. Aaron Janik by Board President, Mrs. Danielle Didrickson. Mr. Janik was congratulated by the administrators present.

The Press had an opportunity to interview Mr. Janik.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:53 pm Mrs. Didrickson moved to adjourn the July 15, 2013 Special meeting to go to Closed Session for purposes of Board Self Evaluation; Pursuant of SILCS 120/2(c)(16). The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.



President



Secretary