



Mokena School District 159 **Board Highlights for April 18, 2018**

Communications: MEF: Awarded Washington DC Scholarships to: Michael Collins, Colin Bush, Hunter Stumpf, Will Abell, Cienna Gehrke ; Lincoln-Way recipients were: Jessica Bowers, Dominic Terrones, Julia Signorelli, Julia Roessler. Our Lincoln-Way recipients are: Jessica Bowers, Dominic Terrones, Julia Signorelli and Julia Roessler.

Educational Showcase: Teacher Dr. Albon and Mrs. Canning and students: Sebastian Anderson Samiah Walker, Sophia Peralta, Ben Feith, Tyler Ithal, Maya Ksiezyc, Dylan Lynch, Taylor Didrickson, Kaya Kadlub, Nayeli Hines, Madalyn Ziesmer, Augie Lechowicz, Connor Rassmussen and Nick Brunner presented a colorful and enjoyable Powerpoint presentation of the Eco Systems which is large part of their science curriculum this quarter.

McKinstry Presentation – outlined the capital summer projects; also provided a Facility Improvement Measure Summary of summer and future projects that need to be completed in the next few years.

Finance Committee Update - Mr. Bush reiterated the Fund Balance policy 4:20; reviewed the amended budget reflecting fund balance at 69%; monies are available for some of the large summer projects that McKinstry presented; need to prioritize. Next meeting May 14 at 7pm; music sub-committee will present

Action Items that were approved include:

- Approval of Previous Minutes
- District Bills
- Job Description – Instructional Coach
- 2017-2018 Calendar
- ALPS resolution letter
- Request to bid for asphalt
- Request to bid on security measures
- Request for bid for plumbing project for MES South
- Personnel – Certified- retirement; Classified – new hire, change of position; Permission to post for instructional coaches
- Bus Leases
- Early Start Fees
- Special Meeting Date – Board Goals Workshop – May 23, 2018 7pm

Information Reports

Superintendent Report – Dr. Castillo

1. Biography Wax Museum – Great job Mrs. Padilla and her class
2. FOIA request
3. Residency Verification Day – April 23- 6am to 8pm
4. Community Relations Liaison update - social media engagement continues to increase

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction – Dr. Wilkey

1. Kindergarten Dual Language for FY19- Informational night 3/19; 24 applications as of 4/12; registration is due 5/25.
2. MJH Novel recommendation is *Cinder* by Marissa Meyer
3. Lincoln-Way Vertical Articulation- MJH POE department hosted LW Central to observe; Mrs. Vargas attended the LW Area Curriculum council meeting to hear what was happening at the feeder schools. She shared info regarding heart monitors.

Director of Student Services – Mrs. Parente

1. Projected Staffing patterns for SY19

Chief School Business Official - Dr. Shaw

1. Finance Committee held April 9 – Topics Capital Improvement plan and amended budget
2. McKinstry gave an update on Capital projects for summer. MJH parking lot needs a complete redo. Talked about the fund balance in relation to the district policy.

3. Amended budget – chart presented where we are at; BOE will approve tentative budget May 2018; final approval June 2018.
4. School finance – the district will receive \$32, 387 in unrestricted funds from ISBE
5. Human Resource department is aligning the MCSA contract with job descriptions and works charts and in Skyward management.
6. Transportation Update – researching the possibilities to receive an electric bus; updating current fleet with 3 new buses was provided.
7. Food Service Update – 6,751 lunches served this past month; mini-pancakes and min- waffles are most popular; the district’s current Food vendor Performance Fox Rivers will not be part of COOP next year; lots of food planning this month.
8. Buildings & Grounds Update – working w/GCA to look for facilities manager; a boiler went t don at MES on April 13; Dan Heden is working with PSI to correct this problem.
9. Mrs. Kirchner is working on MES playground; district does not need to bid out for this project because company is part of the National IPA. Other playgrounds need attention too.
10. McKinstry provided an update of capital project projections; working with Mr. Smith on security measures that need to be included.

Financial and Treasurer Reports - Dr. Teri Shaw

Director of Technology - Mr. Smith

1. Summer projects and pricing and working/McKinstry; looking at classroom phones, upgrades to intercom systems door access and controls; MES /MIS fiber upgrades.
2. Multifunction Copier Lease – working on finalizing our requirements.
3. Google Discovery AR – will be held at MIS April 16 – Augmented Reality project
4. Art Pilot Chromebook - piloting Lenovo 300e Chromebooks with MES art classes.
5. 8th grade Take Home pilot – still observing
6. Standards gradebook MES Pilot – begins 4th quarter; major overhaul of grading system at MES
7. New Network Monitoring System- PRTG server to monitor switches and servers
8. Neverware labs – converted 3 f the 4 Window computer labs to Chromebook devices using Neverware CloudReady software. ; testing this environment until end of year

Principals shared news from their buildings; newsletters and website have additional information on upcoming events and clubs. MIS –Fun day on Monday working with Google Augmented Reality experience; MES practiced – active shooter drill evacuation with staff; thanked all who help with the musical production- volunteers, staff students all worked very hard and Rachel transportation made it happen for grades 3- 8 see the production at LWC.

Music Sub-Committee Update – Mr. Everett- met 4/4; will bring their plans to finance committee for consideration.

Items for May 16, 2018 Agenda:

Items from Information requiring action next month
 Board Reorganization
 McKinstry Update
 Music recommendation
 Amended Budget

For the Good of Mokena

The production of Beauty and the Beast, Jr. was enjoyed by all
 Mr. Everett thanked BOE for the opportunity to attend the Three Rivers dinner; great source of PD

Adjournment

Respectfully,

Submitted on behalf of Dr. Omar Castillo, Superintendent