



Mokena School District 159

Board Highlights for February 21, 2018

Action Items that were approved include:

- Approval of Previous Minute
- District Bills
- Personnel – Administrative – Retirement; Certified – Retirement; Classified –resignation, new hire and change of assignment
- Consent agenda:
 1. Semi-annual review of Closed Session minutes and verbatim of Closed Session minutes
 2. Authorization to Prepare Tentative budget for 2018-19
 3. 2018-19 School Calendar
 4. Homeowner letter
 5. Xplosion Contract
- 2018-19 School – Transportation fees have been lowered
- Tentative Special meeting prior to March regular meeting

Information Reports

- **Superintendent Report** – Dr. Castillo
 1. IASB Policy Review
 2. Kindergarten Registration – March 6, 2018; Residency Verification Day – April 23, 2018
 3. Encourages Board members to visit the buildings

Strategic Goal 1 Update – Curriculum – Dr. Wilkey and Mr. Smith

- Updating scope and sequence for ELA Math and Science
- Piloting Science 6-8 program
- New network infrastructure, teacher and student devices
- 1:1 technology at MJH; focus on Google training for staff
- Looking to pilot new chromebooks w/Google trainers for 2019
- Review chromebook cases for student devices
- Quarterly assessments being analyzed in grades 6-8
- Common rubrics have been integrated in grades K-8 ELA; grades 6-8 SS
- Using Fast Bridge assessment system; identify strengths and weaknesses
- ALEK math program in grades 4-8
- Exploratory classes implemented in middle school model; reviewing
- Continue looking for STEM projects
- 7th grade communication class focus on World Language
- 8th grade Spanish has been aligned with LW Spanish 1
- Exploratory classes working with “breakout boxes”
- **Assistant Superintendent of Instruction** – Dr. Wilkey
 1. ACCESS Testing has been completed – A huge thank you to Courtney Schindler for leading MES and MIS; and a huge thank you to Dave Balis for leading MJH
 2. Dual language Family night- 2/1/2018; 50 of the 80students and their families attended; a big thank you to the dual language teachers for organizing this event; Mrs. Lark for facilitating the stations and Mrs. Sorley for ordering the supplies.
 3. Google Level 1 certification at MJH – goal to have all of MJH staff certified by 2019; Several staff members took the certification exam on February 16; very lucky to have teachers embracing this new concept – transforming our students as 21st Century learners.
 4. Fine Arts Articulation - our staff visited with LW feeder schools while learning the new IL Fine Arts standards
 5. Vertical Articulation – working with LW and feeder junior high schools working each month on a different subjects World Language; Math; Science; Social Studies have been completed
 6. Fast Bridge scores for Reading and Math for 1st – 8th grade; PSAT results shared also
- **Director of Student Services** – Mrs. Parente
 1. Provided a historical look at decentralization of District 843; compared programs and students and personnel and administration
 2. Global cost analysis of D843 and services

- **Chief School Business Official - Dr. Shaw**

1. Finance Committee held February 12 - presentations from McKinstry Engineering and Fako Research topics included a general capital outlay plan and survey and polling process;
 2. meeting departments regarding their amended budget;
 3. CPI for the year is 2.1% same as 2016
 4. ISBE budget –the district is receiving their money from state; new formula district could receive \$36,000 more in State aid; cost shift for TRS placing burden on school districts
 5. Payroll – provide SWOT analysis
 6. Workers Comp audit
 7. Roth 403b
 8. Transportation Update – Surprise visit from IDOT – passed with flying colors
 9. Food Service Update – 6,468 lunches served this past month; nachos and chicken nuggets the most popular; State audit review went well
 10. Buildings & Grounds Update – Paul Klimczak has resigned; will work with GCA on solutions
- The Board appreciates the department comments.

- **Financial and Treasurer Reports - Dr. Teri Shaw**

1. New report added to financials

- **Director of Technology - Mr. Smith**

1. Kindergarten Registration website-has a new look; all pertinent information is published
2. Illinois Google Technical Collaborative – Mr. Smith attended; covered Google G-suite for schools; small group discussion; talked about hardware and software with Google; *Kudos to Jake-the district has been awarded to participate in Google Expeditions AR Pioneer program!!! Google will provided training and devices on new software which will part of our curriculum.*

- **Principals** shared fun and exciting news from their buildings; newsletters and website have additional information on upcoming events and clubs; leadership teams and Institute day.
- **District #843 Update** – Mrs. Briscoe
- **Finance Committee Update** – Mr. Bush - Invited community members to attend
- **Music Sub-Committee Update** – Mr. Everett
- **Professional Development for BOE members** – looking at dates for Board Self-evaluation and Goal setting session

Items for March 21, 2018 Agenda:

- Items from Information requiring action next month
- Renewal of Administrators for 2019; tenure staff
- Summer help

For the Good of Mokena – discussion held among all three school principals on how they are discussing safety in their classrooms and schools; School Board in full support of whatever is needed

Adjournment

Respectfully,

Submitted on behalf of Dr. Omar Castillo, Superintendent