



Mokena School District 159

Board Highlights for March 21, 2018

Communications: MTA specially recognized a few of their colleagues going above and beyond with students: Shellie Neiheisel, Andy Boss, Kim Rueth, Kathy Arduino, Jen Macie, Jessica Gibson and Victoria Albon

MEF – awarded 5 Washington DC Scholarships; College scholarship will be awarded to 3 candidates- essays submitted are outstanding.

Educational Showcase: Teacher Ms. Horsch and some of her students presented squid dissection and pop quiz for the audience; very enlightening and enjoyable presentation.

Action Items that were approved include:

- Approval of Previous Minute
- District Bills
- Personnel – Administrative – Resignation and administrators renewals; Certified – new hire, retirement and resignation; renewals for 2019SY and tenure status; Classified – resignation and new hire.
Board expressed their appreciation to Principal Anna Kirchner who will be leaving at end 18 SY
- Consent agenda:
 1. Request to go to bid for Print-Management contract
 2. Summer Help
- Approval of McKinstry Engineers for vendor for capital plan

Information Reports

- **Superintendent Report** – Dr. Castillo
 1. National Student Walkout Day - March 14; students participated in a respectful manner; teaching moment.
 2. Community Relations Liaison update

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction – Dr. Wilkey

1. Google Level 2/ICE Conference– A total of 8 teachers and administrators attended level 2; also attended ICE conference to gain insight to technology integration in the district.
2. Lincoln-Way Vertical Articulation- worked with LW and feeder junior high schools working each month on a different subjects- World Language; Math; Science; Social Studies have been completed; MJH entire SS department attended LWC
3. Kindergarten Registration held 3/15/2018 – 100 students have registered
4. PARCC Testing – went very well; ran smoothly; makes this week.
5. Recommendation of Instructional coaches for 2019; job description was attached for 1st read.
6. Projected Enrollment and Teachers was provided for FY19

Director of Student Services – Mrs. Parente

1. Director for Student Services was posted for
2. Wilson Level I certification- a total of 7 Special Ed. Teachers are training this year; teaching strategies and multisensory language instruction; requires 60 hours of online classes and assessments.

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

1. Finance Committee held March 12-the committee was in consensus in recommending McKinstry's engineering to produce a general capital outlay plan;
2. Will County Facilities Sales Tax 1% referendum was presented.
3. Amended budget - BOE will approve tentative budget May 2018; final approval June 2018
4. Capital projects are being discussed – the Administrative team is recommending spending \$250,000 and \$500,000. Fund balance is currently above the policy balance
5. Information regarding pension shifts was provided
6. Transportation Update – became members of I.A.P.T.; help to move the district forward.
7. Food Service Update – 6,434 lunches served this past month; mini-pancakes are most popular; looking to PD for food servers and cooks for staff; Wellness policy needs to be re-developed.
8. Buildings & Grounds Update – working w/GCA to look for facilities manager; several scenarios were presented.

- **Financial and Treasurer Reports** - Dr. Teri Shaw
- **Director of Technology** - Mr. Smith
 1. PARCC testing very smooth; thanked all admin., teachers, support and techs for their support
 2. Conferences – report on Google 2Boot camp and ICE conference;
 3. Chromebooks 1to 1program- 8th graders will be taking devices home after spring break.
 4. Very detailed report on District security and upgrades are recommended.
- **Principals** shared news from their buildings; newsletters and website have additional information on upcoming events and clubs; PARCC testing and school safety were part of each of their reports.
- **District #843 Update** – Mrs. Briscoe
- **Finance Committee Update** – Mr. Bush - Invited community members to attend; will be looking at amended budget and considering large summer projects
- **Music Sub-Committee Update** – Mr. Everett- will have survey result for April 4, 2018 meeting
- **Professional Development for BOE members** – looking at dates for Goal setting session early April

Items for April 18, 2018 Agenda:

Items from Information requiring action next month

Amended budget at finance committee

Summer Projects

For the Good of Mokena –

- Mokena Junior High musical - Beauty and Beast, Jr. –April 13 & 14th LWC auditorium; tickets will be on sale to public beginning March 23 for \$10

Adjournment

Respectfully,

Submitted on behalf of Dr. Omar Castillo, Superintendent