



Mokena School District 159

Board Highlights for May 16, 2018

Communications: Kris Okoskey, spoke on behalf of needed improvement to the district music program. PTA – Jaymie Andresen recapped all the activities the PTA sponsored thru out the year. A good year!

Educational Showcase: Outstanding Language Learners were presented by Ms. Espinosa - Caitlyn Rochon and Ian Malone.

Finance Committee Update - Mr. Bush presented on Behalf of the Committee: reviewed the amended budget; need to spend approx. \$800,000 to be compliance with Policy 4:20; three large summer projects: MJH parking lot sewer drainage; signage thru out district and MES piping in south end. McKinstry will bring bid results to Special meeting later this month. Music recommendation reviewed. Administrators will proceed based on direction of the BOE; members will review both options A & B available in Boardbook extras.

Action Items that were approved include:

- Approval of Previous Minutes
- District Bills
- Consent agenda:
 1. Novel – Cinder by Marissa Meyer
 2. Resolution of FSA
 3. Request for bid for Chromebooks
 4. Request for bid for paper
- Personnel – Administrative – new hire; Certified- new hire and resignation; Classified – new hire, change of position salary adjustment, resignation and termination.
- Approval of Tentative amended 2018 Budget
- Special Meeting Date – May 30, 2018 7pm- To approve summer project bids

Board of Education Elections

Board President – Jennifer Riedl

Vice President – Jaymie Staley

Secretary – Anna Briscoe

Action – Board meeting dates - 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm; additional discussion to continue on a Committee of the Whole meeting monthly.

Information Reports

Superintendent Report – Dr. Castillo

1. Residency Verification Update – 29% of our families still need to provide proof
2. June 1st is last day of school- Have a fun and safe summer
3. Parent/Student Handbook – 1st read
4. Transportation – Policy 4:110 revised – 1st read
5. Community Relations Liaison update - end of year recap newsletter; will update curriculum brochures and develop district – wide newsletter for mailing to residents

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction – Dr. Wilkey

1. Kindergarten 129 students registered through May 10th
2. ELL planning- Ms. Schindler and Mr. Balis working on benchmarking for ELL program as well as research based speaking and writing programs
3. Math Review for FY19 working with outside consultant for Math to review scope and sequence; curriculum maps; assessment revisions; textbook resource evaluations

Director of Student Services – Mrs. Parente

1. Overview of Special Education Cost – Savings \$2, 963,557 from 2013-2017
2. LWASE Program Update
3. FY2019 Projections and Student Class Placement

Chief School Business Official - Dr. Shaw

1. Finance Committee held May 14 – Update on summer projects, amended budget, education fund projections, and music committee recommendations
2. McKinstry receiving bids for MJH parking lot storm sewer, safety signage for district buildings and MES piping projects
3. Amended budget – YTD numbers closely aligned; final approval June 2018.

4. School finance – the district will receive \$32, 387 in unrestricted funds from ISBE; other district projects – MS playground and intercom system and door security.
5. Received additional \$32, 875 in general due to Evidence Based Model.
6. Human Resource department job descriptions are updated; met with principals for review; good feedback, need to meet with 12month secretaries in DO.
7. IASBO – School safety- disturbing statistics were shared
8. Transportation Update – conducted survey on Illegal School bus passing; STOP while buses are flashing
9. Food Service Update – 8,120 lunches served this past month; mini-pancakes and min-waffles are most popular again; working with Gordon Food Service (GFS) matching our current product with the former vendor product list. Looking for a food server
10. Buildings & Grounds Update – New director of Buildings and Grounds begin May 14; need to get acclimated with the McKinstry proposals and the PSI system.
11. McKinstry provided an update of capital project projections; working with Mr. Smith on security measures that need to be included.
12. Prevailing Wage and Resolution of Interest Earnings for 1st Read; approval next month

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 Technical Collaborative- met at Google Chicago headquarters were updated on Google For Education program
4. Chromebook RFP - finalizing
6. Infrastructure –Updates and Upgrades- continually working on this now because summer projects will take much time this summer
7. Chromebooks were used for Reality Store – students were much more efficient
8. Discussion on a need for backup generator

Principals shared news from their buildings; newsletters and website have additional information on upcoming events and clubs. MIS – Wants to thank ALL staff for their dedication; MES big shout out to Mrs. Barr for the beautiful job on the MES yearbook this year. MJH – successful Reality Store; Graduation May 29 at 7pm LWC; talent show, Fine Arts concert; Music Awards, Six Flags trip.

Track State-bound Participants

6th Grade - Mia Zinere – Hurdles!!!!

Evan Perrin, Nico Espinosa, Demetre Panagoritos, (Max McKenna) – 4 X 100m relay

8th Grade - Tucker Miller - 100m, Hurdles

7th Grade Boys Sectional Runner up- Max McKenna - 100m, 200m, Shot Put, 4 X 100m Relay

Items for June 20, 2018 Agenda:

Items from Information requiring action next month

Amended Budget approval

For the Good of Mokena

Jennifer Riedl on behalf of BOE thanked Anna Kirchner and Eileen Parente and Omar Castillo for their dedication and commitment to the district. Wished them the best on the next chapter of their life.

Memorial Day parade at 10 am on May 28

Adjournment to Closed Session

Respectfully,

Submitted on behalf of Dr. Omar Castillo, Superintendent