



## Mokena School District 159 Board Highlights for October 17, 2018

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**PUBLIC:** None **STUDENT RECOGNITION:** MJH Student and Mud Turtle team member *Alexa Michon* won the Mud Turtle logo contest! The logo she created is on t-shirts donated by the PTA for all students to wear on Spirit Days and Field Trips...we're very proud of *Alexa* and her design! **MTA:** *Kim Truffa* – Mentioned *Thane Alvey*-MJH PE Dept planned an amazing experience for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at Vertical Endeavors. Everyone enjoyed wall climbing and team building. *Lisa Carrol*-MES K teacher wrote a grant to attend “Get Your Teach On” in CA, which was fully funded by Donors Choose. She planned a Rock your School day and shared terrific resources with our other teachers. **MCSA:** None **MEF/PTA:** Pumpkin Decorating contest October 25<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Fling, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7pm-10pm. **BOE:** *Mr. Everett* congratulated MIS teachers *Katie Rodriguez* and *Carla Dukups* on running in the Chicago Marathon! Some of our MIS staff members & students were there to support them and cheer them on..way to go ladies!

**Auditor Presentation** - *Lauter & Amen, LLC* – Good report; clean audit; thanked Business Department for their hard work. According to the Auditors Office, there was an issue with GASB 75 TRS; however this will be corrected before the next Board meeting.

**Finance Committee Update** - *Mr. Bush* – Discussion included multiple referendum options. 1) Department Service Extension Base increase, 2) Limiting Rate Increase, 3) Building Bond issue. The Committee also discussed the utilization of a Community Engagement and Research company as well as the cost and necessity of the research to support the referendum efforts. Next month agenda items include the tentative Levy 2018 and further conversation regarding referendum options.

### Action Items that were approved include:

- Approval of Previous Minutes
- District Bills
- Personnel –The District welcomes Classified New Hires for 2018-19: *Francis Lewandowski & Jennifer Horns-Field*. Classified LOA: *Laura King*. Classified-Wage Adjustments for New Staff: *Megan Pomeroy, Nicole Miller, Dora Ruiz, Kathy Stewart, Violeta Spasojevic, Amanda McManus, Ramona Fagan, Dina Fugett, Deborah Sneddon, Dawn Stacy, Jaymie Andresen, Catherine Antis, Rebecca Howey, Rebecca Lewis-Moran, Monica Lopez, Shelia O'Donaghue, Susan Reinke, Carolyne Scanlan, Lexus Terrell, Candy Williams*. Certified –Filling LOA: *Joan Arrigoni*. Administrative-LOA: *Allison Cirone*.
- District Audit
- Occupational Therapist Job Description
- Disposal of Equipment
- Community Engagement Consultant
- Forecast 5Lab

### Discussion

**PARCC & Fast Bridge**-*Dr. Wilkey* presented to the BOE her report showing inputs needed based on outputs from PARCC & Fast Bridge data. The two assessments measure two different things. One is adaptive and the other is point in time on grade level standards, therefore, we need to use each set of results differently. Each year we are improving on core instructional programs according to Fast Bridge; annual improvement is not reflected in PARCC. Needed Inputs: Standards aligned instruction, adding rigor to core curriculum and development of common assessments. High quality instruction will come from instructional coaching focused on Danielson's Excellent Attributes which include appropriate balance of instructional practices; recognize curriculum review process and reinstate content committees.

**IASB Delegate**-*Mrs. Riedl* recommended *Mr. Everett* as the IASB Delegate, which he accepted.

**RFP for Custodian and Maintenance Services**-The administration is seeking approval to issue a Request for Proposal for Custodian and Maintenance services. The contract would align with the Strategic Plan Goal Area 4; Facilities and Maintenance. The District has engaged GCA Legacy/ABM as the outsourced company for custodian and maintenance services with the original contract for three years with two one-year extensions available. Options considered: Extend GCA/Legacy/ABM for an additional year with a CPI increase. There is also an option to terminate the contract and bring all services back in house, but that option would be very expensive to implement. Another option that will be built into the RFP is to split the custodian and maintenance services and see how those contract options cost out.

## **Information Reports**

### **Superintendent – Dr. White**

The Board of Education plays a vital role in determining whether the district will place a referendum question on the April 2, 2019 ballot. The last day for the Board to take action is January 14, 2019 if the question is to be placed on the ballot. There are specific rules regarding the involvement of district employees and Board members. The Illinois Council of School Attorneys FAQs document provides details related to these rules.

**Assistant Superintendent of Instruction – Dr Wilkey** presented data on PARCC and Fast Bridge as mentioned above.

### **Director of Student Services – Ms. Cirone**

Mokena School District will host professional development through Starnet for the LWASE member districts at no cost. Additional screening for the ES Program have been scheduled. Once the program is at capacity, a wait list for the 2019-2020 school year will be created.

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

The budget has been submitted to the Will County Clerk's office and the State Board of Education. A timeline for processing the Levy for 2018 is in Dr. Shaw's written report. Payroll has been working on lane changes and salary increases for certified staff who completed education hours. We are asking the BOE for formal approval to issue an RFQ for Architectural Services. We anticipate receiving 10 to 12 quotes from various firms. We continue to move forward with the HVAC and mechanical improvements.

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

#### 1. SecuritySystem-

Installation is nearly complete. ITR Systems has been on site for the last 2 weeks changing the system over. The new system will allow much better logging of user access, as well as a faster response time both internally and for our emergency response team.

#### 2. Bus Barn Internet-

With the help from Rob Tancredi from ABM, we were able to install the new point to point network connection to the bus barn. We will add access points for WiFi in the building and be prepared for adding IP security cameras when that project is ready.

#### 3. Amplified IT Illinois Collaborative Meet-

I was at Lemont H.S. for an Illinois Google for Education meeting. At this mini-conference, we discussed best practices, learned about new updates and got to voice problems and concerns directly with a member of the Google for Ed team.

#### 4. SysAid Ticketing System-

Our ticketing system is live. This new tech ticketing system will help our department be much more responsive to the needs of the staff and students. It will also help collect data on common problems so we can fix major issues in bulk as we notice trends.

**Principal Reports – Mr. Rolinitis** would like to invite parents to see the helicopter landing at MJH on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm. MJH will have an assembly on Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> which includes a performance from a BMX rider. Mr. McAtee thanked the BOE who came to Math night at MIS! He would like to invite parents to the Fall Music Concert on Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> at MJH. Mrs. Chorley mentioned STEM night was a great success with over 170 attendees at MES!

### **For the Good of Mokena**

- Fall Fling, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7pm-10pm

**Respectfully,**

**Submitted on behalf of Don White, Superintendent**