## **Mokena School District 159**

## **Board Highlights for April 17, 2019**

**Communications**

**Public:** None. **MTA:** *Kim Truffa* gave a huge thank you to Jake Smith and the entire Tech team for all their support during IAR Testing as well as *Dr. Wilkey* and *Cheryl Sorley*for all of their help. **MCSA**: None. **MEF/PTA:** None. **BOE**: Board President Mrs. Riedl expressed her gratitude to all those who contributed their efforts in helping to pass the referendum; Dr. White for his commitment and leadership by attending Village Board meetings and holding several Open Forums, Finance Committee, District Business Office, District Attorneys, Wold Architect Firm, Staff members, Mokena Matters and their families, and the Community for voting for our students future.

**Action Items that were approved include:**

* Previous Minutes
* Extension of ABM contract for Custodial/Maintenance services
* District Bills
* Personnel –Classified New Hire: *Laura Betourney*; Classified Resignation: *Rose Scannell*; Classified Long-Term Sub: *Amanda McManus*; Classified Retirement: *Linda Silvestri* and *Patricia DiFiore*; Certified Resignation: *Susan Murphy*
* Consent Agenda –2018-19 School Calendar-final; K-8 Math Program adoption; 6-8 Science Program adoption; 6-8 Social Studies Program adoption; 7th grade novel adoption; Chromebook purchase; Resolution of Abatement of Working Cash into Operations and Maintenance; MES Unit Ventilator Replacement RFP
* Bus Leases

**Discussion**

* 5Cast Plus will allow the District to improve reporting and access data; enhance graphics; publishing tool to go live on new website.
* Development of Facilities Master Plan – Dr. Shaw introduced the team who will be involved in the “Next Steps” to address facilities needs: *Tim McGrath* with Wold Architects, *Chris Crawford* with ABM and *Sylvia McIvor* and *Ryan Brandish* with McKinstry.

**Information Reports**

**Superintendent – Dr. White**

* Online Application System Goes Live – TalentEd – Applicants can now apply for positions electronically.
* Board of Education Reorganization Meeting – Provides opportunity for each successful candidate to take the oath of office, new members to be seated, the selection of officers and the establishment of times and dates for regular meetings.

**Assistant Superintendent of Instruction** – **Dr. Wilkey**

* Kindergarten Dual Language for FY19 – 20 applications as of April 10th
* Math Implementation Timeline – K-8 Eureka Math training sessions and learning opportunities have been developed and shared with staff. The timeline is an interactive document which will be updated regularly; links to informational pages, google forms to sign up for optional events and feedback documents as implementation begins.
* Multiple Professional Development workshops offered for the past two quarters.

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

* Increasing opportunities for Inclusion – Expanding opportunities for inclusion at MES through co-teaching.
* Preschool For All – All general education spots within the PFA program are filled. The district has also filled all mandated PFA spots for the 2019-20 school year; screenings will continue.

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

* Working Cash Abatement Resolution - Anticipate using proceeds for replacement of the gas-fired unit ventilators in the north end of MES.
* MIS Roof Top Unit #2 was successfully installed; project is 79% complete with the final commissioning of the unit to take place once the outside temperature becomes warm enough for unit to become active.
* Bus Leases – Returning three buses and leasing two buses for 2019-20 school year.
* Recommendation for Custodial and Maintenance Contract – Administration recommending the Board to reject all bids and execute the current contract extension for 1 year with AMB.
* Finance Reports are posted on website.
* 5Cast Plus will address site based accounting including a publish feature to display financial information; tools will give current year to date information, statistics and budget numbers; track O&M funding for referendum proceeds.
* Annual biometric health screening for staff on April 23, 2019.
* Food Service – Sold 5,939 lunches for month of March; will receive $8,092.35 from state.
* Transportation – Ridership 1210; decreased maintenance costs; reduced incidents; all drivers CPR certified; training on bus maintenance prevention; ridership times reduced from last year.
* Building and Grounds – District had its annual Health Life/Safety walk through this week and ABM Maintenance foreman will address issues and reply to ROE with completion within 10 days.

**Director of Technology – Mr. Smith**

* Administration is seeking approval to purchase 430 Chromebooks for 2019-20 school year with a unit price for the Lenovo 500e at $302.49 and $23.25 for the Chrome Management License with total cost being $140,068.20.

**Principal Reports** –**Dr. Rolinitis** thanked all who supported the musical and *Mrs. Bussean* for doing such a great job with the students! Next year’s musical will be “Little Mermaid”. Graduation will be held May 31st at Lincoln-Way Central at 7:00 p.m. **Mr. McAtee** mentioned MIS students and staff had a great time at their game show assembly to celebrate the end of testing. At the May Board meeting, *Mrs. Horsch’s* students will present about their experience in Springfield. **Mrs. Chorley** commented that the Preschool For All Program is now full. Staff and Students are looking forward to the End of Year Carnival in celebration of Positive Behavior!

**For the Good of Mokena**

* Lincoln-Way Marching Band will march in the Macy’s Parade in 2020.
* Development of new homes going in on corner of Francis and Townline could potentially generate more students for our schools.

**Respectfully,**

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