## **Mokena School District 159**

## **Board Highlights for December 19, 2018**

**TAX LEVY HEARING:** No objections. **FAKO PRESENTATION:** *Dave Fako* presented the results of the community phone survey. **PUBLIC**: *Mr. Franceschini* voiced concerns regarding a possible referendum and maintenance of facilities. **STUDENT RECOGNITION**: *Mr. McAtee* introduced students *Flynn Meyer* and *Cooper Riedl* as the D.A.R.E. essay winners at MIS. These students read their essays to the BOE, Administration, Staff and Audience. **MTA/MCSA:** Nothing to report but wished everybody Happy Holidays! **BOE**: *Mr. Everett* and his wife helped with Bench Marking at MES. **Finance Committee Update -** *Mr. Bush* –Topics included: Tentative Tax Levy 2018; Update on the Architect selection process; report from the Community Engagement Survey and the Custodial/Maintenance RFP timeline and process.

**Action Items that were approved include:**

* Previous Minutes
* District Bills
* Personnel –The District welcomes Classified New Hires for 2018-19: *Jewel Ivy, Natalie Thompson, Brandon Mardoian and Sarah Maranto.* Certified Long Term Sub: *Diane Gallik*
* Certified Leave of Absence: *Melanie Harenberg*
* Tax Levy
* Intent to issue RFP for custodial/maintenance services
* Disposal of Equipment
* Architect
* Energy Contract

**Discussion**

* Limitation of Possible Referendum Proceeds – Dr. White discussed creating a policy to control where the money is to be used.
* Joint Annual Conference Highlights – Attendees shared their experiences at Conference.
* Issue RFP for Annual Auditing Services – BOE would like to continue with current auditor.
* Possible Referendum Plan & Facility Action Plan – Presentation by Architect

**Information Reports**

**Superintendent –** Dr. White

Right At School Before and After School Program proposal-enhanced services at the same cost as current Ivy League. Dr. White thanked Bus Driver Jim Leitl for helping a student in distress today.

**Assistant Superintendent of Instruction** – Dr Wilkey – Curiculum updates provided for 6-8 ELA/4-8 ELL; K-5 Math; 6-8 Math; MJH Science Dept continuing to pilot the STC units; 6-8 Exploratory learning about the various makers’ space resources; 6-8 Social Studies; LW Curriculum Council Articulation; PARCC Comparisons.

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

Provided updates on current Special Ed enrollment; Consultant for PFA; Professional Development and Staffing.

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

1. Levy 2018-action item for BOE approval
2. Finance Reports-posted on website
3. Energy Contract-Illinois Energy Consortium
4. Auditor Information/Discussion-received quote for next two years
5. Payroll – Finance module for staff members on Skyward
6. Worker’s Comp Insurance Renewal-Decrease in premium
7. Custodial Maintenance RFP Timeline
8. Food Service-most popular lunch for November was Nachos
9. Transportation-anticipate a decrease in ridership times; becoming more efficient for 2019-20 SY
10. Buildings and Grounds-Rekeying all three schools’; MES tunnel sub pump basin and drainage is being addressed and new water leaks; MJHS boiler issue repairs; numerous exhaust fans not functioning at MES/MIS; Skyjacker scissors lift out for major repairs; MES fire door repair, all bathroom entrances being painted, principal & assistant principal offices being painted, walk off mats by water fountains replaced, replaced washing machine, Room 125 programming board is bad; MJH all stairwells being painted, walls patched and painted where classroom TV’s were removed; annual RPZ testing and possible R/R; annual sprinkler system testing; mulleins aluminum lower supports to be replaced; door latches to be adjusted; Room S119 programmer and valve are being replaced; repair heat in south gym of MIS; to perform smoke detector test in elevator pit.
11. Financial and Treasurer Reports

**Director of Technology –** Mr. Jake Smith

1. Relay Classroom-new software for classroom management
2. Skyward Data Clean Up-moved data from HR system to the Student system to ensure all staff are incorporated in our mass communication system
3. 5Labs Data-working on 5Lab data upload; goal to be completed over winter break
4. Google Expeditions Kits-demonstrated how to take virtual field trips with MJH students
5. Website Planning-selection process continues to refresh the district and school websites
6. MJH TV Disposal-removal of TV’s which have not been used in over a decade

**Principal Reports** – Dr. Rolinitis would like to invite parents and staff to the MJH Christmas Concert on December 21st. Dr. Rolinitis shared some exciting news that two former MJH Students who started dating in 6th grade, recently got engaged in the MJH building. Mr. McAtee invited staff and parents to attend the Pie Throwing event at 9am on Friday, December 21st…with 45 students throwing pies at Mr. McAtee and Officer Tom!

**Lincoln Way Area Special Education Update –** Mrs. Briscoe

Installing phones in all classrooms; Silver Oaks will soon be open and will offer much needed services; sing-a-long at Pioneer Grove on December 20th at 1:15pm.

**For the Good of Mokena**

Bus Driver Jim Leitl, performed the Heimlich Maneuver on a student who was choking on a piece of candy during the PM bus run. The candy was successfully dislodged and the District thanks Jim for his quick response.

**Respectfully,**

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