



## ***Mokena School District 159***

### **Board Highlights for July 19, 2017**

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#### **1. Action Items that were approved include:**

- Approval of Previous Minutes
- District Bills
- Approval of Treasurer – Dr. Teri Shaw
- IASB Electronic Board Policy Service contract
- Technology lease with American Capital
- Tabled Community Relations Liaison job description until October
- Personnel- Certified –LOA, new hire and resignation; Classified-resignation

#### **2. Information Reports**

- Superintendent Report – Dr. Castillo
  1. On-Line Registration- 2017-2018 is opened – great response; parents are getting use to Skyward. Thanked all staff for the efforts for updating forms, fees and process.
  2. Transportation – we have confirmed 910 students have enrolled with that number increasing each day. Ridership is estimated at 1,000 students versus 1,300 LY. Thanked Mrs. Aguirre and Ms. Aguayo for their help facilitating the updates.
  3. Residency Verification – 83 families still need to prove residency; numbers change daily
  4. Summer Project Update – parking lots seal coated and lines painted; MES Commons chiller mechanical project almost complete; tweaking controls; tiling several classrooms and removing carpet, landscaping is being refreshed, trees have been removed; several specialty painting projects thru out the district building. All projects are on target for opening of school.
- District #843 – 2018 Budget – in Extras – presentation next month
- Financial and Treasurer Reports- Dr. Teri Shaw
  1. Preliminary financial audit for the District ended FY17 with a \$600,000 in operating funds plus compared to 475,000 deficit.

#### **3. Items for August 16, 2017 Agenda:**

- Items from Information requiring action next month
- Preliminary budget

#### **4. For the Good of Mokena –**

- Complimented MJH Band in 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade
- Summer Solstice 8/21/2017
- BTS school nights will be posted on the school website and district calendar
- MJH Fall sports are beginning - Girls' Softball, Cross Country and Boys Baseball and Volleyball

#### **5. BOE Recessed to Board Workshop – presenter Jim Burgett**

##### **School Boardmanship 101- “We are here to make a dent in the universe” – Steve Jobs**

- Working with People is and ART
- Building Relationships is an ART
- Handling Complaints correctly
  - a. Step 1 C.A.L.M.
  - b. Step 2 P.A.S.S.
- Chain of Command – Notify the Superintendent- who will notify others
- Building Relationships
- Hire one person – the Superintendent
  - a. Set realistic goals for him or her
  - b. Provide the resources
  - c. He or she can't do everything by themselves
  - d. He or she leads the District/School Leadership Team
  - e. Allow the Leaders to lead
  - f. Know the Chain - break the chain, break the trust
  - g. Know the Roles – It is not always black and white - Communicate

- h. Be prepared – at meetings and in public
    - aa. perception – the reality – the truth
    - bb. understood perception – learn the reality
  - i. Be Ethical – Code of Conduct – know and understand it
  - j. Be a Team Member – Board has power- Board member has none
  - k. Be Honest/ Fair / Kind
  - l. Love Kids
    - aa. How does my action help kids
    - bb. How does this decision help kids
- It's not always easy; it IS always important
  - School Boards Make a Difference
  - **Adjournment**

**Respectfully,**

**Submitted on behalf of Dr. Omar Castillo, Superintendent**