

MEETING NOTES
Building & Grounds / Transportation Committee Meeting
Mokena School District 159

Location: MIS Learning Ctr.

Date: Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011

Time: 7:00 pm

PRESENT

Administration: Steve Stein, Kirt Hendrick, Chris Clavenna, Ron Kaczorowski, Judy Splayt

Committee: Pamela DeGregorio, Suzanne Gillund, Mary Labedz, Jennifer Fitzpatrick, Gina Zoetvelt, Joe Spalla, Pat Markham, Mike Ford

Press: Amanda Jacobs, Ginger Brashinger

Audience: Bill Zoetvelt, Diane Leo, Debi Blank, Deborah Hocking, Maureen McDonough

Pledge of Allegiance

Previous Meeting Notes

Pamela DeGregorio was listed as in attendance when in fact she was not for the 10/5/11 meeting. All other notes were approved.

Building & Grounds / Transportation Information Updates

Mr. Kaczorowski had no updates.

Brief Presentation by Lt. Mark Sickles of the Mokena Fire Protection District

- Lt. Sickles explained that all the Mokena 159 school buildings are under the jurisdiction of the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and would remain so as long as the school district continues to occupy and operate them.

- MES and MIS currently do not meet the building code standards but are grandfathered in due to the time at which they were built and because they are under the jurisdiction of the ISBE.

- If MIS building were to close the occupancy permit would be terminated by the ISBE / Regional Office of Education (ROE).

- If the MIS building were to be leased or re-opened at a later date the building would need to be brought up to code.

- Mr. Stein was going to talk to the ROE to see if MPSD 159 did occupy a portion of the MIS building would the remainder of the building need to be brought up to code in order to lease. Mr. Stein will report back to the Committee on his findings.

Presentation of MIS Evaluation Draft Report (Version 2)

- Mr. Stein gave a power point presentation on the issues that will affect the possible closing of MIS and transition to MES with the help of Ms. Clavenna. (The power point is available for review for Committee members upon request.)

- Following the presentation there was discussion on the report and a decision was made to cancel the public presentation of the Oct. 27 meeting.
- Also the Teachers did send out a memo stating issues that would impact the students if MIS were to close. All committee members were forwarded a copy of that and it is available upon request.

Next meetings are tentatively scheduled for:

Thurs. Oct. 27 – public presentation was CANCELLED

Thurs. Nov. 3 – next B&G / T Committee meeting

Thurs. Nov. 10 – Board meeting to make MIS presentation

Thurs. Nov. 17 – tentative next B&G / T Committee meeting

Adjournment

END OF NOTES