

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION- MOKENA SCHOOL DISTRICT 159
MOKENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
DECEMBER 8, 2011**

BOARD OF EDUCATION

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. John Troy – President	✓	
Mr. Joseph Spalla – Vice President	✓	
Mr. Patrick Markham – Secretary	✓	
Mr. Michael Ford	✓	
Mr. Mark Franceschini	✓	
Mrs. Katherine Moore	✓	
Mr. Scott Peters	✓	

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Stein, Superintendent; Chuck Vitton, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction; Kirt Hendrick, Director of Business Operation; Mike Rolinitis, Principal; Chris Clavenna, Principal; Judy Splayt, Asst. Principal; Don Shaughnessy, Dean of Students, Ann Lewandowski, Director of Food Services, Ron Kaczorowski, Director of Transportation; Mary Louise Knoerzer, Board Secretary. Craig Martinus, Megan Horsch, Kim Rueth, Andrea Espinosa.

VISITORS PRESENT:

Shana Goetz, Anas Hamwi, Madeline Kral, Bob Kral, Bernie Schmitt, Christine Patterson, Cha Perata, Ray Hard Stacy Cesta, Katie Nigro, Tony Marturano, Susan Stratton, Jennifer Fitzpatrick, Cherise Piltaver, Deneen Pajeau.

PRESS

Beth Krooswyk, Mokena Messenger; Ginger Brashinger, Southtown Star; Bob Bong, Mokena Patch

OPENING AND ROLL CALL

President Troy called the Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Mokena Public School District 159 to order at 7:00 p.m. on December 8, 2011.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Stein led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

TAX LEVY

President Troy declared the 2011 Levy opened. No questions or comments from audience.

Mr. Peters moved that the Board of Education close the 2011 Tax Levy Hearing. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Moore.

On Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Ford, Mr. Franceschini, Mr. Markham, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Mr. Spalla, Mr. Troy

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC

Mr. Hamwi, a parent, asked the Board to move forward with teacher contract; need a quick response; feels this negativity will effect property values.

MTA

Craig Martinus spoke on behalf of the 93 teachers and professionals and outlined the negotiation process; MTA is asking that the BOE to come to the table in the next two negotiations meeting with a fair contract offer.

Board of Education

Mrs. Moore asked Mr. Troy to tell audience to discontinue the clapping.
Mr. Markham donated 5 gift cards to MES principals for STARS program.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASE

Mr. Rolinitis presented to the Board of Education the highlights and benefits via a power point of the Washington DC trip offered to 8th grade student. The trip is offered to 50 students on a first come first serve basis at \$964 per student.

CLOSED SESSION

A 7:21 p.m. Mrs. Moore moved to go into Closed Session for the purpose of personnel to return. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ford. Pursuant of ILCS 120/2 (c)(1).

On Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Ford, Mr. Franceschini, Mr. Markham, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Mr. Spalla, Mr. Troy
Nays: None Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

OPEN SESSION

At 7:56 p.m., President Troy Called Open Session to order. The Board meeting was opened by unanimous vote.

ACTION REQUEST

Mr. Spalla move to appoint Steve Stein, superintendent of Mokena School District 159 through June 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Markham.

On Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Ford, Mr. Franceschini, Mr. Markham, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Mr. Spalla, Mr. Troy
Nays: None Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

Mr. Troy congratulated Mr. Stein and his family; read a public statement.

Short recess took place to congratulate Mr. Stein and his family, from the BOE, administrators, staff and public.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Stein thanked the Board of Education; said he is honored to serve in this capacity.

Mr. Stein reported no FOIA requests this month.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mrs. Moore moved, seconded by Mr. Peters to approve the following previous meeting minutes: Regular Meeting, November 10, 2011, Special Meeting, November 2, 2011, Special Meeting, November 17, 2011, Special Meeting November 28, 2011, Closed Session, November 2, 2011, Closed Session, November 10, 2011, Closed Session, November 17, 2011 and Closed Session November 28, 2011.

On Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Ford, Mr. Franceschini, Mr. Markham, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Mr. Spalla, Mr. Troy
Nays: None Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

INFORMATION REPORTS

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Hendrick reviewed the Financial Report with the Board of Education.

TREASURER REPORT

Mr. Hendrick reviewed the Treasurer's Report with the Board of Education.

LINCOLN WAY SPECIAL EDUCATION MINUTES

Mrs. Moore reviewed the important points:

- Initiated fundraiser program – SCRIPT
- Parent Advisory meeting on 11/5/2011; several special need topics presented
- 5 year building plan presented; buildings are getting old
- \$350,000 needed to update and repair McKay Center
- Administrator left; need to find an interim
- Joint Board meeting 2/5/2012

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Finance-** Chairman Peters reported the committee will meet early in the first quarter regarding budget. Asked the other committees to get their budget numbers to Finance Committee for their consideration.
- **Policy-**Chairman Markham reported the committee had First readings of Policies:
 - 1:20 District Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements
 - 2:150 Committees
 - 2:220 Board of Education Meeting Procedures
 - 2:250 Access to District Records
 - 3:30-AP Organizational Chart
 - 4:10 Fiscal and Business Management
 - 4:110 Transportation
 - 5:120 Ethics

Members Peters and Moore voiced their concerns again regarding the changes in Policy 2:150 Committees and Policy 2:220 BOE Meeting Procedures.

The committee will look at Policy 2:150; Policy 2:220 and Policy 4:110.

- **Building & Grounds/Transportation-** Chairman Ford reported the committee:
 - Discussed traffic analysis; parking lot issues
 - Reviewed slide presentation
 - Follow up with architect on life safety issues
 - Preparing for the public meeting late January
 - Next committee January 5, 2012
 - Final recommendation in February

President Troy commended the committee and the administration for their hard work and due diligence; not a simple task with a great impact on the future of MPS.

- **Parent Advisory-** No update; next Meeting February 2, 2012
- **Curriculum** –No update; next meeting December 15, 2011
- **Technology-** Chairman Spalla reported the committee had:
 - Three new members
 - Mr. Hastings is working on web site
 - Recording the meetings is still in progress
 - Current State of Technology in MPS 159 will be presented at January Board meeting
 - Building a new Tech plan; SIP will be part of plan

At 8:45 p.m., Mr. Ford requested a Closed Session for the purposes of leasing be added to the end of the agenda; not to return.

ACTION REQUESTS

PERSONNEL

Recommended Motion:

Mrs. Moore moved to approve personnel recommendations 1 and 2 as presented, subject to successful background check, drug screening (if applicable) and physical". The motion was seconded by Mr. Ford.

On Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Ford, Mr. Franceschini, Mr. Markham, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Mr. Spalla, Mr. Troy,
Nays: None Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

1. Certified – Leave of Absence

Weber, Leanne	Teacher	MES	1/30/2012	
			Thru 5/7/2012	Family Medical Leave

2. Certified- Long-term Sub

Hill, Caryn	Teacher	MES	Effective 1/30/2012	
			Thru 5/7/2012	149.84/day (long term sub rate)

DISTRICT BILLS

Recommended Motion:

Mr. Troy reviewed District bills this month. Mr. Troy moved to approve the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spalla.

On Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Ford, Mr. Franceschini, Mr. Markham, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Mr. Spalla, Mr. Troy,
Nays: None Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

ILLINOIS SCHOOL DISTRICT LIQUID ASSET FUND RESOLUTION

Recommended Motion:

Mrs. Moore moved that the Board of Education adopt the resolution to participate in the Liquid Asset Fund as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Peters

On Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Ford, Mr. Franceschini, Mr. Markham, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Mr. Spalla, Mr. Troy,
Nays: None Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

ADOPTION OF CERTIFICATE OF 2011 TAX LEVY

Recommended Motion:

The District is in compliance with the Truth In Taxation Act. Mr. Spalla moved that the Board of Education authorize the President to sign the Certification of Compliance with the Truth In Taxation Act for the 2011 Levy. Mr. Peters seconded the motion.

On Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Ford, Mr. Franceschini, Mr. Markham, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Mr. Spalla, Mr. Troy,
Nays: None Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

Recommended Motion:

Mr. Spalla moved that the Board adopts a certificate of tax levy resolution for the 2011 levy in the amounts of: Education Fund, \$ 10,275,000; Building Operations & Maintenance Fund, \$ 1,150,000 Transportation Fund, \$400,000; Working Cash Fund, \$60,000; Municipal Retirement Fund, \$207,000; Social Security Fund, \$207,000; Tort Immunity Fund \$50,000; Special Education Fund, \$400,000; for a total operating levy in the amount of \$12,749,000.(As Presented in the Certificate of Tax Levy) The motion was seconded by Mrs. Moore.

On Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Ford, Mr. Franceschini, Mr. Markham, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Mr. Spalla, Mr. Troy,
Nays: None Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

ITEMS FOR JANUARY 12, 2012 AGENDA

- Present current state of technology
- Policy-second readings

GOOD OF MOKENA

- Holiday Concert - December 20 held at Mokena Junior High beginning at 6:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

At 9:00 p.m. Mr. Ford moved to adjourn to Closed Session for purposes of leasing; not to return. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Moore.

On Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Ford, Mr. Franceschini, Mr. Markham, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Mr. Spalla, Mr. Troy,

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 7-0



President



Secretary