

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MOKENA SCHOOL DISTRICT 159  
MOKENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
February 23, 2011**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mr. Tim King – President	✓	Via phone
Mrs. Katherine Moore – Vice President	✓	
Mr. Scott Peters – Secretary	✓	
Mr. Tony Bruozas	✓	
Mrs. Denise Falbo		✓
Mr. John Troy	✓	
Mr. Frank Ventura	✓	

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Karen Perry, Superintendent; Chuck Vitton, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction; Ellen Belotti, Student Services Director; Barbara Germany, Business Manager; Michael Krugman, Principal; Mike Rolinitis, Principal; Steve Stein, Principal; Patti Bogdan, Asst. Principal; Judy Splayt, Asst. Principal; Chris Clavenna, Asst. Principal; Ann Lewandowski, Director of Food Services, Mary Louise Knoerzer, Board Secretary.

**VISITORS PRESENT**

Tom and Laura Lynch, Madeline and Bob Kral, Tammy Vermeire, Patty Novak, Jennifer Thomas, Jenney Daley, Jill Moran, Beth McGrath, Lora Grabowski, Kym Janky, Renee Gorski, Shana Goetz, Kathie Nigro, Joseph Spalla, Tara McKenna, Sophia, Amy and Jim Andricopulis, Jen Gorman, Donna Dockus, Anna Briscoe, Kim Rueth, Laurel McGowan, Gina Blazek, Dian Fugett, Mike Ford, Erin Darling, Judy Kuypers, Karen Leader, Carrie Zakula Eileen Obrien, Ursula Damico, Bill and Gina Zoetvelt, Maureen Papier, Lou Slattery, Mark Franceschini, Katy Kingma, Jackie Bueschel.

**PRESS**

Amanda Jacobs, Mokena Messenger; Caroline Evans, Patch.com; Susan Lafferty; Southtown Star.

**OPENING AND ROLL CALL**

President Pro-Tem, Mrs. Moore, called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Mokena Public School District 159 to order at 7:00 p.m. on February 23, 2011.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Supt. Perry led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- *Laura Lynch* employee of the district, on behalf of retaining the learning center coordinators for various reasons; has 4 grandchildren in district; MES earned Monarch Award.
- *Patrick Markham and Mike Ford*, candidates for the School Board, made a presentation regarding the closing of MIS and the transition for students.
- *Renee Gorski*, a ten year resident, supports referendum, encourages Board to send the message that good schools affect property values; had other suggestions for budget savings.

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 7:11 p.m. Mr. Troy made a motion to adjourn to Closed Session for purposes of personnel, leasing and a student issue to return. Motion was seconded by Mr. Peters.

**On Roll Call**

Ayes: Mr. Bruozas, Mr. King, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Mr. Troy, Mr. Ventura

Nays: None

Abstain: None

**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

**OPEN SESSION**

At 8:22 p.m. Mrs. Moore called Open Session to order. Open Session was opened by unanimous vote.

**INFORMATION REPORTS**

**BUDGET REDUCTIONS for 2011-2012**

Supt. Perry reviewed the programs and positions that would be eliminated for the 2011-2012 school year. Some Board members suggested some of the extracurricular programs be paid directly by the student. i.e. Outdoor Education trip; some programs can be covered with volunteers.

**DISCUSSION ON MIS**

Mr. Troy wants the District to continue looking for leasing options for MIS building.

**ACTION REPORTS**

**BOARD POLICY 2:160**

Mr. Troy moved, seconded by Mr. Bruozas to approve School Board policy 2:160 Board Attorney as presented.

**On Roll Call**

Ayes: Mr. Bruozas, Mr. King, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Mr. Troy, Mr. Ventura

Nays: None

Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 6-0**

**FEE INCREASES FOR 2011-2012**

**REGISTRATION FEES**

Mr. Troy moved to approve the recommended Registration fee schedule for the 2011-2012 school year as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Peters.

**On Roll Call**

Ayes: Mr. Bruozas, Mr. King, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Mr. Troy, Mr. Ventura

Nays: None

Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 6-0**

**Kindergarten and Early Start Registration**      \$128.00

Milk                      \$ 40.00

**Total cost of Kindergarten and Early Start = \$168.00**

**Grades 1-3**

Registration      \$181.00

Technology      \$ 35.00

**Total cost of Grades 1-3 = \$216.00**

**Grades 4-8**

Registration      \$184.00

Technology      \$ 35.00

Locker Fee      \$ 15.00  
**Total cost of Grades 4-8 = \$234.00**

### **LUNCH FEES**

Mr. Peters moved to approve a fifty (.50) cent increase for the 2011-2012 lunch fees, increasing the student fee to \$2.50 and the adult lunch fee to \$3.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Troy.

#### **On Roll Call**

Ayes: Mr. Bruozas, Mr. King, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Mr. Troy, Mr. Ventura

Nays: None

Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 6-0**

### **RECOMMENDATIONS IF REFERENDUM PASSES**

Mr. Ventura moved to amend the recommended motion to reinstate for the 2011- 2012 school year, Items 1-4 and Items 6-9, eliminating #5 recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Troy.

Recommendations listed below:

1. *Reinstate class sizes to where they are for the 2010-11 school year.*
2. *Reinstate Full Day Kindergarten*
3. *Reinstate Early Start Program (if eliminated)*
4. *Reduce or eliminate transportation fees implemented in January for the 2011-2012 school year*
5. *Reinstate Rtl Coordinator position*
6. *Reinstate Extracurricular Activities*
7. *Reinstate 12 month secretaries from 11 months*
8. *Reinstate Learning Center Coordinators*
9. *Reinstate Volunteer Coordinator*

#### **On Roll Call**

Ayes: Mr. Bruozas, Mr. King, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Mr. Troy, Mr. Ventura

Nays: None

Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 6-0**

Mr. Peters moved, seconded by Mr. Ventura, to recommend to reinstate for the 2011 2012 school year:

1. Reinstate class sizes to where they are for the 2010-11 school year.
2. Reinstate Full Day Kindergarten
3. Reinstate Early Start Program (if eliminated)
4. Reduce or eliminate transportation fees implemented in January for the 2011-2012 school year
5. Reinstate Extracurricular Activities
6. Reinstate 12 month secretaries from 11 months
7. Reinstate Learning Center Coordinators
8. Reinstate Volunteer Coordinator.

#### **On Roll Call**

Ayes: Mr. Bruozas, Mr. King, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Mr. Troy, Mr. Ventura

Nays: None

Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 6-0**

### **REINSTATE AN ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR**

Motion was not called

**BUDGET REDUCTIONS BEGINNING WITH 2011-2012**

Mr. Ventura moved to eliminate Extracurricular Activities for the 2011-2012 school year with the exception of Kids Connection at MES; Kids Connection Coordinator at MES and MJHS; Student Support Team (SST) Coordinator; PASS for math – MIS and MES. The motion was seconded by Mr. Troy.

**On Roll Call**

Ayes: Mr. Bruozas, Mr. King, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Mr. Troy, Mr. Ventura

Nays: None

Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 6-0**

**PERSONNEL**

**A. Non-Renewal of Certified Staff for 2011-2012 School Year**

Hill, Caryn	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher	MIS
Meehan, Lori	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher	MES
Horn, Joey	PE Teacher	MJHS
Flaherty, Kathryn	RTI Coordinator/Diagnostician	MES, MIS, MJHS
Rodey, Rebecca	Music Teacher	MJHS
Lavery, Leanne	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade PE Teacher	MIS
Chevalier, Melissa	Language Arts Teacher	MJHS
Shaughnessy, Don	Math Teacher	MJHS

**B. Honorable Dismissal of Classified Staff at the Conclusion of the 2010-2011 School Year**

Scannell, Rosemarie	LC Aide	MJHS
Ganz-Lynch, Laura	LC Aide	MES
Mulvaney, Deborah	LC Aide	MIS
Novak, Jeffrey	Computer Resource Aide	MIS
Young, Joan	Computer Resource Aide	MES
Gier, Deborah	Volunteer Coordinator	MES, MIS
Wolfe, Deborah	Health Service Coordinator	MIS
Stephens, Pamela	Contact/Substitute Teachers	MES, MIS, MJHS

**C. Classified – Change in Status**

McSherry, Sandy	Administrator's Secretary	MES	2011-2012 School Year	Decrease days from 260 to 223 days/year
Janky, Kimberly	Administrator's Secretary	MIS	2011-2012 School Year	Decrease days from 260 to 223 days/year

**D. Reassignment of Administrator to Classroom for 2011-2012 School Year**

Splayt, Judith

**Recommended Motion:**

Mr. Troy moved to approve Personnel recommendations A through D as presented, seconded by Mr. Peters.

**On Roll Call**

Ayes: Mr. Bruozas, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Peters, Mr. Troy, Mr. Ventura

Nays: Mr. King

Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 5-1**

**EARLY START PROGRAM**

Motion was not called

**QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO ACTION REPORTS**

No questions

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**ITEMS FOR MARCH 9, 2011**

No suggestions

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:50 p.m., Mr. Troy moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Peters the February 23, 2011 meeting.  
Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote.

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President



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Secretary