

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION- MOKENA SCHOOL DISTRICT 159
MOKENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
June 9, 2011**

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

STAFF PRESENT:

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

VISITORS PRESENT:

Pat Kwilosz, Molly Cassidy, Aaron Janik, Mark Franceschini, Toni Szostak, laurel McGowan, Kim Rueth, Joyce Siska, Gina Zoetvelt, Bil Zoetvelt, Carol Grand.

PRESS

Michelle William; Mokena Messenger; Ginger Brashinger; Southtown Star.

OPENING AND ROLL CALL

Mr. Troy called the Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Mokena Public School District 159 to order at 7:00 p.m. on June 9, 2011.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Public – none

MTA- none

MOL- none

Board of Education – Mr. Troy read a thank you letter from student Nora Fialkowski for scholarship to Washington DC; Thank you note to MPS for their support to Encore Band, Mr. Bill Schuetter.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA- no changes

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Commented on roof leaks after severe rains
- Second Supt. article appeared in Mokena Messenger
- Email blast was sent out to parents regarding committee opportunities
- Stated Summer Hours for District
- Gave preliminary enrollment update

- **Curriculum** – John Troy and Kathy Moore along w/Dr. Vitton will determine the scope, parameters for this committee.
- **Technology**- Joe Spalla will be working with community members; meet in August

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:39, Mr. Peters motioned to go into Closed Session for matters relating to personnel to return. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ford. Closed Session was opened by unanimous vote.

OPEN SESSION

At 9:26 p.m. Mr. Ventura motioned to call Open Session to order; seconded by Mr. Peters. Meeting opened by unanimous vote.

ACTION REQUESTS

PERSONNEL

1. Director – Change of Status

Hasting, Steve	Director of Technology	District	7/1/2011	\$55,000/year 260 days/year
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2. Certified - Resignation

Darling, Erin	Teacher	MJH	Conclusion of 2010-11	
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4. Certified – New Hire

Marx, Nicole	Speech Pathologist	MES	2011-2012	Lane 6/Step H 180 days/year Salary Pending Negotiations
Manns, Michael	Part-Time Teacher	MJH	2011-2012	Lane 1/Step E Salary Pending Negotiations
Kmiec, Nicole	SI Teacher	MJH	2011-2012	Lane 1/Step C Salary Pending Negotiations
O’Callaghan, Sandra	Social Worker	MIS	8/18/2011- 11/18/2011 (maternity leave)	Long term sub pay rate/Salary Pending Negotiations
Kinsella-Lacny, Andrea	Resource Teacher	MES	2011-2012	Lane 4/Step G Salary Pending Negotiations

5. Certified – Leave of Absence

Bidinger, Carrie	Social Worker	MIS	08/18/2011 – 11/18/2011	FMLA
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6. Certified – Change of Status

Missella, Rene	Psychologist	DO	2011-2012	Lane 6/Step E/180 days/ Salary Pending Negotiations
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7. Certified – District Retirement Option

Damico, Ursula	Teacher	MJH	At the conclusion of 2016 school year	
Dosen, Laura	Teacher	MIS	At the conclusion of	

Mokena Junior High School				
	Position	Days @ Year	Hours @ Day	Rate of Pay
Cathy Cassidy	Building Aide	174 days	7 hours	\$14.27/hour
Laura King	Building Aide	166 days	5 hours	\$8.95/hour
Rosemarie Scannell	Building Aide	166 days	5 hours	\$9.93/hour
Tracy Tervin	Building Aide	174 days	6.50 hours	\$8.69/hour
District Position for all 3 Buildings				
	Position	Days @ Year	Hours @ Day	Rate of Pay
Debra Kappel	ELL Instructional Aide	174 days	7 hours	\$9.57/hour

Recommended Motion:

Mr. Spalla moved to approve personnel recommendations 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 as presented, subject to successful background check, drug screening (if applicable) and physical. The motion was seconded by Mr. Peters.

On Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Ford, Mr. Markham, Mr. Peters, Mr. Spalla, Mr. Troy, Mr. Ventura

Nays: None Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

Mr. Peters made a motion to hire Lela (Sue) Shoemaker as Interim Director of Student Services for the 2011-2012 School year for \$60,000 for 100 days. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ford.

On Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Ford, Mr. Peters, Mr. Spalla, Mr. Ventura

Nays: Mr. Markham, Mr. Troy Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 4-2

DISTRICT BILLS

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

On Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Ford, Mr. Markham, Mr. Peters, Mr. Spalla, Mr. Troy, Mr. Ventura

Nays: None Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

LINCOLN WAY SPANISH

Mr. Spalla moved that the Mokena School District Board of Education not offer Lincoln Way Spanish course to 8th grade students for the 2011-2012 school year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Peters.

On Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Ford, Mr. Markham, Mr. Peters, Mr. Spalla, Mr. Troy, Mr. Ventura

Nays: None Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Ventura moved, seconded by Mr. Peters to approved consent agenda items 1 through 6:

1. Ivy League contract
2. Kinderbridge Contract
3. Prevailing Wage
4. Final Calendar 2010-2011
5. Resolution for Interest Earning
6. Verbatim Destruction of Closed Session Minutes

On Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Ford, Mr. Markham, Mr. Peters, Mr. Spalla, Mr. Troy, Mr. Ventura

Nays: None Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

POLICY 2:110 AND 2:150

Mr. Spalla move to approve Policy 2:110 and 2:150 as presented. Mr. Ford seconded the motion.

On Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Ford, Mr. Markham, Mr. Spalla, Mr. Troy,

Nays: Mr. Peters, Mr. Ventura Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 4-2

PRE-APPROVAL OF END OF JUNE BILLS/JULY BILLS

Mr. Ventura moved to pre-approve the end of the year payables list and the July bills list. The motion was seconded by Mr. Peters.

On Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Ford, Mr. Peters, Mr. Spalla, Mr. Troy, Mr. Ventura

Nays: Mr. Markham Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 5-1

BUS LEASE REQUEST

Mr. Ventura moved to approve the lease of two buses from Midwest Transit Equipment and authorize the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee to sign the lease agreement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spalla.

On Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Ford, Mr. Markham, Mr. Peters, Mr. Spalla, Mr. Troy, Mr. Ventura

Nays: None Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

RESULTS OF WORKMAN'S COMP/CASUALTY BID RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Peters move to approve the three-year commitment of CLIC Cooperative for Property and Casualty Insurance through the brokerage of Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services for District 159 from 7/1/2011 through 7/1/2014. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spalla.

On Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Ford, Mr. Markham, Mr. Peters, Mr. Spalla, Mr. Troy, Mr. Ventura

Nays: None Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

Mr. Peters moved to approve the move to Illinois Public Risk Fund for Workers' Compensation Insurance through the Mesirow Financial for the time period of 7/1/2011 through 12/15/2012. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spalla.

On Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Ford, Mr. Markham, Mr. Peters, Mr. Spalla, Mr. Troy, Mr. Ventura
Nays: None Abstain: None
MOTION CARRIED 6-0

SEMI- ANNUAL REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Ford moved to approve to open Closed Session minutes: January 10, 1990, January 23, 2009 and April 20, 2010. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spalla.

On Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Ford, Mr. Markham, Mr. Peters, Mr. Spalla, Mr. Troy, Mr. Ventura
Nays: None Abstain: None
MOTION CARRIED 6-0

ITEMS FOR AUGUST 11, 2011 AGENDA

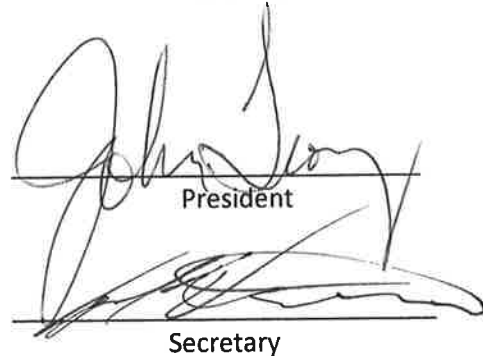
- Positioning packets on Internet

GOOD OF MOKENA

- Mrs. Perry complimented the Mokena Education Foundation and their committee on their efforts for Golf Outing held Friday June 3, at Odyssey Country Club.
- Mr. Rolinitis announced 7th grader, Justas Varpucanskis won the Illinois Fish and Wildlife Award

CLOSED SESSION

At 10:14 p.m. Mr. Ford moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Spalla the June 9, 2011 Regular meeting to adjourn to Closed Session for purposes of personnel; not to return. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote.



President

Secretary