

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MOKENA SCHOOL DISTRICT 159  
MOKENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
May 3, 2011**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mr. Tim King – President	✓	
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; Mike Rolinitis, Principal; Steve Stein, Principal; Michael Krugman, Principal; Patti Bogdan, Asst. Principal; Chris Clavenna, Asst. Principal; Ann Lewandowski, Director of Food Services, Mary Louise Knoerzer, Board Secretary.

**VISITORS:**

Joyce Siska, Joseph Spalla, Mike Ford, Pat Markham, Robyn McGrassen, Mark Franceschini, Mike Sheridan, Nancy Sheridan, Kim Rueth, Laurel McGowan, Bill Zoetvelt, Gina Zoetvelt, Jack McDermott, Bill Yukich.

**PRESS**

Amanda Jacobs, Mokena Messenger; Jesse Marx, Patch.com;

**OPENING AND ROLL CALL**

Mr. King called the special meeting of the Board of Education of Mokena Public School District 159 to order at 7:45 p.m. on May 3, 2011.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**COMMUNICATION/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- **Bill Yukich**, resident, clarified his statement to Board from previous meeting, asked Board to listen to community; increase in recent tax bill.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Mrs. Moore moved, seconded by Mr. Troy to approve the following meeting minutes:

Regular Meeting – April 13, 2011

Closed Session – Session 1- April 13, 2011

Closed Session – Session 2 - April 13, 2011

**On Roll Call**

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

### **CANVAS RESULTS OF APRIL 2011 ELECTION**

Mr. King read the results of the Consolidated results from April 5, 2011 Election.

### **SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:55 p.m., Mrs. Moore moved to adjourn the Board, Sine Die. Mr. Peters seconded the motion. The Board adjourned by unanimous vote.

Following, Mrs. Perry presented outgoing Board members with a brass bell as a token of appreciation from the district. Mr. Troy expressed his sincere thanks to the Board and their families and the resigning Board members for their public service. Mrs. Falbo expressed appreciation for what she has learned serving on the Board and will continue to active part of the community. Mr. Bruozas thanked the community for the privilege to serve them.

At this time, the Board, audience and administration enjoyed cake and coffee in honor of outgoing Board members.

### **OATH OF OFFICE**

At 8:22 p.m., Mrs. Perry, President Pro-tem, called the meeting to order. New Board members Mr. Ford, Mr. Markham and Mr. Spalla recited their Oaths of Office and took their seats on the Board.

### **DISCUSSION OF BOARD ORGANIZATION**

Mr. Troy led the discussion of terms of office and limits of terms for Board positions. All Board participated in discussion. Mrs. Perry said she will provide updated policy, available for first readings at May 11 Regular meeting, after legal clarifications. Continued discussion was had on appointments to committees. Mrs. Perry will clarify the policy and provide information at May 11 regular meeting.

At 8:50 p.m. discussion was suspended to continue with election of Board President because Mr. Ventura needed to leave meeting.

### **ELECTION OF PRESIDENT**

Mrs. Perry opened up nomination for President. Mrs. Moore nominated Mr. Peters for President. Mr. Ford nominated Mr. Troy for President. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed for President. Mr. Peters received three votes; Mr. Troy received four votes. Mrs. Perry declared Mr. Troy elected President by majority of the votes cast. Mr. Troy is elected President of the Board of Education.

At 8:55 p.m. Mr. Ventura left the meeting.

### **ELECTION OF VICE- PRESIDENT**

Mr. Troy opened up nominations for Vice-President. Mr. Markham nominated Mr. Spalla for Vice-President. Mrs. Moore nominated Mr. Peters for Vice-President. Mr. Peters respectfully declined this nomination. Mr. Peters nominated Mrs. Moore for Vice-President. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed for Vice-President. Mr. Spalla received four votes; Mrs. Moore received two votes. Mr. Troy declared Mr. Spalla by majority of votes cast. Mr. Spalla is elected Vice-president of the Board of Education.

### **ELECTION OF SECRETARY**

Mr. Troy opened up nominations for Secretary. Mr. Peters nominated Mr. Ventura for Secretary. Mr. Markham nominated Mr. Ford for Secretary. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed for Secretary. Mr. Ventura received four votes; Mr. Ford received two votes. Mr. Troy declared Mr. Ventura by majority of votes cast. Mr. Ventura is elected Secretary of the Board of Education.

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### **SELECTION OF TIME AND DATE OF REGULAR MEETING**

After discussion of three option meeting dates, Mrs. Perry stated the consensus of the Board was to select second Thursday option for regular Board meetings dates.

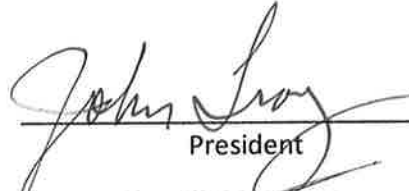
At this time continued discussion was had on policies and committees.

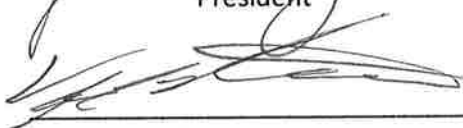
Additional announcements were made:

- Mrs. Clavenna announced Justas Varpucanskis was announced as one of 40 finalist in the "Google" design contest. The presentation: May 4 at MJH; 8:15 a.m.
- Mr. Peters reminded audience of MEF Golf Outing – Friday June 3rd at Odyssey Country Club
- Mrs. Moore suggested new Board members be mentored by present Board members
- Mrs. Perry - PTA Rummage Sale – June 25 at MIS
- MJH graduation - May 26, 2011; 7:00 p.m. at LW East

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:35 p.m. Mr. Troy moved to adjourn, the May 3, 2011 Special meeting. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote.

  
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President

  
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Secretary