

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MOKENA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #159
MOKENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
March 10, 2010
7:00 p.m.**

BOARD OF EDUCATION

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Tim King – President	√	
Mrs. Katherine Moore – Vice President	√	
Mr. Scott Peters – Secretary	√	
Mrs. Denise Falbo	√	
Mr. Kevin Pajeau		√
Mr. John Troy	√	
Mr. Frank Ventura	√	

STAFF PRESENT

Karen Perry, Superintendent; Dr. Charles Vitton, Asst. Supt. of Curriculum; Jim Connelly, Asst. Supt. of Business; Ellen Belotti, Student Services Director; Michael Krugman, Principal; Mike Rolinitis, Principal; Steve Stein, Principal; Patti Bogdan, Asst. Principal; Judy Splayt, Asst. Principal; Scott Pritchard, Asst. Principal; Ann Lewandowski, Foodservice Director; Ron Kaczorowski, Transportation Director; Ryan Adkins, Technology Director; Barbara Germany, Executive Secretary.

VISITORS PRESENT

Bob Garcia, Bob Elsinga, Mary Louise Knoerzer, Kate Wojtulewicz, Peggy Ill, Amy Alderman, Tom Nolan, Tara Kristoff, Sandy Liden, Karen Bussean, Joe Spalla, Kelly Huscher, Robert Huscher, Joe Moore, Carol Garcia, Jenny Daley.

PRESS

Amanda Jacobs, Mokena Messenger, Amy Alderman, Chicago Tribune.

OPENING AND ROLL CALL

Mr. King called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Mokena Public School District 159 to order at 7:00 p.m. March 10, 2010 at Mokena Junior High School.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Rolinitis led the Board of Education, staff, and visitors in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASE

Mrs. Tara Kristoff presented to the Board of Education the Wiki she has developed for utilization in her classroom. She summarized how she developed the Wiki, criteria utilized in her selection of a platform, as well as practices within her classroom. Mrs. Moore commended Mrs. Kristoff for her initiative in this area.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Superintendent's Report – Mrs. Perry thanked the community members that attended the March 4th working session. She informed the Board that a Podcast containing the presentation she gave that evening would be available on the district website by March 11. She also mentioned that the PTA Fun Fair will be held on Saturday, March 13.

MTA – no comments.

The following individuals offered commentary regarding the referendum outcome and district response:

Mr. Robert Elsinga – suggested the school board consider a 4 day week for students.

Mr. Thomas Nolan – conveyed his support of the previous referendum, sadness over its failure, and support of the current administration and Board of Education for any future efforts to be made. He also offered his assistance on any future referendum initiatives.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

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

- Regular Meeting, February 10, 2010
- Special Meeting, February 25, 2010
- Closed Session, February 25, 2010 as amended

On Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED

INFORMATION REPORTS

MOKENA EDUCATION FOUNDATION UPDATE

Bob Garcia provided the Board of Education and audience with an overview of the Education Foundation and services it currently provides to the district. He welcomed anyone to attend meetings which are held monthly. Mr. Ventura mentioned that if their meetings were scheduled on a more regular basis, the Foundation might experience a greater attendance rate. Mrs. Perry thanked Mr. Garcia and the Foundation for all of their assistance to the district. She also mentioned that in addition to being on the Education Foundation, Bob Garcia was also instrumental in chairing the Referendum Committee.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The revenue for the month of February, in all funds, was \$466,344 which represents 2% of the total annual revenue budget. Last year at this time we received \$339,878. We are continuing to see a delay in the State funding payments. As of the end of February, 2010 the district should have received \$396,736 in categorical funds receivable from the State. The expenditures for the month, in all funds, were \$1,645,914 or 7.4% of budget. Last year the expenses for the month of February were \$1,557,977.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

STUDENT ACTIVITY REPORT

Mr. Connelly reviewed the Student Activity account with the Board of Education.

LINCOLN-WAY AREA SPECIAL EDUCATION MINUTES – February 23, 2010

Mrs. Moore reported on the following items from the January 26 meeting:

- Mr. Englert reported on the status of the Transition House. The Cooperative architect indicated that the bid specifications should be completed next week. The application process with the Village of Frankfort for a special use permit will take place at the beginning of March.
- Dr. Bintz provided a status report on the proposed Cooperative Foundation.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:40 p.m. Mr. Peters moved to adjourn to Closed Session for matters pertaining to personnel and litigation. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Moore. Open Session adjourned by unanimous vote.



President



Secretary