

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MOKENA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #159
MOKENA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
October 14, 2009
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; Steve Stein, Principal, Michael Krugman, Principal; Mike Rolinitis, Principal; Scott Pritchard, Asst. Principal; Patti Bogdan, Asst. Principal; Judy Splayt, Asst. Principal; Ron Kaczorowski, Transportation Director; Ryan Adkins, Technology Director; Ann Lewandowski, Foodservice Director; Ken Stanley, Buildings and Grounds Director; Barbara Germany, Executive Secretary; Mike Moran, Thane Alvey, Ryan Bell, Chris Clavenna, Carrie Bidinger, and Kate Flaherty.

VISITORS PRESENT

Rose Krampac, Mason Maze, Kasey Abrahamsen, Becky LiVigni, and Joshua Perch.

PRESS

None.

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. October 14, 2009 at Mokena Intermediate School.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mason Maze, Kasey Abrahamsen, Becky LiVigni, and Joshua Perch led the Board of Education, staff, and visitors in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Teachers Mike Moran, Thane Alvey and Ryan Bell were introduced to the Board of Education. Dr. Vitton introduced Kate Flaherty to the Board.

Superintendents Report – Mrs. Perry updated the Board on the referendum process. There will be a meeting of referendum committee members at 7:00 p.m. on October 19.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Mrs. Moore moved to approve the following meeting minutes:

Special Meeting – September 3, 2009

Regular Meeting – September 9, 2009

Special Meeting – October 1, 2009
Closed Session – September 3, 2009
Closed Session – September 9, 2009
Closed Session – October 1, 2009

Mr. Troy seconded this recommendation.

On Roll Call

Ayes: Mrs. Falbo, Mr. King, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Pajeau, Mr. Peters, Mr. Troy and Mr. Ventura
Nays: None
Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED

INFORMATION REPORTS

AUDIT REPORT 2008-09

The CPA firm of Mulcahy, Pauritsch, Salvador, & Co. Ltd. presented the findings of the 2008-09 annual audit. The audit report indicated that the success of the district is attributed to a dedicated team of teachers, supportive parents, and an excellent curriculum. Mrs. Moore thanked Jim Connelly for his diligent work and seeing to this positive report. Mr. Connelly also thanked his staff for their services as well.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The revenue for the month of September, in all funds, was \$6,097,023. This includes \$1,300,000 in fund transfers shown as revenues that are offset by \$1,300,000 in fund transfer expenses. The total revenue after removing the transfers equaled \$4,797,023. The revenue included a one-time payment from the State of \$406,454 for Transitional Assistance. The expenditures for the month, in all funds, were \$2,759,773.01 that includes \$1,300,000 in fund transfer expenses. The expenses after removing the effect of the transfers equaled \$1,459,773. Last year the expenses for the month of September were \$1,642,879.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Connelly reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Details can be found in the Board packet.

STUDENT ACTIVITY REPORT

Mr. Connelly reviewed the Student Activity account with the Board of Education. Details can be found in the Board packet.

LINCOLN-WAY AREA SPECIAL EDUCATION MINUTES – September 2009

Mrs. Moore's report of the meeting included the following items:

- Mrs. Bintz discussed a possible date for the Cooperative to host the annual Lincoln Way Area Joint Board Dinner. She would like to set a date in February 2010.
- The Parent School Organization continues to work on the sensory garden.
- Preliminary meetings have taken place regarding the Colorado Avenue property.

Details of the meeting can be found in the Board packet.

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

The total number of semester hours completed was 159 and the average cost per semester hour incurred by faculty was \$214.96. The Board was provided with a list of staff member names and respective classes that were taken.

ISAT SCORES

The Illinois Standards Achievement Tests were administered to students in April of 2009. This year, students in grades three through eight were assessed in Reading and Mathematics. Additionally, the students in grades 4 and 7 were assessed in Science; students were assessed in Writing (not used for AYP purposes) at grades 3, 5, 6 and 8. The assessment of students in all grades provides useful information for teaching staff and the

administration. It will better assist us in determining the effectiveness of our curriculum, identifying students in grades 3-8 for special services and improve our ability to track student achievement. Based on the results of the 2009 ISAT, Mokena School District has made AYP (adequate yearly progress). Dr. Vitton provided the Board with a breakdown of the scores by grade level.

SUMMARY OF GRANTS

Dr. Vitton provided the Board with a summary of district grants for which we have applied, a description of our anticipated expenditures and the total amount of funds we anticipate receiving from each grant. Due to budgetary cuts by the Illinois legislature, the State grants are only being funded at 90% of FY09 allocations.

STATE GRANTS	
<p>Reading Improvement Block Grant – The purpose of the program is to improve the reading and study skills of children from Kindergarten through sixth grade.</p> <p>Expenditures: Pay reading specialists salaries</p>	<p>Funds: \$38,581</p>
<p>Early Childhood Block Grant – This grant funds educational programs for children ages 3 to 5 years who are not age-eligible for Kindergarten and who are identified as being at risk of academic failure. This program must also provide parents of participating children with educational and involvement opportunities.</p> <p>Expenditures: Pay Early Start teacher salaries and benefits, Pay Early Start teacher aide salaries Purchase classroom supplies, Pay for professional development for Early Start staff</p>	<p>Funds: \$77,352</p>
FEDERAL GRANTS	
<p>Title I – Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged – The purpose of the program is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach, at a minimum, proficiency on state academic achievement standards and assessments.</p> <p>Expenditures: Pay reading specialists salaries</p>	<p>Funds: \$85,148</p>
<p>Title II – Teacher Quality – The purpose of the Title II program is to provide funding for states and districts to meet the No Child Left Behind requirements that all teachers be highly qualified and to increase student achievement by improving teacher and principal quality.</p> <p>Expenditures: Pay staff development (workshop) fees, Pay curriculum stipends, Pay staff development fees and reimbursement for graduate work for staff at St. Mary School</p>	<p>Funds: \$61,559</p>
<p>Title IV – Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Community Act – The purpose of this grant is to support programs that prevent violence in and around schools and by strengthening programs that prevent the illegal use of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs</p> <p>Expenditures: Pay stipends for Kids Connection facilitators, Provide stipends for D.A.R.E officer Pay for St. Mary’s psychologist services related to drug abuse prevention and intervention</p>	<p>Funds: \$4,548</p>

INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT - MEDICAID

Medicaid reimbursement payment requests are processed through the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS). The Department of Healthcare and Family Services is requiring all school districts to submit a new interagency agreement with HFS by November 30, 2009 in order to participate in the Medicaid Payment program. Last year we received just under \$31,000 from Medicaid payments. A copy of the requirement agreement was provided to the Board. This document will be submitted for Board action in November.

REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION LIFE SAFETY INSPECTION

The Will County Regional Office of Education conducted their annual Health/Life Safety Inspection of our schools on September 22, 2009. We received the report summary from the Regional Superintendent that was provided to the Board of Education. Each item will be addressed by school. Several items have been completed to date, a few remaining items need to be completed.

BOARD POLICY FIRST READING

The following policies were reviewed by the Policy Committee in September and provided to the Board for first reading in October:

- 2.260 – Uniform Grievance Procedure
- 4.60 – Purchases and Contracts (to be resubmitted for additional revisions)
- 4.110 – Transportation
- 4.180 – Pandemic Preparedness
- 5.100 – Staff Development Program
- 5.130 – Responsibilities Concerning Internal Information
- 5.180 – Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity
- 5.290 – Employment Termination and Suspensions
- 5.330 – Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves (to be resubmitted for additional revisions)
- 6.40 – Curriculum Development
- 6.60 – Curriculum Content
- 6.235 – Access to Electronic Networks
- 7.20 - Harassment of Students Prohibited
- 7.220 – Bus Conduct
- 7.70 – Attendance and Truancy
- 7.90 – Release During School Hours
- 7.180 – Preventing Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
- 8.20 – Community Use of School Facilities

ACTION REPORTS

DISTRICT BILLS

Mr. Ventura reviewed the bills for the month. Mr. Ventura moved to approve the bills, seconded by Mr. Pajeau.

On Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Moore moved to approve the following consent agenda items. Mrs. Falbo seconded this motion.

- Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Job Description
- Administrator Contract Amendment
- Performance Goals for Superintendent Perry 2009-2010
- District Audit 2008-09

On Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED

PERSONNEL

NAME	POSITION	BLDG.	EFFECTIVE DATE	SALARY
A. <u>Classified</u>				
Maureen Dingle	Substitute Food Server	MES	10/14/09	\$8.06/hour As Needed

Mrs. Moore moved to approve personnel recommendation A as presented, subject to and contingent upon successful completion of criminal background check, physical, and drug screening. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ventura.

On Roll Call

Ayes: Mrs. Falbo, Mr. King, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Pajeau, Mr. Peters, Mr. Troy and Mr. Ventura
Nays: None
Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED

JOINT CONFERENCE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE

Mrs. Moore was appointed the delegate to represent the District 159 at the Joint Conference. Mr. Troy was appointed as the alternate.

QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO ACTION REPORTS

No questions.

ITEMS FOR THE NOVEMBER AGENDA

- Policy Committee meeting
- Mrs. Moore informed the Board that she would not be in attendance at the November meeting, but would be available to attend via audio conferencing if necessary.
- Medicaid Interagency Agreement
- Tax Levy
- The Budget Working Session will be held on November 5 at 6:30 p.m.


FOR THE GOOD OF THE MOKENA AREA


- October 22nd is the first band concert at Mokena Intermediate School.
- Technology is running smoothly.
- The Food and Wine Festival was well attended.

Mrs. Rose Krampac, member of the audience, requested to voice her concern over an issue she has. She was informed by President King that the opportunity for public comments had passed. If she so desired, she could address the Board at the November meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:05 p.m. Mrs. Moore moved to adjourn. This motion was seconded by Mr. Pajeau. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote.



President


Secretary