

Subject: Fwd: February 21, 2024 Board Packet

From: Kelli MacMillan <macmillank@mokena159.org>

Date: 2/20/2024, 10:59 AM

To: Mark Cohen <cohenm@mokena159.org>, Eric Bush <bushe@mokena159.org>

Mark,

I apologize for my bad job of consolidating my questions on the BOE packet.

Re: Mrs. Volpe report section "transition planning". Please explain the arrangement we have with Ms. Mundt as it stands now up until her proposed hire date of 7/1/24. If we have a contract, kindly forward that to the BOE. I would like to understand how we are protecting confidential information shared with Mrs. Mundt before her hire date and how she is compensated, etc. How much do we plan to spend from which budget line, before she is hired 7/1/24? What is the scope of what you have tasked Mrs. Volpe to accomplish with Mrs. Mundt over the next few months before she is hired?

Thanks,
Kelli

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Date: Tue, Feb 20, 2024 at 6:58 AM

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A couple more related to the MTA Agreement:

How will we handle the required public recital on this agreement? I can see now that the title on our public agenda is vague. Will the motion provide the public the necessary detail? I am struggling with this.

I don't understand how this topic was discussed in closed session in December but now we discuss it in open? Is our Closed meeting exemption still applicable that will allow us to move it to closed session?

Kelli

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From: Kelli MacMillan <macmillank@mokena159.org>

Date: Mon, Feb 19, 2024 at 9:39 AM

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To: Mark Cohen <cohenm@mokena159.org>, Eric Bush <bushe@mokena159.org>

Mark,

Please update the Board on the following two items that were expected for our 2/21/24 meeting but not included:

1. The BOE tasked Mark to draft revision to BOE Policy 2:150 for 1st look in February and Board vote in March. Noted below - this was also not reflected in our meeting minutes which should be updated.
2. On your Jan report, Student fees were listed as an item for February but not provided. Can you comment as to the delay?

For my own knowledge: can you explain why sometimes support for items on our consent agenda are included on the public board book and sometimes not? If we are taking action do we need to provide the public the support to those actions? What determines what is shared?

Monthly CSBO Report:

- What is PMA?
- Please send the Board a copy of the administrative procedure on the "Insurance Committee" and how it works.
- What / where can the Board reference the reason / cost of the transition to Skyward's Qmlativ platform from Skyward SMS/PAC?
- Sealcoating, Striping and Patching at MES was not on our CIP 2023, please comment.
- For YTD Expenditures: is timing the only reason capital projects are over YTD? Are there any other reasons you can cite for the other object overages?
- HR Update - what is the rationale for us offering Legal Shield? How much administrative burden? Is it 100% EE funded? How many EE Supplemental coverages do we offer?

Regular Meeting 1/17/24 Minutes

VIII says "none". Please update minutes to reflect the extensive conversation we had regarding Board Committees. Dr. Cohen was tasked by the BOE with drafting a change to our Committee policy including modifying the Parent teacher advisory and behavior interventions committee and bringing the draft for 1st read to our February meeting. We also agreed on policy committee, again.

Special Meeting / Closed Meeting 1/31/24 Minutes

I do not agree with this piece: "At the end of the workshop, the Board of Education agreed on operating protocols to be used moving forward."

A sample was provided to us at the end of the session (est. in the last 5 min). We did not go through it as a group. It was my understanding that it was a conceptual example. I did not agree to adopt them going forward, I didn't even read the whole document. We never voted. If / when we do draft protocols of our own I'd suggest changes to that sample.

Mr. Bush,

MTA Settlement Agreement

- The BOE did not approve a draft of the settlement agreement as we requested (see closed meeting minutes from 12/2023). Mark has facilitated its execution before we approved the agreement. As I stated in my email on Saturday, I believe Mark has put the cart before the horse as stipulated in the Open Meetings Act. Will you be contacting John Fester to see what our options are at this juncture? What are the legal ramifications if the Board wants to make a change, now that it was represented to counterparties as final? Would we be in breach of contract?
- For the reason above, I've requested the subject get moved to the discussion portion of our meeting. Can we discuss this document / situation in open session or should it be closed, like before? I need it broken down for me and explained. Also, we expected a confidentiality clause.
- How can the BOE ensure Mark is more clear on the protocol and expectations going forward? I am troubled a BOE member was denied the draft document and that Mark felt it was an overstep / micromanagement. This is afterall, an agreement between our Board and 2 others. Mark was tasked to provide the BOE updates, not an executed contract we have no opportunity to change. Last we heard, Mark was going back to Mr. Fester for feedback on more changes. Can we do this in closed session during talks of his performance?

Happy to discuss all of the above.

Semi-Annual Review of Closed Meeting Minutes

- During the board discussion, we can determine which board members take on this task. We have not done that since our new board members were sworn in. This is a Board of Education task and we should discuss it. Note: I would have brought it up a month ago, had it been identified as an item for February. Who should have cited it last month?
- As stated in my email on Saturday, per the IL Open Meetings Act it is unlawful for you to deny me access to the closed meeting records. The Board is set to vote on destroying the records I have requested to access and you have denied me. I hope that we can discuss this and work something out before that occurs. If not, I plan to use the agenda time allocated for discussion of this topic and work it out then. I do not want our District to have OMA violations on our record - that is not what is best for our community and it will be a poor reflection on our board. I hope you change your mind on that and encourage you to contact me.
- The "will of the board" is irrelevant for this request. It is you personally, as board president that has denied me my right.

Kelli MacMillan

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From: **Cathy Hite** <hitec@mokena159.org>

Date: Fri, Feb 16, 2024 at 3:22 PM

Subject: February 21, 2024 Board Packet

To: School Board <schoolboard@mokena159.org>

Dear School Board Members,

The February 21st Board Packet is ready for your review in BoardBook. I have not received the District 843 DRAFT minutes from their January Governing Board meeting. Once I receive the minutes, I will attach them to BoardBook. Also, Eric will be working on the action item attachment for: *Board Policy Committee Terms* over the weekend, so I will attach those on Monday.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me or Dr. Cohen. Have a wonderful weekend!

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Sincerely,

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