

**Subject:** Fwd: Follow up to your responses  
**From:** Eric Bush <bushe@mokena159.org>  
**Date:** 2/20/2024, 10:27 PM  
**To:** School Board <schoolboard@mokena159.org>

Board - Additional questions asked by Kelli that I don't believe have been provided to the rest of the board.

Regards,

Eric

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**From:** Kelli MacMillan <[macmillank@mokena159.org](mailto:macmillank@mokena159.org)>  
**Date:** Tue, Feb 20, 2024 at 8:54 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Follow up to your responses  
**To:** Mark Cohen <[cohenm@mokena159.org](mailto:cohenm@mokena159.org)>, Eric Bush <[bushe@mokena159.org](mailto:bushe@mokena159.org)>

Mark / Eric,

#1 - Who determined that Jim would be serving on the insurance committee this year? When was that decided and why was it not disclosed to the board of education members?

It may be a conflict of interest to have Jim involved in the selection process of health coverage offered to his spouse. We need board deliberation before a decision is made on who will serve as a representative of the BOE. How can we accomplish that tomorrow so it's voted on and decided before the scheduled meeting?

#2 please acknowledge and confirm when the board can expect to get this information over so as to prepare us for the vote next month.

Please address item #3 so the board understands how to proceed tomorrow.

For item #4 - please reread my questions, I'm not asking for her contract beginning 7/1/24. I am happy to see her working with Mrs Volpe and already digging in to the transition, that seems great. But, please provide the BOE information to understand the arrangement with Ms Mundt between today and 6/30/24. How will she be compensated, how much is projecting to be spent, what is the scope, how are we ensuring confidentiality, etc.

Kelli MacMillan  
Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 20, 2024, at 5:36 PM, Mark Cohen <[cohenm@mokena159.org](mailto:cohenm@mokena159.org)> wrote:

#1 - Jim Andresen has been the Board member most involved given his experience in this area.  
#4 - The contract was online in Boardbook. The .pdf is attached.

Mark

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From: **Kelli MacMillan** <[macmillank@mokena159.org](mailto:macmillank@mokena159.org)>

Date: Tue, Feb 20, 2024 at 4:09 PM

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To: Mark Cohen <[cohenm@mokena159.org](mailto:cohenm@mokena159.org)>, Eric Bush <[bushe@mokena159.org](mailto:bushe@mokena159.org)>

Mark,

Going back and forth on questions is difficult. Below are snips from your responses today at 12:48pm followed by the clarification needed:

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Follow up: please explain highlighted section for CSBO report below

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Follow up:

The BOE should discuss this. This work was said to be in the CIP 2023, but the MES portion was not which needs to be addressed. Essentially, I see us prematurely (1 year early out of a 5 year life) doing a project we don't need to do and that was not part of our budget / plan. Having said that, I understand economies of scale which makes me question more why it wasn't always a part of the CIP. At this point, the BOE should understand how much of a savings we may have and if that would warrant doing this before we need to, thereby cutting into what the district has already paid for. Prior to next month, please provide the board with more cost analysis and details into budgetary implications in adding this on. Going forward, if something is not in our CIP can we please highlight that to the board and include this support.

#3

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Follow up:

I requested the MTA Settlement to be added as an agenda item so that the BOE is able to discuss what occurred. The BOE tasked you to update the board, not to execute the contract, as documented in our closed session minutes

from December. Why are you now “not recommending the board have one”? This is an unfinished response. I’ve asked also if we can discuss this again in closed session?

The yellow highlighted section is also not a finished response – what did John say? You are saying there is support for each item but the public has nothing to reference.

#4

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Follow up:

What page of the board packet exactly can I reference her “contract”? I do not see it.

Sincerely,

Kelli

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