

Subject: Fwd: BOE Meeting Packet questions
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To: School Board <schoolboard@mokena159.org>

Board - Regarding the public discussion on public engagement, Kelli and Julie voted to keep the item on the agenda. Jim, Lisa and Sam voted to table the discussion. Anna and I are currently undecided. Thus, there is no consensus at this time so the item stayed on the agenda as it was previously presented.

Kelli requested to have the Policy Committee added to the agenda. Julie made a similar timely request on Friday which would have provided enough time for the Board to vote. However, she decided to rescind her request later on Friday. For Kelli's request, there isn't enough time to ask the Board to vote on adding the item and still comply with OMA on the Monday before the Board meeting. I am in favor of adding the Policy Committee to the May agenda which is consistent with how the Finance Committee works, but I will defer to the Board majority.

I will defer the other questions to Dr. Cohen and the Administrative team.

Regards,

Eric

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From: Kelli MacMillan <macmillank@mokena159.org>
Date: Mon, Apr 15, 2024 at 11:37 AM
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BOE President / Supt.

- Add the Policy Committee to our standard agenda for Wednesday and go forward.
- The board was informed of (2) FOIA requests from Lynn Riley that are not in the packet for this month, why? Please add them along with a complete copy of the responses.
- As I'd responded to Eric, we need to keep the Discussion item regarding Public Engagement on the agenda. It was tabled last month by the board and if Eric wants to table it again this month, he can make the motion with his rationale at the meeting. Not via a "poll" outside of a meeting. This is not a new agenda item we are proposing, it is an existing agenda item that has been tabled and can't just disappear. The concept is that the board took action and that you cannot suggest a subsequent action be taken outside of an open board meeting, regardless of a "poll". Please don't do that. We'd agreed each BOE member would show up with two ideas for discussion.

Follow up from previous BOE discussions:

- From Mar meeting: It remains unclear why Summer band is not a stipend. How much did we pay the teacher last year and why would we pay less than their typical rate as Mike R said?
- I will propose, again, that we pay teachers for their time serving on **board committees** in anticipation of the next Finance Committee meeting and upcoming Policy committee meetings.
- From Feb meeting: The BOE is owed a status update on the Board of Education Behavioral Interventions committee, as required by school code. How is that being handled currently?
- From Mar meeting: staffing presentation is not in boardbook "extras" for public viewing

Superintendent

- Please update the BOE on the work of your Insurance Committee
- How much did the Spring Musical cost the district total SY24 vs. SY23? No explanation necessary, just total \$ expense for the musical last year vs. this year. ---- No rush on this.

Supt. - Business Office

- Do we have 4 food server vacancies? Was this reported to the BOE?
- Why are we paying different pay rates / different increases for the same "sub server" position?
- Is Frank related to our Food Service director? If so, can this be viewed as nepotism / unethical for a higher pay rate and larger increase for Frank over others with the same job title?
- What is AFS?
- What is the timeline for Transportation salaries that was removed from the agenda?
- To the best of my recollection the BOE was advised the electrical repairs were estimated to cost \$50k. What is the difference between the scope that was estimated to cost \$50k and the bids that came in for \$155k-\$174k?
- What will the Administration provide the BOE to support your recommendation to extend the Alpha contract? Did we seek bids to compare pricing, etc.? If not, how are we able to extend this contract without going to bid?

Supt. - Student Services Dept

Social-Emotional Learning - please expound on this, briefly? What is the requirement? What is the expected cost? Is this just for MJHS? Sorry if I missed that somewhere along the way. --- no rush
Programming - when will these options be discussed? What changes are we implementing to address these behavioral concerns while on our buses?

I've asked this in the past and I'm not clear on how this works. Re: Megan Mundt and the new Student Services Coordinator. For the time these two individuals are coming into our building and training / working with you on the transitions:

- How are they being compensated for their work up through 6/30/24?
- Have they been given the onboarding background checks / agreement to confidentiality, etc?
- Is it standard practice to have employees that are hired effective 7/1/24 to be in the buildings working on our systems, etc. before they become district employees?

Supt. - Asst Supt

I will submit questions on the E-learning Plan in a separate email within the next week or two.

Kindly acknowledge this email and include all bullets in your response.

thanks,
Kelli