

**Subject:** Re: Monday's special meeting  
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**Date:** 5/8/2025, 1:32 PM  
**To:** Kelli MacMillan <macmillank@mokena159.org>

Hello Kelli,

Thanks for getting back to me and sharing your concerns.

The admin team has been working through this process and noticed with May's meeting being later in the month it would not allow enough time for the amended budget to be on display for required 30 days.

On Monday May 5th Steve did send out an email to the whole board with the recommendation to have a special meeting and attached an action / information item. He also said if anyone has any questions to please let him know. If there are questions there is time to get them in before the meeting.

This is not to give final approval for amended budget only to post tentative amend budget for 30 days on display. The district has to follow these rules/guidelines. It is not uncommon to have a special board meeting due to dates not aligning.

Jim Andresen  
School Board President

On Thu, May 8, 2025 at 12:28 PM Kelli MacMillan <[macmillank@mokena159.org](mailto:macmillank@mokena159.org)> wrote:

I am not in favor of a special meeting on Monday. The finance meeting is when we are able to review the amended budget with our admin team, it our opportunity to do that. I do not see it is feasible to vote same day for a few reasons:

1. It limits our time to review to one day, a matter of 1.5 hours max if the special meeting starts at 8:30pm
2. More importantly it assumes no changes, which is unrealistic and too presumptuous.
3. Insufficient time for the BOE to review the amended budget, when will we receive the final version?

This has been our timeline for months, this is an annual thing. If admin was going to suggest this we should have been asked weeks ago and have already received the final amended budget. This is too little notice and not enough time for us to review and ask questions, let alone have any impact. This is not all we have to review on Monday, there are other items on the agenda. We cannot rush through this critical board duty and continue to make moves to limit our opportunity to do our job to thoroughly review and ask questions, which seems to be the recurring theme.

Kelli

On Thursday, May 8, 2025, Jim Andresen <[andresenj@mokena159.org](mailto:andresenj@mokena159.org)> wrote:

Hello everyone,

Monday is the finance committee meeting.

Steve and Teri have suggested we have this special meeting at 8:15pm, after the finance committee meeting.

The concern is if we post it for 8:30, we can't start early depending on when the finance meeting would be over. If some members are on their way but not there yet then we can hold off till everyone gets there.

Some members have previous commitments and having it after the finance meeting allows people to attend. There needs to be a quorum to approve the amended budget and since there will already be members attending the finance committee we should be good.

Also the board will not have any conflicts with the previously scheduled meeting.

This special meeting allows the board to approve amended budget so it can be on display for required 30 days.

I hope to see you all there. If you are unable to attend please let me know.

Thanks for your help with this.

Jim Andresen  
School Board President