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The Board Chair, in consultation with corporation and board leadership, is releasing these documents, only minimally redacted, as part of our ongoing work for transparency. Names/pronouns are redacted to ensure a first-person voice. Other redacted language could include: Legally protected information, i.e. personnel or student names or reference, deliberative information where release of the information could potentially cause harm to a person or group of persons, or inhibit the ability of the board to conduct the business of the board.

Redacted Text is noted by <Redacted Text>

3.4.2023 notes

As always, these notes are confidential. **As a reminder to all members, you should submit your questions, comments and additional information that could be helpful to the other board members directly to Box.** Rachel

Board/Development - Training

- Board Training is scheduled for April 20 from 6-8 pm. This is confirmed with <Redacted Text>. This is an executive session and will be appropriately advertised by <Redacted Text> as such.

Meetings of the Board

- Reminder, next regular meeting is Monday 3/6 6:30 PM. It was moved to the first Monday because of spring break.

Community/Patron Feedback

- x1 patron (no name provided) through member <Redacted Text> related to stop arm enforcement with buses. Escalation directed through the Director of Transportation, with additional information provided to the board from Superintendent <Redacted Text>.
- x1 patron (no name provided) through member <Redacted Text> related to a patron complaint of potential cyberbullying. Escalation directed through

building leadership, with additional information provided to the board from Superintendent <Redacted Text>.

- x1 potential teacher applicant, referred to website application process.
- x1 patron <Redacted Text> with concerns related to member <Redacted Text> commentary. Response sent to patron, cc to full board.
- x8 staff members appreciative of the note of encouragement on behalf of board sent last Friday.
- x1 <Redacted Text>

identity withheld. This is a personnel morale concern at this point and under the care of Superintendent Greiner.

General Business

- Meeting Location follow up. We have heard back from corporation tech support and short and sweet, the LGI room, despite its limitations appears to remain the best option. The HH library does not have the projector or overhead speakers, which aid the in-person audience's ability to hear the meeting in person.
- Drafts of bylaws po143 and po143.1 are back from legal and have been put into the 3.6 meeting packet for first reading. They have been provided to the board with the working notations included, yellow is added text, gray is deleted text, red line are recommended legal edits. After the meeting, these presented documents will be released with the rest of the meeting materials per usual and members and the community will have until the second reading at our April meeting to offer any feedback.
- Considered edits to the description of the board secretary responsibilities as described in the bylaws are just freshly back from legal end of this week and as only vocabulary tweaks, would only require one reading. You should anticipate seeing those recommendations for vote from policy committee in April meeting.
- Superintendent <Redacted Text> and I submitted my weekly chair notes to legal counsel as a periodic check both of concept and content. They are redacted appropriately, and do not constitute "unreasonable request" by the board chair to board members. At legal counsel advice, I will make one adjustment going forward and that is to redact legal advice given and quoted in the notes. Below is the explanation of the logic behind that advice. (I did further clarify with legal counsel that it is entirely appropriate to share all legal advice with the board, it only potentially becomes problematic when I share it with the community on the website.) <Redacted Text>

Based upon this advice, all members should submit any questions, concerns, comments or additional information as a comment to these board notes. This is to ensure transparency to our community, and limit the likelihood of costly public records requests for member emails. The only exceptions to this process are time sensitive/urgent inquiries, general logistical communications, and patron responses. Other email communications will not be responded to.

Comments:

***Amy Austin**

Mar 4 at 11:05 AM

Thank you for these notes, and for keeping all communication in one place. It will make everything easier going forward. There is a call on Facebook for the board to address SB12 - the bill that would criminalize Indiana teachers and librarians. I've had some correspondence with Sen. Deery. I'd like to discuss a resolution with you and Shawn if possible. Is it too late to accomplish that before Monday?

***Rachel Witt**

Mar 4 at 11:44 AM

Thanks, Amy. At this point, we're 'agenda posted' so adding a resolution would be an additional proposed agenda item for vote at the start of the meeting if you would like to pursue. I know that <redacted text> to discuss SB12 and other education matters, so will be interested to hear what information comes from that. It's unfortunate that Sen Deery chose to support this proposed education legislation without speaking with public education leaders in the areas he represents first. That said, I think it's important to encourage that relationship to develop and would caution against any personal attacks on any specific legislator, instead focusing on the merits (or lack thereof) of proposed legislation.