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6/4/2022 Board Chair Notes

As always, these notes are confidential. If you have any item you are interested in more conversation about, please let me know. I will set up a time with you for a conversation. You are also always welcome to add comments to these notes if you have additional resources that would benefit the board. Thank you for all you do to keep students as our focus. Rachel

Board/Development - Training

- (Reminder) ISBA Prospective Member Training, July 11, 6-8pm. Update, ISBA has opened the online registration. I will announce in updates to the board at Monday's meeting. It will go on the website from there a link and a request will be sent that it be shared via parent councils. This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to become more aware about the role of the school board.
- (Reminder) Summer Board/Administrative retreat August 3, 5-9 pm.

Meetings of the Board

- Reviewed agenda for June 6 Meeting. Reminder that retiree reception is set to begin at 5:30, PRIOR to our regular meeting. All documents except the Food Service update are in Box. <Redacted Text> and the document will be available on Monday. Please watch your email for updates on Monday. I know it isn't ideal, but appreciate your patience given <Redacted Text>. Great thanks to everyone in central office for their work this month with another full agenda.

- Thank you for otherwise getting your requests for additional information in prior to noon on Friday.
- Thank you, members who responded to my email, regarding honoring retirees. <Redacted Text> I will finalize the list and send out the information gathered by central office <Redacted Text> to be read so you have time to prepare for the meeting.

Community/Patron Feedback

- x1 patron <Redacted Text> with a question regarding First Saturday Feedback and community communication in general. <Redacted Text>
- x1 patron <Redacted Text> with questions regarding school safety. Responded with board level information and referred patron to building principal. cc to full board.
- x1 patron <Redacted Text> with complaint that these board chair notes are unreasonably redacted. Responded with the header attached to all public dissemination of these notes. That header, as a reminder to all of you is:

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In particular I want to point out the first-person voice. I do not want to create a scenario where I say any board member did or said something in these notes in error that they feel they must correct. I also do not want to be arbitrary in my leadership or have what is just a consideration or opinion be misunderstood by a member of the public as final when it is actually very deliberative. The sharing of this document does not in any way change or replace the requirement to conduct public business of the board publicly.

Student Success & Safety

- Congratulations to member <Redacted Text> for being selected to serve a two-year term on the ISBA Legislative Committee for Region 4. This is a great honor and I have no doubt <Redacted Text> will serve us well in this additional leadership role.

General Business

- Member <Redacted Text> has transferred over to a WLCSC email address. Please use this email address exclusively when communicating regarding board business. yiny@wl.k12.in.us
- (Reminder) Fiscal Review with Mike Reuter 6/21 at 3:30 pm. Board officers will attend and then information will be shared with board.
- SBOA Exit Conference. Thanks to members <Redacted Text> who attended. Members <Redacted Text> should contact Superintendent <Redacted Text> if you would like to review the audit information.
- Met for Legal RFP proposal review Members <Redacted Text> We are working through the process. I still anticipate this recommendation will come to the August meeting.
- Scheduled a training meeting for members <Redacted Text> regarding background of negotiations process.
- WLES, Principal Search. Superintendent <Redacted Text> has initiated this search process and Member <Redacted Text> will serve as the board representative on the search committee. I did not hear from any member concerned with the board representation as I described it, so it will continue as stated.
- (Reminder) Board compensation checks will be at your place at the June 6 meeting. Please do not take the check with you without also signing the paperwork <Redacted Text> Thank you for all your work for our schools.