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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>

7.16.2022 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. You are also always welcome to add comments to these notes if you have additional resources that would benefit the board.
Rachel

Board/Development - Training

- (Update) ISBA Prospective Member Training, July 11. This was moved to virtual. ISBA contacted the three registrants and all were planning to attend via virtual option. As general information, ISBA is seeing their strongest registration for these events in virtual platforms across the state.
- ISBA Annual Conference, Indianapolis October 3&4. As you all know, board members and corporation leadership have historically made an effort to attend the NSBA annual conference for training and board development. While, speaking from my own experience that has been very formative training, <Redacted Text> and I discussed and feel that the ISBA trainings in Indianapolis will be a worthy replacement. The breakout options are very appropriate to our current climate and education issues in Indiana. I hope you will consider making time in your schedule to attend. Deadline to respond to <Redacted Text> is August 3rd.
- Finalize plan for board retreat. As preparation, please take a moment to refresh your review of the 7-year strategic plan (2017-23). Link here: <https://www.wl.k12.in.us/handouts-forms-flyers/facilities-strategic-plan>
- Media link to board re: LSC change in transfer policy.

Meetings of the Board

- Thank you for your participation in 7/13 work session.
- The first day of school is Wednesday August 10th. Typically, the back to school teacher convocation would be held the day prior (8/9) and board members do attend the opening address of that convo (optional but encouraged). I will confirm details; This is just a heads up for your calendar.
- 8/8 6:30 Next Regular Board Meeting

Community/Patron Feedback

- Received x1 patron <Redacted Text> follow up questions from work session. Message sent to full board. Initial receipt response sent. Anticipate an additional follow up message with additional detailed answer - cc to full board.

Student Success & Safety

- Safety Committee will meet this Tuesday 7/19. I will serve as board representative on this committee through the end of this year.

General Business

- Employee (lunchroom supervisor WLES), community member and parent <Redacted Text> died this week following a tragic accident. GoFundMe information sent to board. Family sent a tribute on behalf of the board. WLES leadership team has lead on communication. You should have all seen the obituary information. Please contact me if you did not.
- CFO position is posted and search is underway. Initial two candidates scheduled for interview on Monday. One candidate has dropped out. <Redacted Text> is coordinating the search. Board officers anticipated to serve on search committee, with full board review as has been done in recent leadership searches. The position is listed as "open until filled" so the application link remains open on the website.
- Legal RFP process. Committee members meeting this week. I still anticipate this recommendation will come to the August meeting.
- Requested update on legal representation regarding charter school lawsuit. Reminder, there is no legal expense being charged to WLCSC for this work.
- Press Release regarding member <Redacted Text> Region 4 Legislative Rep to ISBA in process. The purpose for promoting this (in addition to appreciation for member <Redacted Text>) is to offer the community a public contact point for legislative concerns.