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*Redacted Text is noted by <Redacted Text>*

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#### 8.6.2022 Notes

It's back to school week and all indicators are that it's going to be a great year! 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**

- (REMINDER) ISBA Annual Conference, Indianapolis October 3&4 for those who are registered.

#### **Meetings of the Board**

- 8/3 Board Retreat 5-9 pm. Thank you to all who participated. Feedback has been very positive. Please share any thoughts for notes for next year's retreat. I will bring members <Redacted Text> up to speed as soon as I'm able. There will be a follow up from Superintendent <Redacted Text> as the concepts are put together in their final form.
- 8/8 6:30 Next Regular Board Meeting. Note, docs are up on Box. Questions have been received from member <Redacted Text> and answered.
- Thank you to member <Redacted Text> who answered my request for a heads up on committee reports. Please let me know if any others of you anticipate committee reports. We will go around the table like usual, but it is a lengthy agenda and also back to school this week, so busy time in Central Office and I'm hopeful we as a board can be as efficient as possible.

## Community/Patron Feedback

- Received another inquiry from patron ( <Redacted Text> ) about the SBOA audit. This came with a public records request. Superintendent referred the records request for processing. I responded with a request for clarification on the question as I was unsure of the question being asked. I have not yet received any return response.
- Received complaint x2 different community patrons (parents of alumni) about having been added to a community member's political mailing list related to school board without their consent. I continue to advise people with this complaint to unsubscribe.

## Student Success & Safety

- (Reminder) Please plan to attend the kick-off teacher convocation on August 9th if you are able, continental breakfast 8 am, meeting begins at 8:30. This is an excellent opportunity to show our teachers support going into the start of a new year.
- I attended the Admin Team back to school meeting on Thursday at <Redacted Text> invitation.
- Student group Confront the Climate Crisis received a Presidential award. Here is a link to the recording: <https://www.epa.gov/live> Our students are recognized just around the 53-minute mark.
- COVID plan update out to families on Friday. You should have received a copy.

## General Business

- I met with central office staff on Tuesday to review the draft agenda and give feedback.
- With regard to Nature Center at WLES, (in case you have the same question) I have asked a question pending regarding the plans for long term upkeep. That will be addressed as part of the presentation.
- At the SBOA exit conference, one item of question was the final cost of the audit. As you are aware, we are required by law to be audited, and billed by the state for the price of that audit on a per day rate for as long as the state needs to complete the audit. We have now been billed for that time and I wanted to share with you the hours and cost. To be very clear, neither audit exposed any fraudulent activity or misappropriation. In fact, the auditors started our exit conference by describing the audit as "very good" and when I inquired specifically about any fraudulent activity they said there was none. and when I inquired about the competency and honesty of our CO personnel they were very complimentary and said they had no concern at all. (As a reminder, the auditors had my personal phone number, given at the opening conference, for the purpose of communicating directly with any concerns or fraudulent activity; I was not contacted.)

**For the 2017-2019 audit, we paid a total of \$25,374 for 53.58 engagement days.**

**For the 2019-2021 audit, we paid a total of \$48,990 for 128.88 engagement days.**

- Engagement agreement finalized with CCHA. It's in our board packet.
- Reviewed Credit Card statements, standard monthly process.
- Update, <Redacted Text> has been able to figure out a way to continue the child of staff transportation between buildings.
- As of right now, we are full staff on certified positions. This was very challenging work for our building admins and REMARKABLE in a state with 3000 teacher openings.