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*Redacted Text is noted by <Redacted Text>*

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### 3.25.2023 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**

- ISBA Region 4 meeting set for May 1. Invites were sent out. Thank you to all who rsvp'd and are able to attend. These regional meetings are very helpful training and important to inform our nonpartisan understanding of various legal and legislative issues in public education.
- Reminder to all members that additional training is available on various matters is available through ISBA webinars. Members <Redacted Text> have unlimited access to those webinars, should they choose to use it, as part of their registration for the ISBA New Board Member Academy. Other members may request registration through <Redacted Text> if you see one of particular interest.
- Superintendent <Redacted Text> is beginning the planning process for the annual board/admin training retreat. For those of you new to the board and as a reminder to all, this is something we added last year at <Redacted Text> as a means to identify and align the work of our school leadership behind common knowledge and a set of common priorities. This is an important training for all corporation leadership so we are positioned to make our best possible decisions throughout the upcoming year about annual incremental progress (short range) inside of the strategic plan (long range). The first step of course is to deal with the logistical scheduling. As we get closer to it, <Redacted Text>

may announce different “homework” for us to prepare for the most fruitful conversation, but for now, your responsiveness on logistical matters is very much appreciated.

## Meetings of the Board

- Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday 4/10 at 6:30 PM. Materials are beginning to be assembled.
- *Board Training (Executive Session) is scheduled for April 20 from 6-8 pm.*

## Community/Patron Feedback

- x1 former parent of student <Redacted Text> Spoke with the patron, consulted with <Redacted Text> and followed up with the patron at his request. Any further escalation to Superintendent.

## General Business

- Attended Board/Teacher Discussion with member <Redacted Text>
- Reviewed draft minutes for the March meeting for the April board packet.
- Reviewed policy recommendation regarding use of “secretary” in policy. Based on the information below, I have asked <Redacted Text> to put a revision as noted of po168.1 in our April packet. It does not constitute substantive action as it doesn’t change any current practice. As I mentioned at our March meeting, this bears a broader conversation regarding po0100 and may be a good trigger to review our Neola contract in general. Because this is not an emergent concern, I propose we move forward with the simple revision of po168.1 now, and open the broader conversation in June. Please let me know if you would like any further information on this topic prior to our April meeting.

Below is the question and response from Jesse at CCHA:

<Redacted Text>

- Board Chair notes through 3/4 were redacted and posted on the website. As noted, last week and having received no concerns from any member, I will proceed with a one-week delay on release so that members have an opportunity to offer questions or comments before the posting. 3/11 notes will be redacted and sent for posting when these are released to you.
- **<Yue Yin comment redacted at her request.>**
- **Rachel Witt**

Apr 2 at 7:52 AM

Thank you for your comments Yue. I appreciate the sharing of resources. <Redacted Text> has provided additional comments in <Redacted Text> notes as they relate to day to day operations. With regard to student recognitions, while I agree, I also prefer to have these recognitions at our meetings, I respect the principals' request. I am hopeful we can begin to work together as a board to be worthy of that honor.