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Redacted Text is noted by <Redacted Text>

4.1.2023 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. **I will not be answering questions related to board matters in email.** Rachel

Board/Development - Training

- *Reminder: ISBA Regional meeting 5/1*
- Board/Admin Annual Training Retreat has been set for Thursday 8/24 5-9pm.
Thank you all for your prompt response to the scheduling question.

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 patron (<Redacted Text>) regarding gun safety. Explained the process for speaking at public meetings and encouraged them to attend our 4/10 meeting and share materials. I anticipate they will do so.

General Business

- Reviewed materials for 4/10 board meeting
- Please be advised that member <Redacted Text> has demanded that Superintendent <Redacted Text> place an item on the agenda for our 4/10 meeting. Neither <Redacted Text> nor I are aware of what content member <Redacted Text> plans to present to the board. This demand, strictly speaking, is permissible under our bylaws. As has been explained to all members, and has been our practice, requests for additions to the agenda are most collaboratively and productively added by contacting the board chair/officers. This allows the board and our administrators to come to the meeting prepared to have a productive discussion. This demand by one-member places our superintendent in a difficult position of needing to comply with the demand, but unfortunately not able to prepare to actually answer the inquiry.
- Scheduled call with board officers and corporation leadership regarding materials for 4/20 board executive session.
- Scheduled meeting with board officers, corporation leadership and consultants (<Redacted Text>) regarding materials to bring to board for referendum discussion, timeline and strategy.
- Reviewed policy recommendation created through the Wellness Committee to determine the correct process to bring to vote. I don't feel it's necessary to also review the draft policy revisions through the policy committee. (This particular policy does not cross over other policies, IDOE evaluative tool was used, and changes are minimal and do not require a double vote process.) For these reasons, I asked the superintendent to place it directly on the agenda for vote.
- Received emails from both members <Redacted Text> and <Redacted Text> related to board business. They place me in a difficult position as board chair. If I lift their questions into my notes and offer answers, I risk inadvertently misrepresenting their questions/comments. If I answer these members in email, I am not providing the level of transparency our community has made clear they expect and we as a board have been working towards for nearly two years. I choose neither of the bad options, so am not responding to their email inquiries.
- Thanks to member <Redacted Text> for posting her additional resources, insights, and questions on last week's notes for the benefit of the review of the whole board. All members are invited and welcome to do this.