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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>

1.14.23 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. 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

- Please take special note of Superintendent <Redacted Text> comment in weekly notes about 2/10 staff PD day. One request from the board, and part of our training work with Virtuoso, was that we as board members participate in Diversity and Equity trainings as we are able and they are available. This is one of those opportunities to 1) LEARN and 2) show visible support. Please make arrangements to attend if possible.
- Per board chair notes previous weeks and as requested in our meeting on Monday, I need to proceed with assignment of School Board Member Engagements for 2023. I have received requests for specific engagements from members <Redacted Text> Still awaiting responses from members <Redacted Text>. As a reminder to all these engagements are a critical component of our work as board members. Because of meetings already scheduled, I will have to finalize assignments early next week. Please respond at your earliest possible convenience. If you have any questions at all about the engagements, time commitments, etc. please contact me. "No response"

from any member will mean I have to divide all assignments among members who have responded and/or leave assignments unfilled.

- Board Goal #2 related to communication.

RE: Policy 143.1 and proposed changes to board packet. I asked Superintendent <Redacted Text> to brainstorm with his team and to create a list for our work session of various types of documents/communication that could appear in our board packet as well as their status (legally cannot be released, require redaction, can be released without work.) This will be helpful information as we consider what, how and when to release various information to the public within the various constraints. That document is in draft at this point and will be put into the information for discussion, along with the other information already gathered when our work session is scheduled.

As noted in our 1/9 meeting, member <Redacted Text> would like to hold the work session in January. That is on our calendar for Wednesday January 18th. Given we still haven't heard from half of our board members on 2023-member engagement requests, and subsequently don't have a Policy Committee to even schedule with. And, given the development of this information regarding documents noted above, we will not be in position to hold a productive work session on 1/18. I plan to ask this work session be advertised for our calendared work session on 2/22. We could also try for a special work session to be scheduled and advertised for Wednesday 2/1 or 2/8. Please respond to me with your availability for both of those dates at 6:30 PM.

- Building tours with new members <Redacted Text> 1/17, did confirm that PE level/locker room included.
- New Member Mentorship meeting scheduled with member <Redacted Text> for 2/2
- Member <Redacted Text> has declined mentorship. Response sent, cc to full board, fyi only.
- Reminder New members <Redacted Text> scheduled to attend ISBA new member 'Basic Training' on 1/21

Meetings of the Board

- New members are sworn in. We are a certified board of seven members.
- 1/9 meetings held. Former member <Redacted Text> had currently served as a "second set of eyes" on the minutes produced by <Redacted Text>. <Redacted Text> as new Secretary of the board will assume that role. The minutes are then dropped into the next scheduled meeting folder as a board document when the folder is created. I have asked that when and how the minutes are released be put on the work session list for discussion. As you are all aware they are not a public document until they are voted on and approved in a public meeting.
- Reminder. Save the Date for the WLSEF Scarlet & Gray dinner 4/22/23
- Next regular meeting scheduled for 2/13, 6:30 PM

Community/Patron Feedback

- X2 patron complaints regarding member <Redacted Text> summaries. Advised them to unsubscribe. No additional follow up needed.
- Continuing communications related to complaint on specific class assignment. Superintendent <Redacted Text> and Building Administrators have the lead on this. Believe it is now concluded.
- Received inquiries from several board members. No follow up or response from patron who APRA filed, and subsequently received, board chair emails.

General Business

- Given my re-election as board chair, it is my intent to continue to write these notes. These notes are informational and strictly to increase transparency, consistency and collaboration among the board. I do not write them for public review, however, as members agreed in 2022, I have been redacting them and releasing them on the website for the purpose of transparency. As board chair, I can just make that decision, but as you know I prefer to have input. I will ask for that input at our next meeting. I am putting this out now for your consideration so you have time to ask me any questions or offer feedback.
- <Redacted Text> reports that all requested changes/updates to board information on the website are now complete. Please take a moment to review the information and let me know of any concerns.
- Development Meeting with Purdue Representatives @University level scheduled with superintendent <Redacted Text>, Board Chair, building principals for 1/18.
- Spoke with <Redacted Text> at ISBA regarding New Member Academy structure and content.
- Member <Redacted Text> shared information regarding an upcoming presentation. Flyer attached. Sent to the superintendent to distribute to staff as appropriate.

