

NMSD school board meeting

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School Board: Laura Boad, John Campbell, Dinah Griffey, Art Wightman (Leanna Krotzer absent). Superintendent Dana Rosenbach, Executive Director of Operations and Finance, Joel Emery, male student school board member

Link to school board agenda and meeting materials packet. Page numbers below refer to this packet:

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School board members review their month's activities

John Campbell: Attended Coffee Oasis meeting. Volunteered to serve on a subcommittee. Very interesting entrepreneurial model for social concern.

Dinah Griffey: Agrees Coffee Oasis is a great model. Is enjoying working with new state representative Dan Griffey.

Art Wightman: Donated 24 surplus mattresses from the Girl Scout camp to the Theler warming shelter. Met with Builders Club. They have finished their food drive. Mentioned that Mr. Emery spent one night at Theler to help keep it open for people who wanted a warm place to stay.

6:40 PM. Local community member Brad Carey arrived, quietly set up video camera. Supt. Rosenbach and Mr. Emery intercepted him, didn't want him to tape meeting. Stepping into the hall,

Brad told them he has every right under state law to do so. Brad took a seat in the audience.

6:45 PM. Mr. Emery came back into room, stood in front of camera.

6:50 PM. Mr. Emery walked over to his chair.

6:51 PM. Mr. Emery walked back to stand in front of camera.



6:52 PM. Mr. Emery walked back to his chair.

6:53 PM. MCSO Deputy Ellis showed up. Both Brad and Mr. Emery went out in hall to talk to him.

6:55 PM. Dinah Griffey had trouble breathing. Someone called 9-1-1.



6:56 PM. Board meeting recessed. Audience member Joan Moore stepped up and instructed Dinah to breathe in through nose and out through mouth. Dinah stabilized.

7:10 PM. EMTs came to check on Dinah. Wheeled her out into hall.

During the recess, Brad told Ken VanBuskirk and me that Mr. Emery called 9-1-1 to report Brad touched Supt. Rosenbach out in the hall. (Brad said he had not.) Brad said the deputies advised Mr. Emery that Brad has the right to record the meeting. Brad said Supt. Rosenbach asked Brad why he didn't make arrangements before the meeting that he would be recording. Brad said because of the potential for litigation it was important to him to see their reaction without giving them the opportunity to fabricate answers. Brad also said he told her he does not work for her or Mr. Emery or the school board.

7:13 PM. Meeting reconvened.

Teaching and Learning Update (page 4 of board packet)

PACE/Homelink principal Anne Crosby, Hawkins Middle School principal Thomas Worlund, North Mason High School principal Chad Collins updated the board about their 2014-2015 School Success Plans. (page 164-166 of board packet) They are in the process of switching to Common Core.

7:35 PM. Joan Moore came in, whispered something to Supt. Rosenbach and sat down in audience. It appears the EMTs and Dinah have left.

Budget Status Update, 2013-14 (page 4)

Mr. Emery presented the end-of-year financial statement.

F196 Executive Summary 2013-14 (p. 140)

F196 Year End Financial Report 2013-14 (p. 141)

Year End Board Presentation 13-14 (p. 156)

Theler Center Warming Shelter Grant

Application (page 4)

The district has applied for a \$38K grant from Mason County to provide support to be able to open the Theler Center as a warming shelter for the homeless in our community during cold weather this winter. (Theler Center Warming Shelter Grant Application, page 167) Many organizations are helping the school district: NM Resources, Kiwanis, churches. Some people used the shelter on some nights, no one on other nights. *(No exact count of how many actually used the facility.)*

Special Education report - Supt. Rosenbach

Very complicated; getting more complicated.

December 2, joint school board meeting with

Mason County school districts (Hood Canal, Southside, Pioneer, Shelton, Grapeview, and Mary M Knight). Legislative representatives will be invited to attend. More information coming.

Organization performance and policy review

(page 5)

The school board adheres to the principles of Policy Governance. The board has written four sets of policies: Ends, Executive Requirements, Board-Superintendent Relationships, and Governance Process. *Ends policies* describe the student outcomes the superintendent is charged with achieving. *Executive Requirement policies* set the parameters within which the superintendent must operate as he/she leads the district toward the expected Ends. *Board-Superintendent Relationships policies* describe the way in which the board will oversee the superintendent's performance and the superintendent will support the board. *Governance Process policies* describe how the board and its individual members shall conduct business, represent the community, and relate to each other. No less than once per year, the Board receives and considers evidence regarding the level of compliance with the provisions of these four sets of policies, a few at each meeting (pages 183-197).

Academic standards/achievement:

John Campbell: When students graduate they should know how the United States is governed and why it's important. Our "constituents" would want

our graduates to know the basics about our representative government and history. America is unique, it is important to teach it. There are areas where today's public schools are much better than when I was in school. We have specialists now.

Adjournment. Public allowed to comment

Ken VanBuskirk has attended three Theler committee meetings. He offered to take committee members on the Theler trail to point out things of significance and extended the offer to the school board.

Cat Ross commended the district for including community events in their newsletters. She sees many parents participating.

Brad Carey agreed with John Campbell's comment that students should learn United States governance principles and history. Said he needs information regarding the Theler property. Wanted answers from board members, not just the superintendent. Has been to a couple Theler committee meetings and is not impressed with how they are run. Wanted to know what kind of fiscal liabilities have been incurred. He is concerned about transparency and told the board, "You do not have the right to tell us what you want us to know." Presented nine additional public records requests to Supt. Rosenbach. Laura Boad told Brad they would appreciate some advance warning that he intends to record the meeting so there is not so much disruption. Brad said he would try to comply, but sometimes it is necessary to "surprise" the board with no advance notice of recording. Laura asked, "Why would you want to do that?" Brad replied, "I have my reasons."

John Campbell praised Joan Moore for doing a super job at Theler.

Art Wightman told his fellow board members he would like to have that discussion about changing their meeting policy to allow the public to ask questions during their meetings "so the public can hear what we decide."

The next meeting of the school board is Thursday, December 18 at 6:30 PM.

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