

**Board of Directors' Meeting Agenda  
Special Meeting  
Wednesday, October 23, 2019  
Room 305 at 5:35 P.M.**

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- 1) **CALL TO ORDER** by Board President- 5:39
- 2) **ROLL CALL:**

Robert Feinberg (RF), Board President (2022)	___x___
Elizabeth Dowhower (BD), Secretary (2020)	___x___
Meg Rydman (MR), Member at Large (2021)	___AB___
Kevin Donnelly (KD), Member at Large (2021)	___x___
Debbie Trujillo (DT), Middle School Teacher Rep. (2019)	___x___
Eugenia Pappas (EP), Elementary Teacher Rep (2019)	___x___
Byranie Thomas (BT), Member at Large (2021)	___x___
Kelly Kay (KK), Member at Large (2021)	___x___
Maurene Donner (MD), Superintendent College School District	___AB___

OTHER ATTENDEES:

John Dewey (JD), Executive Director	___x___
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- 3) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** for October 23, 2019
  - KD moved to motion, KK 2nd 7-0

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- 4) **Public Comment**
  - Deviena Newton: Topic- 4th Grade- My daughter is a good student. Homework packets for the week are a struggle and are then completed in 45 minutes.. Daughter gets in trouble when it is not her fault. Students are started on yellow the next day, so they are starting the day with a negative. Touring other schools.
  - Ian Morse- Topic- Finding Solutions- Did not know certain situations were happening. Concerned about the academics. This is an opportunity for our kids to learn from having a difficult teacher. There is serious behavior which is found at most schools. Changing schools is not a solution. The first solution is to help the teacher. We need to come together and help. Offering time to volunteer.
  - Sally McNamara-Topic- 4th Grade Solutions: My son was inappropriately touched by the same student last year (3rd grade.) What has been done with this type of behavior? Suspension is not a solution. Understands the privacy policy and meet individual needs. The behavior is affecting the rest of the class. What are the resources to help?
  - Julia Gladstone- Topic- 4th Grade- Our son has not had any issues with students. Need to see change or will pull our son. The student morale is down in the classroom. The students were told to "shut up." Students are talking about what school they are going to. The jump from 4th to 5th will be huge. K-4th should have an aide. Academics are getting lost in the social aspect.
  - Craig Gladstone-Topic- 4th Grade- All 4th grade parents are in agreement that needs to be done. We want to give the teacher a chance. Adding an aide is the first step.
  - Andrea Ledbetter- Topic- 4th Grade: Pulled son out of school due to being sexually assaulted by another current 4th grade student. Took son out on independent study. Mrs. Silva screaming and yelling at son, calling him dumb. Left a meeting with a psychologist set up by the school because there was no favorable outcome.
  - Calisse Courtney- Topic- Sexual Assault discipline for students, 4th grade teacher: What can we do as a board, not what the board can't do. Assess to board members. Educational environment in the 4th grade classroom. Teacher conduct with students. Parents want to help Mrs. Silva with support with an aide. Social environment- a difficult

class. Student to student inappropriate conversations which has rolled over from 3rd Grade. Frustration with with administration. What resources are available.

- Sarah Ollenburger- Topic- 4th Grade Major Concerns- 3 issues: Upset that parents were not told about inappropriate behavior by a classmate. The teacher needs to go. Academic: students are smart and are treated as if they are stupid.

5) **Informational/Discussion**

a. Confidentiality laws and school response to confidential matters

- JD- what governs my actions: State Law, EdCode, Specific Laws pertaining to expulsion and suspensions. Communications with families are highly confidential. Cannot deviate from privacy laws. FERPA. RF- can families who are directly involved be informed. KD- do we have an obligation to alert families involved? BT: Where is the breakdown? How are other schools handle these situations? JD: All situations have been reported to the Board President. Concerns are heard, if there is a privacy concern, one to one meetings are taking place. Lack of coordinated response to the Board. The school works in a number of limitations. BT: is there a similar response with a teacher. JD: different age/grade discipline vary. Expulsion can only be conducted by the Board. KD: what other options do we have available? How do we get students on track. JD: limited resources. As of right now there is only a school psychologist, SSTs are in place to come up with interventions. KK- the situation is very compounded. A recommendation is better communication. KD: We need to communicate to the parent community on how these situations can be addressed and meeting the current needs. JD: a sub-committee is a recommendation. BT: teacher performance will be on the next board meeting.

6) **Future Agenda Items**

a. Board Meeting October 29, 2019

7) Public Comment on Closed Session Items

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8) Report out from Closed Session- no report

ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM