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7.a Revision to Board Governance Policies / Revisión de las Normativas de Gobierno de la Junta Directiva Escolar

Jessica Davidson

Community Member / Miembro de la comunidad

Keizer

SKSB Directors and Community-

I have some great concerns as to why we still have a man who assaulted a referee at a football game still serving on our board. "I am committed to rising to the occasion and upholding the duties of this board. We were elected to serve, and we swore to ensure that the district abides by federal and state laws. Our students must feel safe and welcome..." - Osvaldo Avila. Did Mr. Avila rise to the occasion? Absolutely not! Did he abide by the law? Absolutely not. Did he make parents, students and the referee feel by his actions? Absolutely NOT! Why did he not resign? Why isn't Superintendent Perry resolving this matter? Many in our community are still wondering the answers to these last two questions! Mr. Avila needs to resign and let someone who truly cares about the welfare and safety of our students, staff and referees. Thank you.

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Mike Slagle

Community Member / Miembro de la comunidad

Salem

First let me congratulate Chair Carson-Cottingham for her appointment to OSBA. I hope that you will help with keeping a fiscally sound budget, a common sense curriculum and values instilled in our school system within your tenure there.

No more ideologies.

Secondly I've been watching these meetings for some time now. I have begrudgingly noticed that 1st Vice-Chair Hinojos-Pressey does not stand or recognize the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. In fact you turn your back to it. Is this on purpose? Do you have a medical issue that does not allow you to stand? Do you hate America and it's founding because it is racist? Why are you doing this, to many it is a disrespect to the thousands of men and women who fought and died for our freedoms in this country. We are the least racist country in the world and you showing such disdain for the flag is not a good look for an elected official. I now even see a student advisor doing the same. This display of hatred (I will call it that because that is how it looks) for our country is not professional in any way by an elected official. It is very distasteful and to the majority of people who love this country and or served for our country shows utter disrespect.

Perhaps that is what your intentions are. If not then please explain why you display this behavior as an elected official. You are setting a bad example to our schoolchildren.

Thirdly I want comment on the BG7 amendment. It sounds very much to me like you are trying to suppress the 1st Amendment rights to free speech. That only the chair can express details of the whole body of the board (you say collective body) collectivism is a communist term, is this what you would like is a dictatorship? Forgive me but we live in a Constitutional Republic and it is the people who should be heard. Handcuffed board members from speech is heading in the wrong direction.

Lastly, when are you going to have in person meetings? I've asked for mediation and you keep pushing it aside as it is not important to you. Perhaps you don't want in person, so you can keep making policies without seeing the public's response to such policies. I hope the new Superintendent will work with the board seamlessly, I only hope the board would do the same for the community whom you work for and should have an open door and ear to hear our concerns. Thank you for your time.

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4.a Spotlights / Éxitos

Deb Romano

Parent / Padre de familia

Salem

Above all other agendas on tonight's meeting, I think the most important one is the behavior of Mr. Avila at a recent sporting event. If this had been a parent student or any other citizen consequences would have been greater. It is time for him to resign. How can we have someone who is completely unable to control his emotions on our school board? His behavior is embarrassing and it does not set a good example for our students. I find it odd that Perry has not released any information regarding the supposed investigation. I want answers regarding his despicable behavior. Mr. Avila was out of line and should be removed as a board member. How are students supposed to be punished for bad behavior when this is the example being set by an adult?

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5.b Chair's Update on Superintendent Search / Actualización de la presidenta sobre la búsqueda del próximo superintendente

Katherine Stone

Community Member / Miembro de la comunidad

Keizer

We need a superintendent who will focus on education of our children and not identity politics. In addition, Osvaldo Avila needs to resign from the school board.

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5.b Chair's Update on Superintendent Search / Actualización de la presidenta sobre la búsqueda del próximo superintendente

Jane Herb

Parent / Padre de familia

Keizer

Dear Salem-Keizer School District and Superintendent Perry:

Thank you for soliciting feedback. First, I believe Osvaldo Avila should resign his position. He displayed inappropriate behavior towards sports officials, including putting his hands on a referee's neck. School Board Directors need to be held accountable for their actions. He attempted to intimidate a sports official based on the perceived power he holds as a School Board Director; this is completely unacceptable and should not be tolerated.

Second, I encourage the Board to hire a new Superintendent whose focus is on academic and other types of achievement that are based on knowledge and rigorous practice for all students--not as groups, lumped into categories based on skin color or sexual preferences or mental health problems--but as individuals who are supported to achieve goals to the best of their abilities. The constant focus on sex and gender in the schools is disgusting and counter-productive. When people succeed in academics, sports, the arts, music, etc., they are then equipped with skills to be successful in life. Please stop pandering to mental illness and base instincts, and instead lift students up based on their abilities and hard work.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jane Herb

Keizer

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