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Good afternoon Dr. Cohen,

1. I feel like I'm limping along with the Financials and could benefit from a training session to dig deeper with Dr. Shaw. I don't know exactly, but I think at least a couple hours to go over the budget and periodic reports, levy, etc. Is this something you would be open to scheduling for myself and my fellow BOE members that might be interested?
2. Pre-K enrollment is lowest it's been in 14 years, is that what was expected? What are the implications with the budgeted resources we have allocated, if any?
3. Suggestion for Kinder buddy program - maybe we can get pictures for each participant of them with their buddy at some point during the year to give them as a token at the end of the year? What a great program this is.
4. IAGC - What are the goals / objectives you and Dr. Johnson are looking to achieve by attending the conference?
5. Dr. Johnson Report: Professional learning - **no rush on this question**. I know we are spending a lot on Professional development which is great. Do we have a matrix or plan for who gets what training and when to show the BOE the overall game plan? Also, is there something you can send the BOE that lays out what we will do this year and what the costs (& revenues) will be, including when applicable, costs of substitutes.
6. Student Services Report - thank you Allison for a great report. I appreciate all of the information as well as the report you presented at the Finance Meeting.
7. Dr. Shaw Report:
 - Can we get the Finance Committee meeting dates / location added to the district BOE website please
 - Why the need to do a repair on the MJHS parking lot?

- Thank you for the timelines, they are very helpful.
- Re: WOLD @MIS and MES: What did we have in our original estimate for this portion of the work? Can you send a document presented to the BOE previously that shows that please? What is the WOLD fee for projects under \$500k? Would the contingency % be different for under \$500k as well?
- Re: 5% cap on Admin exp: I need more information to support the BOE waive the limitation. When do you foresee the vote occurring?
- Can I see the copy machine contracts for each office? - Can wait.
- Revenues: Why are MES Student fees only \$1k? What is \$3k Music Boosters revenue? What are "Van Gogh Commission Checks"? What are other budgeted Misc. revenues? -These can wait.
- Teacher Supplies: I see a lot of teachers have "wish lists" which seem to be a constant. What is the district doing to monitor these to see, among other things, what we are able to provide to them from within our budget?
- Rental Musical \$8k. I seem to remember this number to be lower. Are we doing more than 1 musical this year? How much is the rent at LW?
- What is 10E020 2319 3000? -Can wait.
- What is 10E030 2525 3170? - Can wait
- Why is MIS and MJHS food service salaries 0% YTD?
- Is 10E005 2574 3610 the district office? - Can wait.
- Dr. Cohen - re: food service - were you able to find out about the fruit snacks and Izze drinks being offered at lunch?

8. When do you expect the BOE will receive copies of the School Improvement Plans? Please let the principals know that I foresee having questions.

9. Great update Lincoln and good news!

10. Love seeing MIS math teams working with MJHS teams on CER. Would Mr. McAtee be open to speaking to what they are doing at MIS with ISE (ELA & Math) for the public and BOE at the meeting when he gives his report during the part where he's talking about the curricular update? How do parents get informed about ISE and WIN and how those work?

11. Closed session minutes from 9/7/23 - I would like the record to reflect the need for more information to be provided to the BOE for our closed session on 9/20. That was a central part of the conversation. Considering we still have not been afforded the additional information requested as of right now, I think it's necessary we amend the minutes to reflect that was part of the conversation and consensus. Note: If we get the information today and proceed with the closed session, I will request part of the closed session is had in the absence of Dr. Cohen.

12. Semi-Annual Review of Closed Minutes

When / How did the BOE establish the members of the "Closed Session Minute Review Committee"? Is this a BOE Committee? What is their process?

More to come on the policies, but I wanted to get this off to you first.

Thanks,
Kelli MacMillan