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From: Jocelyn O'Quinn [joceoquinn@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2011 11:08 AM
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Subject: Fw: Re: A motion tomorrow

--- On Wed, 6/15/11, Jocelyn O'Quinn <joceoquinn@yahoo.com> wrote:

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 Subject: Re: A motion tomorrow
 To: "Henry Brackett" <hfb4444@comcast.net>, "Krista Butts" <kbutts@orcsd.org>, "Jim Kach" <jkach55@gmail.com>, "Ann Lane" <ann.lane@comcast.net>, "Megan Turnbull" <mmshea@chicagogsb.edu>, "Ann Wright" <ann_wright@comcast.net>
 Date: Wednesday, June 15, 2011, 10:01 AM

Good Morning Everyone,

First, a reminder that we cannot deliberate via email so board members should not begin a discussion about agenda items tonight.

Second, I want to caution board members against making derogatory comments or accusations about one another or our actions. Let's remember that we work together to debate issues and make decisions, not attack each other personally or speculate about each other's motives. I feel the statement below about a specific board member is inaccurate and unfairly characterizes a previous discussion. And sadly, this is not the first email to a quorum or public board discussion where I have seen a board member attacked by another board member.

This has to stop, let's take a deep breath and conduct ourselves in a respectful manner tonight regardless of our disagreements about various topics or motions on the table.

Disagreement is fine and expected in any governing body, however personal attacks do not have a place at the table and are not conducive to the decision making process. Instead they serve to distract us from the real issues at hand (the children of the district), and in the worst case personal attacks intimidate board members and stifle important debate and conversation.

Regards,
 Jocelyn

--- On Tue, 6/14/11, Ann Wright <ann_wright@comcast.net> wrote:

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This is merely a "heads up".

I am going to make a motion tomorrow night after Henry makes the announcement regarding Howard, and the steps the SB is taking to hire an interim superintendent. The motion will be to have a public interview of the final candidates followed by a nonpublic deliberation and vote. I am doing this because according to policy BBAA (Individual members), "No legal action can be taken except at a duly posted meeting of the board and by a quorum acting as unit". Our vote last night at the non-meeting to hold nonpublic interviews of the finalists was not a legal vote (Kim should have let us know this). It will also be good to include Krista in this vote.

Again, this highlights why it is important to do things in the open. I don't know about any of you, but one issue I ran on was transparency, and I wasn't just paying lip service when I spoke about it. I feel very strongly in the public's right to know - even things that might make us look bad or make us feel uncomfortable. Hiding things (such as what Megan suggested, having the PR firm bill under the Great Schools Project, drawing attention away from what their true purpose really is) makes this board look even worse.

Sleep well tonight.

Ann