

EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES COMMITTEE

March 27, 2017

Comments to the SMCSB Board of Directors for March 30th 2017 special meeting.

Fellow Directors,

I write this with apologies for my inability to attend the meeting this Thursday.

The Consent Items I still have issues with due to lack of clear language in some of the writing and inaccurate accounts of some of the statements made. I feel that with my earlier complaints concerning these, I was left without direction on a topic that I had little understanding as to how the procedure is supposed to work. I will continue to learn the proper way of doing things. That said, I do not oppose the consent items being passed as we have other things that need to move forward. They are “close enough” and we need to spend our time on less petty things.

And speaking of moving forward, I was planning on writing some comments for the Board Action Items, and am surprised to see them whittled down to one single item to which I have a conflict of interest. I will not comment on that, and will instead comment on having a Board meeting agenda with so little on it; when so much is going on with the long list of competing priorities the district faces.

I think that this meeting was put together too hastily considering conflicts with District staff and Director’s ability to attend were known of well in advance. This meeting should have been rescheduled several weeks and possibly even months ago.

A better job needs to be done with scheduling. There are not that many people to get on the same page at the same time.

This month’s E&F committee meeting was ultimately cancelled due to an inability to bring a minimum of three people into the same place at the same time.

I have rescheduled the missed opportunity for the first week in April, and will from this point on produce my own committee chair written report and minutes from the meeting for the other Directors’ informational purposes.

Please feel free to contact me anytime by phone or email if you would like to talk.

Thank you.

-Joseph Parent