

Board Member Questions and Answers

Prior to Nov. 1, 2023, Board of Education Meeting

Please note: The following are comments by a board member that are more appropriate for board discussion than staff response since they deal with board guardrails and board governance.

7.1: Consider Adoption of the Guardrails for the Board (removed from consent at a board member's request)

Guardrails for the Board should say Board Guardrails

Guardrail 1: How will we know and pre-determine someone's assumptions & yes we can know our own assumptions but whether or not we subconsciously act on them is a different story isn't it? Don't we all act based on our beliefs & how do you put those aside? This is unenforceable because board members will not know if another board member acted on assumptions consciously or subconsciously and why adopt something that appears vague & pointless?

7.2: Consider Approval of the Board of Education Governance Manual (removed from consent agenda at a board member's request)

Theory of Action (page 6 of governance manual):

Most people find this very confusing. I'd hope to remove it. If not, what does "culturally sustaining " mean? I feel these two words should be removed. And question is whether we use rigorous or grade level as grade level is rigorous for some but not for others. Maybe rigorous is the correct word to use here.

Should read: If APS mobilizes around a strategic plan for how to achieve academic success for all students, and if APS cultivates safe schools.....and communicating and supporting schools and families then student outcomes will improve. (Should this say strategic plan rather than "clear plan" as the community has heard strategic plan and the word clear has already been used in this paragraph?)

4F Code of Conduct (page 11):

-#3 might need clarification that says it relates to each individual gift or loan not the cumulative amount of every gift received. Second sentence could read, not sure if this provides clarification or not:

-If board members receive or accept individual loans or gifts exceeding \$250, they will disclose it to the Board Services Office and peer board members.

-Please explain specifically what #6 on pg 11 of the Governance Manual means.

If members have filed all the required campaign financial disclosure forms with the Secretary of State is that considered public disclosure according to our Code of Conduct?

4K Board Agendas (page 15):

-First paragraph should read:

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Board meetings will comply with the New Mexico Open Meetings Act (10-15-1 NMSA 1978) and the board's Open Meetings Act Resolution for public notification of meetings.

4M Board Meeting Materials pg 17 of Manual

#1. Add wording to third sentence:

All documents will be sent digitally and if requested, a hard copy will be available for pick up.

#7. Should say:

Any item can be removed from the consent agenda as requested by any board member.#9.

Remove the second sentence.