

Board Meeting-Emergency Meeting
Monday, April 30, 2018
6:00pm

Board Members in Attendance: Matt Wernsdoffer, Anthony Peña, Sherrie Howell, Brad Bixler, Curtis Pope, JT Thornton, Shanell Hopkins, Gar Roberts

BTN Staff Members in Attendance: Ron Howell

Purpose of the Meeting:

Issue 1:

Some Independence staff raised allegations against candidate we chose to lead Independence next year

Concerns:

- 1.) Independence Staff is responsible for liability if slanderous comments are made against BTN employee
- 2.) Staff was using Caserearch as a justification for reconsideration of McLean as new leader. Anthony, JT, Sherrie discussed the illegality and unethical conduct by teachers in using this information. The allegations are false and all cases are civil and do not deal with qualifications or principalship.
- 3.) We are concerned with which staff members are sabotaging the school and Independence's future because they disagree with BTN decisions.
- 4.) This toxic environment is not good for BTN's future.
- 5.) Using students to rile them up led to Elijah going to the school and explaining the decision and process

Action:

- Meet with staff at BTN office on Wednesday @1:00 p.m.
- Value and respect candidate (McLean)
- The community was not united in who they supported
- The Board made the final decision. The Board is not changing decision and we need to unify.
- Message:
 - Flag it is inappropriate to use for employment services
 - Orders on slander/libel
 - We support our candidate
 - It's about the children
 - Angela Avares: Inform her the process

Issue 2:

Long history of teachers fighting the BTN Board (Us vs. Them)

- Staff Resistance to BTN Board Decisions
- Teachers use students to oppose decisions
- There are a few teachers and Vesna who create a problem
- We need to look for plan to address and determine which staff should stay

Suggestions:

- Ask McLean for entry plan
- Status on Wednesday with teachers and determine next steps
- Elijah's meeting with BTN community at Wednesday at 6pm
- Listen to feedback and explain the process