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From: Daniel Cash <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 5/25/2021 4:05:12 PM
To: Brad Fiscus <[REDACTED]>; Eric Welch <[REDACTED]>; Jason Golden <[REDACTED]>
Cc: CO Schoolboard Group <[REDACTED]>; David Allen <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Request for a Forum Re: Wit & Wisdom

Jason. These are parents with children in our school system that have a concern. It's amazing to me what we do to keep from hearing their voices. We have opened our schools to parents in the past so they could share their opinions. Changing school start times we had four meetings at different locations. We have had meetings like this for Cultural Competency. Not one Board member had a problem with meeting parents for good discussions on issues in our schools. We have many more parents with concerns on this topic that are not involved in any third party.

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From: Jason Golden <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 3:36:54 PM
To: Brad Fiscus <[REDACTED]>; Eric Welch <[REDACTED]>
Cc: CO Schoolboard Group <[REDACTED]>; David Allen <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Request for a Forum Re: Wit & Wisdom

Everyone,

I have a meeting scheduled with Ms. Blount June 15, again along the lines of the meetings some of you have already had. As you know, Dr. Allen and his staff are still working on their review of Wit and Wisdom, and we'll give you an update at the June Work Session. Ms. Blount and others have been good enough to share their thoughts, and I know you have heard from some others arguing that the content is interesting for their children. Our professionals are working on what we conclude is best for our students, knowing that there is both a conflict of opinion locally and State discussions that we're also trying to learn about.

Jason Golden
Superintendent
Williamson County Schools
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Thank you, Eric.

Brad Fiscus
District 4

On May 25, 2021, at 2:56 PM, Eric Welch <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Colleagues -

I'm taking the extraneous copies off this email as this strikes me as a WCS/WCSB internal issue and does not concern the County Commission, our state delegation, and certainly not a fact-challenged former minor league baseball player and used car salesman from Maury County, where incidentally, the ELA growth scores were a Level 1 out of 5 on the last state report card.

As a body, we expect WCS staff from the newest TA to the Superintendent to follow our policy and failure to comply can be grounds for termination. I think it's only right and honorable then that we bind ourselves to following our policies as well, especially as we are the body who creates them, as well as referencing them when responding to community questions. With that in mind, I want to call out a couple Board Policies and select passages which I think apply here.

Policy 1.400 School Board Meetings and Work Sessions:

The Board will transact all business at official meetings that may be either regular or special.

Every meeting of the Board shall be open to the public, except for those meetings in which the law allows closed sessions. Open meetings will be physically accessible to all students, employees, and interested citizens.

Policy 1.404 Appeals to the Board:

The Board desires that all matters be settled at the lowest appropriate level of responsibility. Complaints or concerns must advance through the proper procedure from the point of origin.

Policy 1.500 Board-Community Relations:

The Board and/or the Superintendent of Schools shall, as the need arises, call public meetings for the purpose of presenting and discussing information pertinent to the school program(s) in the district. Effort shall be exerted for such meetings to solicit attendance from a cross-section of the community.

Policy 4.401 Textbook Selection and Adoption:

The Board will appoint textbook review committees to review the textbooks and instructional materials proposed for adoption by the Department of Education. The committees shall be established by grade level and subject matter fields.

The Executive Committee shall prepare a recommended list of committee members for the Board to consider. Members of the committees shall be teachers, supervisors of teachers, and parents with children currently enrolled in a school under the jurisdiction of the Board at the time of the appointment. Teachers and supervisors who are appointed shall be teaching or supervising the respective grade level or subject at the time of appointment, must be licensed in Tennessee with endorsements in the grade level or subject matter, and must have at least three years of experience teaching in public schools.

Policy 4.401 Reconsideration of Instructional Materials and Textbooks:

The Board of Education supports principles of intellectual freedom inherent in the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

The Board of Education, though it is ultimately responsible for all instructional material purchased, recognizes the student's right of free access to many different types of materials. The Board also recognizes the right of teachers and administrators to select instructional materials and to make those materials available in the schools. It is therefore the policy of the Board to require instructional materials selected for and used in the schools to be in accord with the following:

1. Instructional materials shall be chosen for values of interest and enlightenment of all students in the community. Instructional materials shall not be excluded because of the race, nationality, political or religious views of the writer or of its style and language.

2. Every effort will be made to provide materials that present many points of view concerning the problems and issues of our times--international, national, and local. Instructional materials of sound factual authority shall not be proscribed or removed from library shelves or classrooms because of partisan or doctrinal approval/disapproval.

3. Censorship of instructional materials will be discouraged in order to maintain the school's responsibility to provide information and enlightenment.

In accordance with number three above, the Board of Education has adopted the following policy when dealing with complaints about or censorship of instructional materials:

1. *That the final decision concerning controversial instructional materials shall rest with the Board of Education after careful examination and discussion of the instructional materials with school faculties or anyone else the Board of Education wishes to involve;*

2. *That no parent, group of parents, or non-school group has the right to determine the instructional materials for students other than their own children;*

3. *The Board of Education does, however, recognize the right of an individual parent to request that his child not have to use a given instructional material, provided a written request is made to the Principal;*

4. *Any parent or other citizen who wishes to request review or reconsideration of the use of any instructional material in the school must make such a request in writing through the Principal of the school where the material is used.*

Complainants who bypass the review/reconsideration procedure and who initially seek action from the Board of Education or Superintendent of Schools shall be informed of the policy and instructed first to seek solution to their problem with the involved teacher, librarian, or Principal.

Sharon & Dan Blount

Email: [REDACTED]

District #2

Jason Golden, WCS Superintendent
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Golden,

The 13 May 2021 Williamson County School (WCS) Board Work Session (Attachment 1) addressed, among other things, the Great Minds Wit & Wisdom curriculum, adopted by WCS on 30 March 2020. At minute 3:01:00, Nancy Garrett (District 12) suggested that a curriculum review, to include “teacher inputs, student inputs, and community inputs,” should be reported on at the June board meeting. You responded, “Yes ma’am, I think that’s a great idea, and they’ve already started that work.” Furthermore, at 3:09:30, KC Haugh (District 11) suggested hearing from other counties who have also adopted Wit & Wisdom. Jay Galbreath (District 6) suggested “solicitation of feedback” at 3:18:53. We, the parents of Williamson County, would like to know what form this evaluation and feedback will take. Furthermore, we would like a seat at the table. We declare no confidence in David Allen, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, as the sole solicitor and reposer of said feedback.

In this capacity, we request your presence, and the presence of all WCS board members (cc’d) and Williamson County commissioners (cc’d), at a forum hosted by Moms for Liberty - Williamson County Chapter on 14 June 2021, 5:30 pm, or 15 June 2021, 10:00 am, at the WCS Central Office, 1320 West Main Street, or suggested venue capable of accommodating such a meeting.

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