

CORDOVA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING: October 14, 2009
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AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Mr. Robert Beedle addressed the Board regarding student laptop computers and the cost for repairs. He questioned possible insurance so parents are not burdened with large expense. He expressed he was impressed with the board process.

Ms. Pam Moe noted Carnegie Learning was paid for by a grant and allowed two graduate math courses towards a Masters. Question for the Board to provide a procedural explanation on how the decision was determined this evening and policy change in general. Mrs. Covell explained the Board may meet with any student and parent in confidentiality. Both would then be dismissed so the Board can deliberate. Executive Session is confidential and the Board has the authority to override policy as long as what is being requested is legal; we have parameters to work within and we seek legal advice.

Mrs. Terri Stavig appreciated the student who addressed the Board this evening. Would like to be the voice for those individuals (parents, students, staff and administrators) who did work on the current Activities Handbook that in one evening things can be so easily changed. Believe there should be a process for rebuilding our handbook/policy so everyone will have a clear idea of what is going to be done and when it is completed everyone can be confident it will stand. Decisions need to be made not when it is the passion of the moment but when things are calm. Our coaches, kids and administrators need to know what is signed will stand and be clarified so everyone understands.

BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Ranney - Long evening; appreciate administration and staff and Mrs. Stavig's comments. Good process and we will continue it.

Mr. Gilman - Appreciate all showing up and speaking up who had concerns. Served on the Board during the handbook process and had reservations about it. I noticed the contradictory information and tried to get this on the Board agenda a month ago.

Mr. Sherman - Thank you to everyone involved in this evening for their work and participation. Please continue to attend.

Mr. Hoepfner - Interesting meeting. Terrible to have to go through these things, hope it doesn't happen again. What does your signature mean? We need to impress that on people. Athletics is a privilege not a right. We're setting ourselves to a higher standard. Our policy isn't any harder than other school districts.

Mrs. Covell - Thank you to everyone involved in the meeting this evening. Students behaved inappropriately and we did in some ways because we had two conflicting policies. I don't think the message was delivered at the time of presentation to athletes, I was present and I believe Shawn was at wrestling. I do not think "this policy overrides this policy" point was brought home. This reflects on us as a Board. It is our job to enforce the policy we write but this did have bearing on this evening's decision. We do take the making of policy seriously. We do involve steering committees, parents and students and that is our intent as far as recreating this policy and it will need to be clear and understandable with no dual requirements in effect. That is our goal and I think everyone on the Board feels that way. This has to be clear and understandable to students, to parents and to the Board so the administration can enforce this without question.

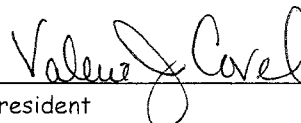
ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:48 p.m.

ATTEST:



Clerk



President