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From: **Penny Bordokas** <penny@xxxx.com>

Date: Fri, Mar 8, 2013 at 2:37 PM

Subject: Re: ipads/ Books and Supplies Charts as percentage of Total Outgo/budget

To: Adam Geczi <adam.geczi@xxx.com>, Ida VanderPoorte <idavan@xxxx.net>

Adam

Let's start with the iPads. The money spent is a thing of the past. We have asked for details of all costs involved and but keep in mind that we are looking forward, not the past.

The board and administration intention is a zero based budget for the 4 and 5 accounts. Everything will be on the table. Have asked for a detail category line by line for the workshop. We will add back only the necessities

I would like to see Ida as board president in the meeting with you Mike, Rick and Karl. This will be helpful as we can make sure all the questions will be addressed for the workshop.

Regards

Penny Bordokas.

On Mar 7, 2013, at 9:14 PM, "Adam Geczi" <adam.geczi@xxx.com> wrote:

Hi Penny,

Not being very familiar with the law, I looked up the definition of fiduciary duty. Although various arguments have been made in court about what constitutes a fiduciary relationship, one definition has emerged as a universally regarded fiduciary; "trustee". While I will most definitely take Mike up on his offer to talk about numbers, what I would really like to see is our School Board performing its fiduciary duty related to concerns raised by one who has placed in said "trustee" or "trustees", by definition, the utmost trust and confidence to manage and protect property or money. In other words, the School Board has a duty to fully investigate, in a public setting, questions raised about spending, that evidently resulted in employee layoffs.

Admittedly, I was impressed by your questioning of administration about iPad cost at a February, 28 meeting. This is why I turned to you. What troubles me is your earlier message in which you suggest that I get my answers directly from administration. You may not be surprised to find out here that I do not trust what they tell me. I do trust that both you and Ida (who I also hold in high regard) will do the right thing. I wanna share with you my thoughts on what contributed to recent deficit spending. It is spending on

wireless, network infrastructure and iPads for the pilot last year, and wireless expansion and iPads for students this year. Now, I know that the cost of iPads to students is said to be \$30K, but I am certain that this is not what Ida regarded as "it's like we should not have added some costs last year, probably, so we would not be looking at these costs right now, but we did", in the context of cutting millions of dollars. I also know that she was not referring to the increase in employee salaries, as those were not in place, not even agreed upon until this year. We both know that when we got hammered by the State a few years ago, we had to buckle down. During this time we shifted as much of our general fund burden onto the PTAs as they could bear. We reversed that for this year and forced the PTAs to "donate" to technology. Fund 6 financed these iPad purchases in Books and Supplies which took away from other general fund obligations, thus creating a shortfall. We simultaneously increased some other general fund obligations, affectionately referring to them as the "creep". In retrospect, it does look like things were put before people and now people have to suffer the consequence of poor administrative decisions. I would love to know the real cost, including the soft costs, of the iPad program regardless of the funding source, kind of like adding up the receipts. Do you think you can help me out with this before my position becomes the official position of MBUTA?

Regards,
Adam

On Thu, Mar 7, 2013 at 2:35 PM, Penny Bordokas <penny@xxxx.com> wrote:
I understand that Mike has reached out to the two of you regarding a meeting with both him and Rick. I would suggest going that route and ask all the questions you have. We all need to be working together to solve this issue.

Penny Bordokas
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From: Karl Kurz [mailto:karlpkurz@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, **March 07, 2013** 10:46 AM
To: pbordokas@mbusd.org; Adam Geczi
Subject: ipads/ Books and Supplies Charts as percentage of Total Outgo/budget

Penny,

I would like to meet with you to discuss the material I presented last night along with the iPad information that Rick provided to you. I would like Adam to be there also since he will know more details about the budget than I will. Lets maybe try to plan something for next week. I am free Monday or Tuesday after 6:00 pm or Thursday anytime after 2:00pm. Let me know if any of those times work for you.

Karl