

F.O.I. Compliance – Subject to BOE approval

REGION 4 BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date: August 04, 2020

Special Meeting – REMOTE MEETING held

PLEASE NOTE: this meeting was unable to be recorded due to power outages and subsequent technical difficulties during the meeting caused by Tropical Storm Isaias.

| Attendance: | <u>Region 4 BOE</u> | | <u>Administration:</u> | <u>Other:</u> |
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| (√ = attended) | Kate Sandmann | √ | Brian White | √ |
| | John Stack | √ | Kristina Martineau | √ |
| | Lori Ann Clymas | √ | Sarah Smalley | √ |
| | Jane Cavanaugh | | Michael Barile | √ |
| | Rick Daniels | √ | Matt Espinosa | √ |
| | Trisha Brookhart | √ | | |
| | Jennifer Clark | √ | | |
| | Paula Weglarz | √ | | |
| | DG Fitton | | | |

Chairperson Kate Sandmann called the meeting to order at approx. 7:00 p.m.

Chair Sandmann stated that the purpose of the meeting was for Region 4 BOE to gather input from the public regarding a request to retire the Native American imagery from use as a Valley Regional High School Mascot.

Public Comment

Approximately 6 people spoke. Some were representatives of larger groups, some spoke on their own behalf. All spoke in favor of retiring the imagery.

Board Discussion regarding mascot and use of Native American imagery to represent any program, athletics or otherwise, at Valley Regional High School –

Chair Sandmann invited the board members to express their opinions. John Stack, Trisha Brookhart, and Lori Ann Clymas spoke in favor of retiring the imagery. Rick Daniels spoke against retiring the imagery and also voiced concerns about whether the process had been handled fairly. There was a brief discussion about the process and then Chairperson Sandmann redirected the discussion back to the agenda. Jennifer Clark spoke in favor of retiring the imagery.

Second Public Comment Period -

An additional 6 people spoke, all in favor of retiring the imagery.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously VOTED to adjourn at approx. 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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