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Subject: Re: Exempt Session communication

On Wednesday, May 24, 2017, Lorrie Lala <llala@masoncityschools.org> wrote:

Jodi,

I had to take some time to reflect on this. I agree with everything you are saying. We should all be angry. At the same time I don't think our best option is the public statement for several reasons.

We want our hires to follow policy so we should do the same. Our policy states The board president is the spokesman for the board, we act as a unit. No one has power alone and should not be speaking alone. We can vote on a public statement and if voted we should all prepare one for Janna to release.

This time should be about the students and all of our decisions come back to what is best for the students. I don't think this type of statement is in the best interest of the students. Graduation time is about them and I don't want overshadow that with anything.

Our problem is self correcting. The board identified problems with our administration and we have dealt with those problems by hiring an outside Sup. We have addressed the problem already.

We do not manage any employee other than the Sup. Any fires need to be done by the Sup. Dave will have a chance to evaluate all of his Director team when on board.

I'm angry too at the same time I can't support turning this into a something that will overshadow graduation.

Talk to you later

Lorrie

On Tue, May 23, 2017 at 6:32 PM, Jodi Draper <jdraper@masoncityschools.org> wrote:

Attached Please find 4 documents.

This week I have sent this to Mike, Janna and Lorrie. I have had conversations with each beyond the original email.

As of 6/20/2016 Board Meeting at minute Mark 1:40.36 I talk about John;s Title change. There is nothing presented about dollar amount increased to John.

At our board meeting for non bargaining the board voted to have 2.5% given to all base salary that qualified in this category. We specifically talked about Merit raises vs doing this and why we felt we needed to go in this direction. Paul Deroy and myself had different views so we clearly vetted and voted that we did not want to allow the superintendent to give Merit increases due to how some staff were not given raises for several years.

If you look at attachment Berg New Position

Berg is hired at a starting salary of \$65,000.00

Date of this document is 6/15/2015 (I assume to start 7/1/2015 by board action and minutes recorded)

With that as the starting base pay and if I am following Mr. Penca Non Bargained Group staff proposal:

Berg base salary now is 82,250.00

With a 2.5% wage increase for the 16/17 school year that would bring is base pay from 65,000.00 to \$66,625.00

I have also requested to view Jodie Anderson base starting pay as I was not able to find, nor was Lorrie or Janna, as it may be with her base salary listed that she also was given more than the 2.5% raise that board approved. In conversation with Janna, her recollection of starting Salary for Jodie Anderson was about the same as John's. Her Base salary is being listed as \$ 87,750.00. If Janna memory is correct as no one can find any documentation in personnel reports to date to verify, it would appear that Jodie also received an 18,000.00 increase beyond the 2.5% raise approved by the board.

Mike states that Janna and Lorrie gave him permission to give beyond the 2.5% Also, stated since staff left and they had more money than they anticipated that he used those dollars to give the additional raises.

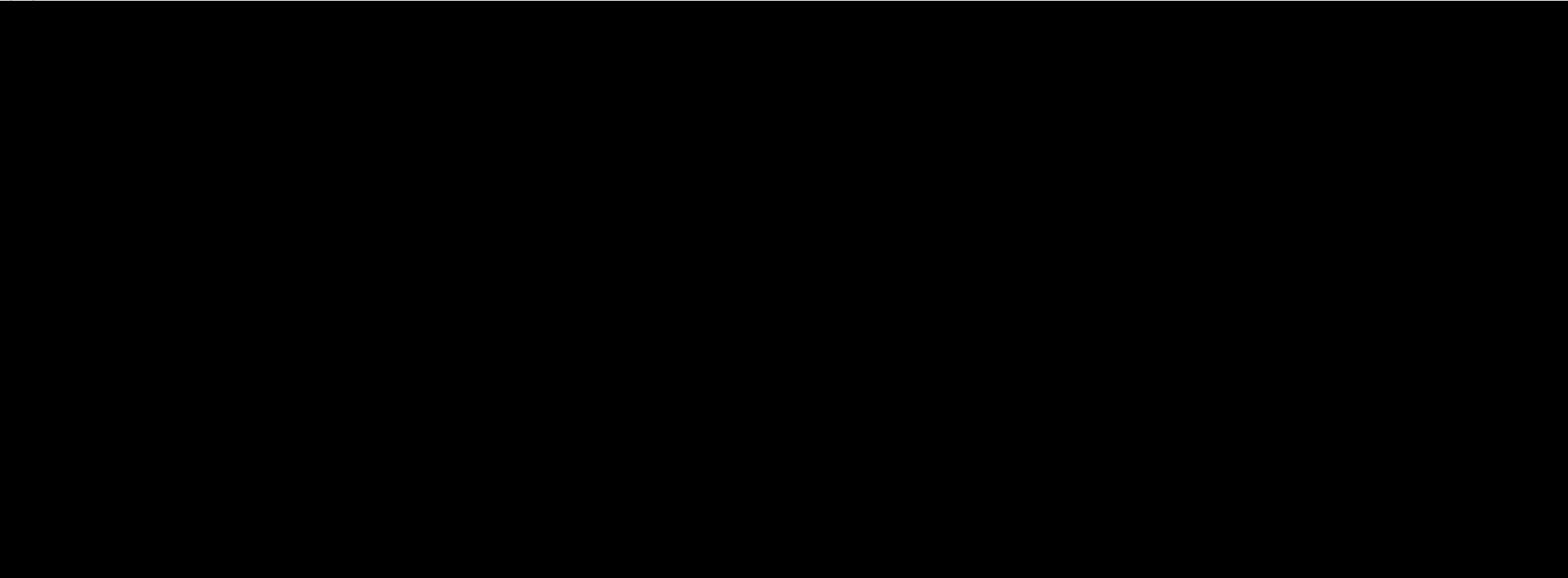
He states he has paper work in his office about the permission of giving raises.

Janna did call me around 10/2016 or so and stated that Mike wanted to increase John's salary to 75,000.00.

At the next Finance Committee meeting (Which I have notes on in my book for Board) I asked John his education level, years in leadership position, and what he is currently making. He stated 2 year general degree with certificate in accounting. His current position was his only director position and he was in the mid sixties for Salary.

I called Janna with in the next few days and stated I could not tell the Superintendent what to or not to present on an agenda, but due to lack of education, job experience, I would not be one to support that additional increase.

It was never brought up to the board as it should be, as stated in attached policy, 303.4. The part that is not making sense to me in Mikes explanation to date: He requested 75,000.00 but John Salary is listed as 82,250,00.00 beyond what he stated he requested from Janna and Lorrie.





Thanks
Jodi