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To: [Jodie McKinley](#)
Subject: Fwd: Board Policies
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From: **Scot Prebles** <scotprebles@foresthills.edu>
Date: Fri, Jun 3, 2022 at 12:44 PM
Subject: Re: Board Policies
To: Sara Jonas <sarajonas@foresthills.edu>, Bob Bibb <bobbibb@foresthills.edu>, Katie Stewart <katiestewart@foresthills.edu>, Leslie Rasmussen <leslierasmussen@foresthills.edu>
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**Hi Sara,
Let me know if you have further questions. Happy to assist as needed.**

Thank you for providing policies for reference.

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April 29, 2022- The Board Information Update details the THS outdoor space. No where in the paragraph was the suggestion for board approval. Were you not listening to the board suggestions at the 04/20 board meeting? **I certainly heard. However, to date, no committee has been formed nor has any community involvement or discussion occurred. Similar to the pool discussion - nothing has come from it. If a single person entering my office to discuss "Project Intrepid" and his conferences with individual FHSD Board Members and elected Township Officials along with Park Board representatives is the formal process that Mr. Bibb was referring to and that Mrs. Hausfeld approved, I guess consolidation to one high school is underway.**

The BIU doesn't speak to Board approval. However, it does request that Board Members contact Dave or me with questions. Since the April 29 BIU, 31 days passed without a single Board question - until yours of course. If true collaboration - not an after the fact gotcha environment - were in place, your concerns could have been

brought to my attention then, which would have altered my actions and potentially the lack of response regarding this project from your colleagues.

Per policy 9211, how can you approve this plan when the board is discussing consolidation? **Discussions and actual directives are dramatically different. Maybe Mr. Bibb should have stated, "Until further notice, no facility upgrades will be entertained until consolidation plans are complete."** In my opinion, this type of statement is direct and leaves no room for interpretation. It also clearly provides a transparent message to taxpayers of their elected officials' direction. The district has a difficult time saying no but in all reality it is unfair for THS to put in \$150k in outdoor space when it could possibly be destroyed in a couple of years. The decision by the Super will be putting the board in a difficult position down the road. **I reject this position. Why has the Board approved other upgrades such as the pavement at AHS and the track at Nagel if the properties may be altered or even demolished for a high school consolidation effort? Without a clearly articulated consolidation plan your criticism of my support for this project is contradictory to the Board's support for current improvement allocations. Again, since no CLEAR plan has been provided, support groups and administrators are left wondering what is acceptable and what is not.**

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our decisions.

But, since you have and you want to follow policy, I am happy to place the item on the Board's upcoming agenda for approval if directed to do so by the Board President. I am also happy to inform people that I did not follow policy. It is also at that time that I am happy to learn of the Board's consolidation plans or, at least be told to stop upgrades until further notice, so that I can better direct more effectively student support initiatives.

Again, I am for the outdoor spaces but with talks of consolidation it is unfair for people to donate money without knowing the possibilities.

Since you gave the approval, without board approval, you need to notify THS principal and THS PTO/PTA that there is the option that this outdoor space could be destroyed during consolidation. Give them the option to choose the path they wish knowing all the facts. Happy to do so . . .

On Thu, Jun 2, 2022 at 7:35 AM Sara Jonas <sarajonas@foresthills.edu> wrote:

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