

2017 NDSBA CONFERENCE – David Wilkie

Day 1 of the NDSBA Conference started with a speaker, Rocky Bleier, former NFL player with the Pittsburgh Steelers. His talk was based on having ‘Hope’

The law seminar covered multiple subjects, which included the following points:

- Intent of juvenile justice system is to do no harm.
- Kids are seldom held in detention
- Racial and ethnic disparities
- Suspension and expulsion
- The YASI profile wheel

A speaker presented a update on what is happening in Washington DC in respect to educational concerns:

- Many concerns over make-up of Supreme Court
- Many advances in special education made
- LGTB RIGHTS
- FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS
- FEDERAL POLICY
- EXECUTIVE ORDERS ON REGULATORY REFORM

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We had a speaker that spoke on CYBER LIABILITY AND DATA COMPROMISE

- Data breach is the loss of first name, last name and other personal information – does not include publicly information available to the general public
- NDCC CHAPTER 51-30
- What is at risk
- Causes
- How to protect
- What to do if you have a breach
- Reduce and prevent
- Multi-state information sharing and analysis center – <http://www.cisecurity.org/mis-isac>

We had a speaker that presented on SEARCH AND SEIZURE as it applies to schools:

- NJ v. TLO
- Veronica school dist v. Action
- Doe v. Little Rock school
- Mendoza v Klein independent
- JW v desota cnty
- GC v Owensboro pub sch
- Gallimoe v henrico cnty
- RS v minnewaska

We had a speaker talk about The Opiate Epidemic

- The problem – prescription and heroin addiction
- How did it start
- Accessibility
- Heroin
- Fentanyl
- Effects
- Solving the issue

We had a speaker talk about Student wellness and family facilitators

- Help families navigate the resources available in the community
- Goal – mental health, dropout preventions & youth risk services
- Coordinate services
- Provide prevention and intervention
- Pre-assessment screener
- Chemical use education
- K- 12

The superintendent from Watford City spoke about First amendment challenge

- Freedom from religion foundation wrote a letter to watford city hs about a violation of the first amendment by having prayer as part of the graduation program
- Watford city checked and found that they were violating the first amendment
- Watford city wrote a letter to ffrf and admitted that they were violating the first amendment and would cut the prayer from the program in the future

- Watford city looked at other programs and found other violations

Another speaker presented Discrimination and harassment issues

- The policy not only protects the students but also protects staff
- Legally required to investigate discrimination/harassment claims
- Have to have title IX title VII coordinator
- Need to investigate as well as inform police

The last speaker of the day spoke on A challenge to nd tort caps

- Nd law limits liability limit at \$250,000.00 per person or \$500,000.00 if more than 3 people
- Constitutional argument
- Political subdivisions are not like regular citizens – duty to provide essential services
- Judge denied argument – determined ndcc 32-12-1-03 is constitutional
- Defendants appealed to nd Supreme Court

Day 2 start with a the speaker Dr John Draper

- As long as time is measured, learning will be a bell curve
- Poverty is the biggest gap in leavening
- People choose school because of the extras, not test scores
- Act test average is going down but sub group average is going up – more kids are taking the test
- US ranks lowest in international testing because we test everyone – most countries don't
- Belief is important
- Be positive
- Never badmouth an educator in public

- Share a positive school story a week
- Monitor your progress

Hidden roots to declining support for public schools – Dr Draper

- Why is there less support for public schools?
- Biggest reasons for the drop in support – fertilizer and farm machinery
- Who do we get older, whiter voters with no kids and more debt to support public schools?
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Paddling upstream in a public school canoe – Dr Draper

- Strong majority give their schools strong rating but America's school get low rating
- Most teachers are not political advocates and don't like to brag about their school
- 8. Illinois school employees – need to use effective, active support for the school
- We don't need to change opinions about public school – we need to extend their feelings about the nation's schools
- 7 habits of collaborative leaders

Dealing with Mavericks, malcontents and mutineers – David Koempel

- www.todaysmeet.com/MMM17
- #MMMNDSBA17 - #NDSBA
- People on the end of the bell curve – 4-7%
- 5 types of interesting people
- People are this way because they developed poor coping skills
- Passive and aggressive
- 6 strategies to keep you sane
- Pdf –
- Eq

C. Ed Massey – board/superintendent relationships and how they impact student achievement

- Impacts on education
- What is the purpose of a school board
- Characteristics of a functional board
- Board meeting structure

Things that bug us about each other – superintendent/business managers/school boards

- Honest communication and knowing their role is most important
- Superintendent who fails to inform the board- board
- Board member who acts on calls thinking it's the majority-super
- Board rubber stamps everything based on super advice-bus man
- Bus man who shares selective information to influence the board-board
- Board members who get engrossed in running the school and lose track of their purpose-super
- Super not following through on concerns of staff-bus man
- Thinks they know what's best for the district and implement without consulting the board-board
- Board members who do board business when not in session or wants to retaliate against an employee-super
- Business man's responsibility to report to the board any infractions by super-bus man
- Super who is unwilling to communicate with staff-board
- Individual board member who believes they are the mouthpiece for the board-super
- Super won't let bus man go to seminars because they will come back with the legal way to do things-bus man
- Super or bus man who blindsides board at a meeting with information that was unknown-board

- Boards that think they are administrators instead of policy setters-super
- Board members who use their position to leverage perks-bus man
- Bus man is too b/w not open to change-board
- Board member who brings staff complaint to board before going to administration-super
- Give bus man some credit-bus man
- Super thinks the board works for them-board
- Board members who voice opinion before the decision is made or continue to decent after the decision s made- super
- Board embers who don't understand accounting or business practices-bus man
- People with hidden agendas-board
- Members who communicate with only part of the community because of political issues-super
- People upset because Bus man sign their own checks-bus man
- Board member who come unprepared-board

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to attend the NDSBA Conference.

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