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From:

Dupre, Charles

Sent:

Friday, October 20, 2017 1:35 PM

To:

Rosenthal, Dave; James, Grayle; Burdine, Jason

Subject:

RE: Archaeological expenses

Good morning, Dave.

I have confirmed that the archaeological services will cost FBISD \$45,000. It will come from the construction budget, likely through a change order. The district will bear the cost.

It is my understanding that Mr. Moore is aware that he has offended Trustees and has contacted Oscar and Carolina to ask how he can mend that fence. It is possible he will speak during audience items at Monday's meetings.

I have learned more about this matter that will clarify why we hired the archaeologist. Apparently, in 2011, the district performed a "phase 1" study of the site (likely when it was purchased) that included a study and research to identify any historical significance or artifacts. We have a copy of the study that showed there were no artifacts or historical significance that would prevent the district from building on the site.

When Mr. Moore initially contacted the district, in anticipation of the media calling, we took proactive action to demonstrate due diligence. We contacted the Texas Historical Commission for guidance and learned that he had already called them. During conversations with the Historical Commission, we learned that the phase 1 study should have been sent to the Historical Commission in 2011, but they have no evidence it was submitted, and we cannot find evidence it was submitted. Had the phase 1 been submitted in a timely manner, we would have been immediately cleared to begin digging on the site with no concern. Since the report was not submitted, we received guidance to have an archaeologist on site. It is also necessary for us to receive the Antiquities Permit to conduct fieldwork.

Regardless of guidance provided by the Historical Commission, we determined it would be in the best interest of the district to hire the archeologist to mitigate the potential of negative attention in the media if Mr. Moore were to express his concerns in that forum. We have seen evidence that he is able to stir in the pot in that way, as many publications, including Texas Monthly have featured articles about his efforts.

By hiring the archeologist, we are able to continue work on the site and express to any media outlet that we have been responsive to the concerns expressed by Mr. Moore.

As you would expect, our priority is to continue construction of the school to make sure we meet stated deadlines.

Mr. Moore has called my office. I will follow up with him regarding your concerns.

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From: Rosenthal, Dave

Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 6:47 PM

To: Dupre, Charles < Charles. Dupre@fortbendisd.com>; James, Grayle < Grayle. James@fortbendisd.com>; Burdine, Jason

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Subject: Archaelogical expenses

Charles.

Can you please provide us with the cost for archaeological services on the CTE construction site? Is this hitting our construction budget or is the architect or construction contractor absorbing this cost?

After witnessing the rude behavior of Mr. Reginald Moore on Monday evening at Quail Valley MS., I do not believe the district should have anything to do with this man. Mr. Moore needs to publically apologize to the following:

Diana, Long, the two gentlemen who were constructively engaging these staff along with Grayle and I, QV staff, the students who recited the pledges, the Elkins ROTC, and the student who sang the anthem.

Just to recap, the above mentioned E Team members, along with Grayle and I, were at the curriculum and technology table discussing science instruction and the Engineering Academy. In came Mr. Moore who then sat down at the curriculum and technology table and hijacked the conversation with his concerns. He then took the remaining time. Grayle and I genuinely engaged him, took an interest in his story, and even proposed some innovative ideas related to his cause.

Mr. Moore then took a despicable action and turned his back on the flag and our students who were presenting the colors etc. I understand his animosity due to his belief that some dark history has possibly been ignored. But don't drag our school, its staff, and worse, our students into this.

I am considering writing a resolution asking the district to cease the archaeological study until Mr. Moore publicly apologizes to all parties individually and to the district for his actions

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