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The Agenda for this evenings meeting makes no provision for Public Comment. The EVSC has stated that their direction was for more openness. The opposite has occurred. I will be at the meeting to share with the Board areas where the Board has been unresponsive to the questions of Nepotism within the EVSC and compensation for the Superintendent and issues surrounding the operation of their radio station. Despite the fact that Vanderburgh County, the Townships, and the City of Evansville have policies regarding the guidelines to be followed to avoid issues surrounding Nepotism, the School Corporation has nothing. While there is a statute requiring the other units of government to adopt such policies, there is no prohibition to the EVSC addressing the issue. I will also address the recent grades received and the longer view of the those situations not changing for the positive against the annual increases given to the Superintendent of three percent increases after the School Board had to make an evaluation finding his performance to be effective or highly effective, despite the fact that in the Report Card from the Indiana DOE shows that since 2015 to 2018 the corporation has never exceeded a fifty-nine percent passing rate for Elementary Math and English. Additionally, the EVSC has no policy on the operation of its radio station. In response to an open documents request on the subject the following was the response:

“A copy of the policy that is used by the EVSC to operate its radio station and the language that permits it to turn off the School Board Meeting during public comment.

Response:

No such policy exists.”

Charlie Berger