



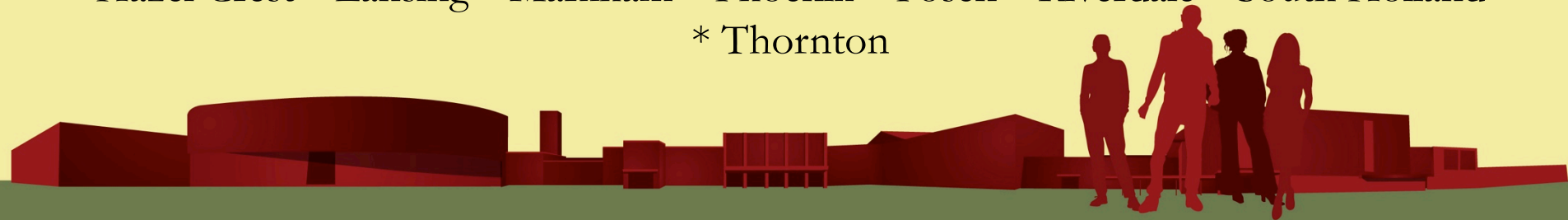
Thornton Township High School District 205

Special Board of Education Meeting

May 28, 2013

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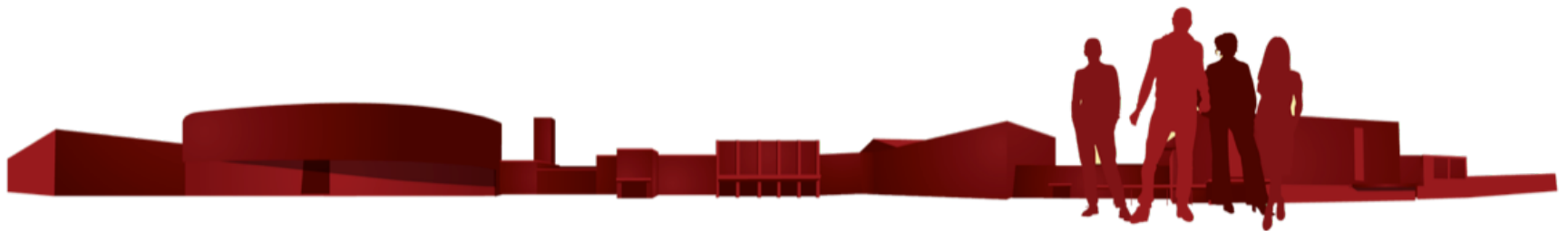
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OPEN SESSION



ROLL CALL



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

We now open the Public Participation section of our agenda. At this time, members of the community are invited to address the Board. We ask that you state your name and town, limit your total time to two minutes, and talk only about items on the current Board Agenda.

In addition, if your comments are of a crucial nature about specific people, the Board requests that you present your comments during the personnel portion of the “executive session.”

Your name will not be called if you do not sign in and list a topic or the topic is not on the current Board agenda or if public participation has begun.



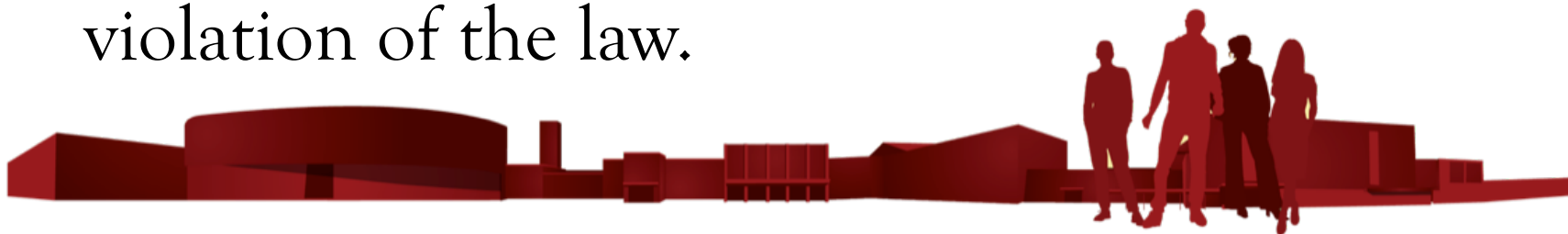
EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Special Workshop/ Retreat of the Board of Education



BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

- That is, two members of a seven-member board can communicate about school district business without violating the law so long as they do not represent a majority of a quorum of a school board committee.
- However, if a third board member joins the group – making it a majority of a school – a discussion of board business becomes a violation of the law.



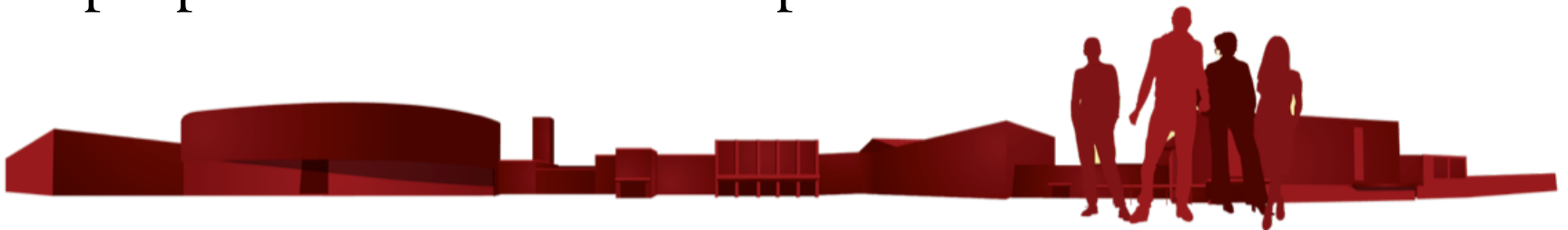
SOME REALITIES OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

- School board meetings are held in public, but they are *not* the public's meetings.



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- The board should always remember that a board meeting is a public meeting – a meeting conducted in public, but not a meeting of the public. There is no obligation that the board answer questions asked or enter into a dialogue with the public during the meeting.
- This will give the concern the full, thoughtful, well-prepared discussion the public deserves.



BOARD PRESIDENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- ...But the president is, first and foremost, a member of the board. Like any other member, therefore, the president is expected to participate in discussions and to vote on all motions.
 - Sign official district documents requiring the president's signature, including the minutes of board meetings and the certificate of tax levy;
 - Call special meetings of the board;
 - Serve as chair of the Education Officers Electoral Board which hears challenges to school board candidate nominating petitions;
 - Review appeals of record access requests that were denied under the *Freedom of Information Act*.
- Many school boards also enact policies that impose additional duties on the president.
 - **official spokesperson**
 - **news media**
 - **boards or agencies.**
- ...an ex-officio member of all committees

PRESIDENTIAL EFFECTIVENESS

- Private conversations and digressions among board members also should be discouraged at the board table.
- ...keep the discussion on the topic, and control the length of individual comments.
- ...after further study.



DUTIES OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT

- Prepare board meeting agendas in concert with the superintendent;
- Serve as the board's official spokesperson to the media;



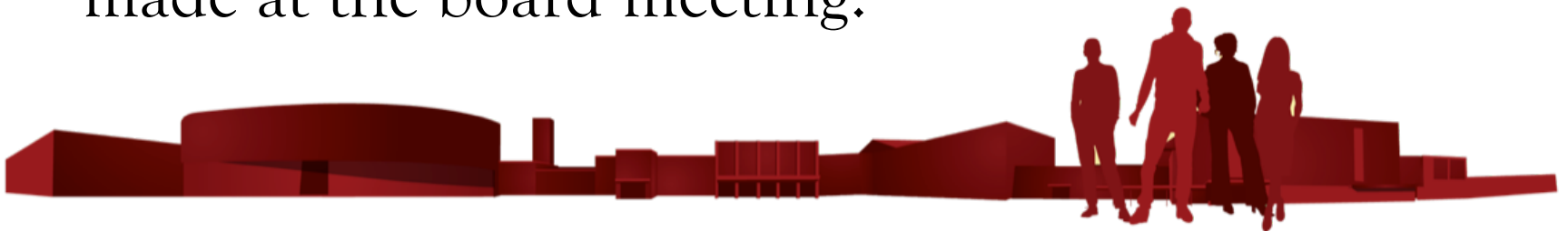
BOARD MEMBER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- The major responsibility of each board member is to be prepared.
- ...Any questions or need for more information should be referred to the superintendent or board president before the meeting.
- ...The Board should devote most of its time to major issues and policy discussion and strictly avoid conversation, discussion, or debate with members of the audience...



SUPERINTENDENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- Before the board meeting, the superintendent should meet with the board president to establish the agenda, clarify any points of concern...board and the subjects of their interests.
- ...board policy manual.
- His or her chief roles are to coordinate the preparation of the agenda and carry out decisions made at the board meeting.



SUPERINTENDENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- When the final board decision is made, the superintendent is obligated to support and implement the board's decision.
- Following the meeting, the superintendent is accountable for seeing that board decisions are carried out and is delegated the authority necessary for doing so.



BOARD ATTORNEY

- The School Board retains the right to consult with or employ other attorneys and to terminate the service of any attorney.



BOARD POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Policy Development

- Anyone may propose new policies, changes to existing policies, or elimination of existing policies.
- A Board Policy Committee will consider all policy suggestions and provide information and recommendations to the Board.



NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

- Typically, the superintendent and board president work most closely in orienting the new member, with help as needed from other board officers and board members and other administrators.



RECONVENE OPEN SESSION



NEW BUSINESS

- Recommended Approval of Sodexo Food Services Contract Renewal (*Policy Section 6:40*) – **Mr. Thomas** (*Approval Needed*)



NEW BUSINESS

- Recommended Approval of Thornridge Gymnasium Bleacher Project (*Policy Section 4:30*) –
Mr. Thomas (*Approval Needed*)



ADJOURNMENT

