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A Small Step, But the Crisis Remains: The Board Must Go Further

Sun Prairie, WI — Last night, the Sun Prairie School Board took a small but significant step: it formally rejected both of Superintendent Brad Saron's Self-Assessed OE-8 and OE-9 Communication reports as *non-compliant*. This marks the first public acknowledgment, by SPASD's governing body, that the district's internal reporting has failed to meet even the most basic standards of honesty, transparency, and integrity.

Last night's non-compliance votes for OE-8 and OE-9 reports were 3:2 and 4:1 respectively, with Vice-President Brynn Horton being the sole-member to vote in-favor of the Superintendents self-assessments, offering no opinion on the matter. This is consistent with Ms. Hortons voting record, as we were unable to find any specific time during her board tenure that her vote was not fully aligned the Mr. Saron or any other District Administrator. Monday night's historic vote is also the first time in many years that these submissions were not simply just accepted without objection. But let's be clear—this is not resolution. It is recognition. And it is long overdue.

What "Non-Compliant" Means

By rejecting the superintendent's reports, the board has formally admitted that the district's internal communications—regarding one of the most serious child safety failures in history—were incomplete, misleading, and/or procedurally invalid. This confirms what the community has known for months: the district office cannot be trusted to investigate itself.

The significance of a superintendent's communications reports being rejected by his own school board lies in the importance of effective communication within the educational system and the community. The rejection of these communications reports indicates the Superintendent's, and other district officials' serious lack of alignment with the school board's goals, priorities, and expectations - which has affected the District Administrator's ability to communicate effectively with stakeholders.

This rejection does not remove a single official. It does not afford the Sun Prairie Police Department's much needed access to the operational records relevant to the open criminal investigation. It does not protect a single student. The same administrators who buried complaints, deleted evidence, and enabled a predator, all remain in power. The board's silence on the total operational collapse of the district office has been deafening.

We continue to call on the board to immediately:

- Issue a public statement condemning the district's operational integrity and leadership failures
- Place the 6 implicated leadership officials on immediate administrative leave
- Give the SPPD broad access to all internal records tied to the illegal internal Meisegeier investigation and its cover-up
- Initiate a full leadership change at both the school and district levels

This is not a moment for cautious half-measures. It is a moment for moral clarity. The board has acknowledged failure. Now it must act. If it won't, the community will. We recognize those board members who chose to listen to us. And we are aware of those that have, once again, chosen to ignore their duties.