

Prepared Notes for Board Meeting (George Joseph)

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On this, the occasion of his last BOE meeting, I wanted to say a few words about George Joseph. For years now, George has been my “Go To” guy when it came to questions of administrative policy, enrollment or when any constituent had a concern that couldn’t be obviously traced to a building or another individual. George is the guy that made sure that nothing, and no one, fell into a crack.

Of course, it’s the nature of the position that once someone finds out that you possess the skill set and willingness to help random people get done what they are trying to get done, your reward is usually to be inundated with random people who need help. In my experience, George has bent over backward to help anyone he possibly could, to understand fully and be prepared to explain any family’s individual situation in minute detail and act to the extent that the law allows. That’s not to say that other Worthington administrators don’t do the same, but George elevated customer service to an art form in our district.

A few years back, we had an incident with a train crossing and overgrown bush causing problems with driver visibility. While I’m quite certain it wasn’t in the job description, George was out there every day until the situation was rectified, making sure students were safe and possibly taking a hatchet to some of the weeds himself. This kind of work ethic was in every project he undertook. Good luck and God speed, George. Kent is lucky to have you.