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Wed, Mar 29, 2023 at 3:10 PM

To: Michael Ballone <mballone@mtps.org>, Vincent Caravello <vcaravello@marlboro.k12.nj.us>

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From: **Brian and Fran Cohen** <brianandfran@gmail.com>

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To: <Boardmembers@mtps.org>

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Members of the Marlboro BOE and stakeholders.

This is the second of three emails I am sending today, as a taxpayer and community member, to address my concerns about three distinct issues raised during the BOE meeting held on March 28th, 2023.

During the meeting the public was told that there would be two webinar sessions in which students would be taught the NJ mandated sex ed curriculum, as it was approved by this BOE.

During the meeting, a vote was taken to approve a payment to a sex ed instructor for two webinars.

Nothing in this agenda or previous ones indicated that there had ever been an agenda item for either a vote or public comment opportunity to approve the removal of the state mandated sex ed curriculum from the classroom, and on to an evening webinar platform outside of school facilities and school hours.

The comments made during this meeting also make it evident that all of the kinks have yet to be ironed out, and it's unclear how the webinar will be handled, how privacy will be maintained, attendance taken, questions presented and answered, among a host of other issues.

Here are my questions:

1. How was this webinar model approved without a public vote?
2. Why is our BOE, which consists of many members who have stated that hybrid/online learning is ineffective, approving moving a core curriculum item to an online environment, during non-school hours?
3. What could possibly be the justification for disenfranchising the 75% of the student body who "opted in" for this curriculum, by forcing them to learn this material outside of school? What happened to the rights of those students and parents to learn in a supportive environment conducive to learning?

Please give our community the courtesy of a response.

Regards,

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Francine Cohen