Crazy School Board “Special Called Meeting” for Monday, March 15 @ 6:00pm!! They are gonna waste $168,700 just because they’re stupid!!! Actually, Double Stupid on top of being Double Crazy!! It is YOUR tax money that is being wasted. We will do the math!!! Report and the Truth provided by Robert A. Williams

Facts:
Cleveland County Schools have been closed down for full in-person learning for over one full year.
The Cleveland County Schools Budget for this one-year period was approximately $155 Million. **But now CCS says they are broke.**
CCS did not lay off one single person in their Administration and Staff dealing with education of our children during this school shutdown.
CCS, during this time, has reported that the admin and staff were kept busy and were working hard (always working hard, they say) with planning and re-planning all the numerous contingencies dealing with the COVID-19 shutdown.

Virtual Learning (using computers and on the internet) has been thoroughly debunked by al most every school board across the USA as NOT being effective.
Cleveland County Schools has made many statements that Virtual learning is not nearly as effective as in person learning with a live teacher in a classroom with “live” children.
The Cleveland County Schools has acknowledged that not all students have access to the internet and Virtual Learning at home.
Cleveland County Schools, during all these many months of alternative education has refused to release any data regarding testing of Virtual Learning students.
However, at the March 8, 2021 School Board meeting, it was noted that CCS was working “hard” to make plans to “re-test” children in the summer months. Apparently admitting that test scores were failing for an extremely high number of students.
At exactly 8:00AM Saturday morning (March 13, 2021), CCS sent out a notice that there would be a special “Called Meeting” on Monday March 15, 2021 at 6:00PM at the Central services. There were only two called meeting issues (Action Items) on the agenda
1. Transition to Plan A: Grades 6-12
2. Chromebooks Request
CCS says **“The Technology Department requests approval of the purchase of 2,410 Chromebooks at an estimated cost of $872,136.83 including taxes. These new devices will be used to continue our student device replacement. These new devices will allow us to replace the approximately 2,500 devices, currently in use, that have or will reach Google Auto Update Expiration by 9/1/2021.”**
There is NO PUBLIC PARTICIPATON allowed on this Special Called Meeting Agenda.

Full acknowledgement that all the items above are factual and true as CCS says they are, the following questions, comments and conclusions are obvious:

1. Cleveland County Schools spent all this past years' time justifying keeping schools Closed-Down tight and ZERO time on getting schools started back up. Otherwise, there would be no need for this coming Monday's "Special Called Meeting." Also, Where were the New Republican School Board Majority on this issue. Obviously Sleeping at the wheel on this most important of issues. Restarting Schools.
2. The Technology Department was also obviously sleeping at the wheel with their planning to purchase 2,410 Chromebook Computers.
3. The 2,500 Chromebook computers presently in use are apparently fully functional and useable. The only problem is the "Google Auto Update" feature is scheduled to EXPIRE on September 1, 2021 and the Technology Department would rather spend $872,136.83 of taxpayer dollars instead of installing updates themselves on the fully functioning Chromebook Computers presently owned by CCS.
4. CCS Administration and the Technology Department have not uttered one word on what these Updates will do or even if these updates include such unwelcome attempts to teach students Common Core or even Socialism and Communism.
5. No Public Participation allowed by School Board Chairman Robert "Luke" Queen at this Special Called Meeting is just another example of Luke's declaration of war and utter disdain for the citizens of Cleveland County who are taxpayers, citizens and parents who want what is the best for the students. And wasting money is not good for anybody, especially the children, Since the funds that are wasted can never make its way into the classroom.

If the School Board weren't so double stupid and double crazy as to call a Special Called Meeting for such hair-brained reasons, all this could have been included in the agenda for a regular school board meeting. Then, perhaps, I might not have discovered what I am about to disclose below.

1. The company the Technology Department is recommending to

purchase these 2,410 computers from, “Traferra” does not seem to exist as a legitimate business or company. My google search for “Traferra” turns up nothing business related, only as Dylania Traferra, Wolfhunter of Iallstrym. One of the characters of a computer game listed under “Deviant Art”. Or, perhaps a “Con-Game” run out of CCS’s Technology Department.
2. A search of suppliers of Classroom Ready Chromebook Computers indicated that WALMART sells an equivalent, maybe better, Chromebook Computer for $269 each. Which is $70 (each) cheaper that the CCS Technology Department’s recommendation. $70 cheaper times 2,410 computers represents a **$168,700 savings**. It took me exactly eight minutes to find this savings. The Walmart Pricing and details are shown at the end of this article. Note the 4.7 stars out of 5 rating.

Folks, now you know why Cleveland County Governmental officials hate my guts. I can spot corruption a mile away and tell on the offenders. My prediction is the corrupt school board will vote to purchase the Chromebook Computers that Superintendent Stephen Fisher recommends. The higher priced ones. Even though the so-called Virtual Learning program has proven itself to be an overall failure. What did Einstein say about people keeping on doing the same thing yet expecting a different result. Einstein said that was the definition of “insanity.” I believe Einstein would agree with me calling the entire Cleveland County School Board “Crazy!”

Well, Williams, what would YOU do? one might ask. My answer is this. “Books”. Go back to “Textbooks.” Text books are cheaper than Chromebook Computers to begin with and have a successful history of over 500 years. The USA Education system put a man on the moon without ever using the first computer in the Classrooms that taught the NASA Scientists and Engineers. Same as with the Manhattan Project scientists and engineers. Computers were always useful as tools; never as a replacement for classroom teachers and school classrooms.

So, why are we wasting so many tax dollars on Computers that

have to be replaced when “Google” automatic updates expire on otherwise functional computer equipment??? And in such a hurry without any planning of even a second thought. Could it be that the money “wasted,” in part, may find its way into Tim Moore’s election campaign for the US Senate in 2022??? Otherwise, why else would the Republican School Board Majority Members lead by Robert “Luke” Queen, be acting so stupidly???

The Walmart pricing is shown below. This Acer Chromebook is $70 Cheaper and likely better than the ones recommended by the CCS Technology Department. Where is the CCS Education Department? Where is the student test scores that show Virtual Learning is better than book learning in the Classroom? Or even that Virtual learning is as good as book learning? Why are CCS so-called “Leaders” not demanding answers to these questions? Why is Luke’s School Board excluding parents and taxpayers from such decisions? Stay tuned for my next several articles about CCS and YOU will find out.

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Acer
Acer Chromebook 315, 15.6″ Full HD 1080p IPS Touchscreen Display, Intel Celeron N4020, 4GB LPDDR4, 64GB eMMC, CB315-3HT-C6XF (Google Classroom Ready)

$269.00 each

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