

William Norris' Report on the TorC School Board Meeting (3-13-2023)

On 3/13/23, Br Nick and I went to a Truth or Consequences School Board Meeting. They have them every month on the second 2nd Weekday. The reason for going to this one was to protest the new curriculum of books that they want to implement for the Kindergarten to 12th grade in the Truth or Consequences School District. The two sets of curriculums consisted of Savvas and McGraw Hill. Prior to the meeting, Br. Phil and I had gone to the Truth or Consequences Schools District Administration building twice to review these materials. We mainly focused on the Social Study aspect of the curriculum. The reason for this is because that the Public Education Department of New Mexico had recently approved 128 new Social Study standards to be implemented into the new curriculum.

The public was given to 3/10/23 look at these books and fill out evaluation forms to state whether or not you liked the new curriculum of the books. I had a problem with these evaluation sheets because they only dealt with how the materials were presented and asked no questions about the content itself.

When reviewing the books for the first time, Phil and I were joined by Julie Stroup and Johanna Tighe. Julie is one of the five School board Members and head of the Sierra County Republican Party. Johanna is Secretary for the Sierra County Republicans and very politically active within the Sierra County community.



Julie Stroup

Johanna Tighe

After reviewing different grade levels of both The McGraw Hill and Savvas books we were all in agreement that there was an unfair bias towards the left. Whether it be highlighting feminists like Gloria Steinem and Bella the Builder or having suggestions in its teacher's edition to make the classroom LGBT friendly, subtle hints of left leaning ideology were found throughout these books.

When it came to the actual day of the meeting, I felt like Daniel in the Lion's Den because when I walked in there I felt a very liberal vibe from the people there, and I was constantly praying to St. Michael and St. Daniel.

While at the meeting, a man by the name of Gordon Mishler got up and read a complaint from the teachers within the district saying how teachers are not being heard by the administrators. He went on to say that the classroom has become a day care center instead of a learning center. Teachers are taking all their time dealing with behavioral issues not being allowed to teach their

children. This is because the teachers are not allowed to properly discipline the children. If a child goes into a tantrum in the middle of the classroom, they are not allowed to do anything. He also mentioned that former students were complaining about how far behind they were in High School because of the lack of education they received in their younger years. This is all a result of a leftist non-judgmental non-punishment attitude when teaching children. When I heard these complaints I was thinking to myself that this fits 100% in to what I had to say in my speech.

“We as Catholics believe that this constant pull to the left will result in perverting the minds of our children, creating an aura of effeminacy and radical individualism which will break down the norms of law and order because people will not want to be told what to do by anyone, and as a result of this will lead to anarchy and chaos.”

The big take away from this is that New Mexico Public School system IS in total disarray.

As far as solutions go, forget it. The two liberals on the board Dr. Barbara Pearlman and Mark Hedge had no answers for Mr. Mishler and the teachers. Dr. Barbara Pearlman started off by saying *“I hear you but I don’t want to put anyone on the street.”*

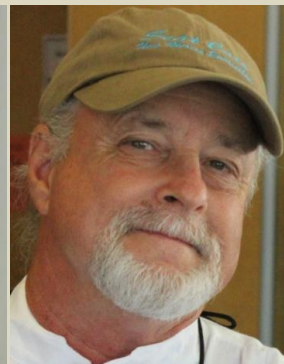
She then said: *“I hear you teachers but it’s a complicated situation and no one is to blame.”*

Then Mark Hedge chimed in and said *“I hear you but I don’t know what the answer is.”*

He went on to say that ten years ago we could all laugh and smile but now it’s like we’re at war. That’s right Mark, we are at war because the liberal and conservative mindset will never meet. It’s like oil and vinegar, and the more things continue to move to the left the more angry conservative natural law minded people will become.



Dr. Barbara Pearlman



Mark Hedge

That was all I needed to hear; with this mindset there is no way the public schools in New Mexico will change. It is rotted from the top down. With the PEDNM, liberal as the day is long, and no room for local school boards to have a voice in their curriculums, New Mexico Public Schools are doomed. That is why parents have to be the first to blame when it comes to sending their children to public schools.

In closing, during the meeting, the board told the audience that they were desperate to fill the Mental Health School Counselor position. They basically said that all you had to do is hand in your application and the job is yours. I was thinking they don't need a Mental Health School Counselor but an Exorcist. Then I thought that wouldn't work either because after the demons were casted out, seven times more would re-enter the person because they were not Catholic nor wanted to be Catholic.

For the glory of God; in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Michael, St. Joseph, Ss. Joachim and Anne, St. John the Baptist, the other angels and saints; and for the salvation of men

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