
TCAPS Transparency

October 24th 2019



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Who is TCAPS Transparency?

If you are in this room, you are part of this movement.

We are group of concerned parents, volunteers, business owners, voters, employees with a shared concern demanding transparency in the TCAPS Board of Education.

Ian Ashton

Eastern Elementary parent.

Mortgage guy. Car guy. Boat guy. Maker of silly YouTube videos.

Thom Grigal

Central Grade parent.

More bio words.

Scott Newman -Bale

Two children in TCAPS.

CEO of Short's Brewery, on Board of Michigan Economic Development Corporation



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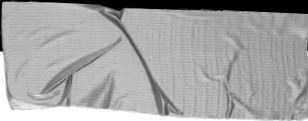
What Is Our Objective?

To hold accountable the TCAPS School Board Trustees, that they maintain transparency, model good governance and uphold fiscal responsibility.



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We are a community group that came together and mobilized in response to Ann Cardon's **sudden** and **unexplained** departure.

- Did something terrible that the public should hear?
- Or did she uncover something the Board was hoping to hide?

Without **transparency** , we may never know.



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Consider TCAPS Board Member Ethics 0144.2

Board members will strive to improve public education and to that end they will:

B) recognize that they should endeavor to make policy decision only after full discussion at publicly held Board meetings;

C) render all decisions based on the available facts and independent judgment, and refuse to surrender that judgment to individuals or special interest groups

D) encourage the free expression of opinion by all Board members, and seek systematic communications between the Board and students, staff and all elements of the community

Full copy available as a handout and online : <https://go.boarddocs.com/mi/trav/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=B5WL5D505592>)



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Special meeting of the Traverse City Area Public Schools Board of Education

Traverse City Record-Eagle ✓ was live

October 17 · 61,910 Views



Special meeting of the Traverse City Area Public Schools Board of Education

Traverse City Record-Eagle ✓ was live

October 11 · 20,332 Views



TCAPS Board of Education Recall Planning

Group · 337 members



TCAPS Transparency in Education

Group

2,366 members

- Over **700** have signed the pledge, asking Board Members to resign
- **Hundreds** attended Oct 11th meeting
- **Thousands** view October 17th meeting
20K and 61K consecutively



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Record Eagle – Letter to the Editor, Oct 18, 2019

TCAPS board

The people of the Grand Traverse area have been poorly served by their county commissioners for many years now, with the current Board made up of several self-serving and insulated board members who, it seems to me, have little interest in addressing real Grand Traverse County issues.

Now it appears the TCAPS Board is heading down that same path with important questions and even serious charges by one of their own being met with closed-session stonewalling. Perhaps they did not scrutinize the candidates closely before hiring one or perhaps they are micromanaging to the point of making it impossible for their superintendent to do her job. We don't know. Either of those issues are clearly failures of the Board. We, the locals, deserve better representation both at the county level and at the school board level. Much better.

Michael Kroes

Traverse City



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What got us here?

Unanimous 7 -0 Vote for Ann Cardon in Spring +
Only 78 days of service beginning August 1st +
Closed Sessions & “disciplinary action” on Oct 7th =

Mutual Agreement to Separate Oct 17th ??????????



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“The last thing we want to see
is someone who wants to
come in and do things their
way.”

-Pam Forton

TCAPS Board of Education Secretary
February 27th, 2019



Stay Involved. Stay Informed.

Text **TCAPS** to 31996 to join our email list for updates on progress, events, and other important TCAPS Recall news.



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Demand Transparency

Keep the pressure on the board!

→ **Mail**

Write a letter and mail to the Board and cc: Jim Pavelka, Record Eagle, Local Media!

→ **Email**

Contact the board and CC tcapstransparency@gmail.com, Jim Pavelka, Record Eagle & local media!

→ **Write a letter to the editor** to be published in Record Eagle [https://www.record - eagle.com/site/forms/online_services/letter/](https://www.record-eagle.com/site/forms/online_services/letter/)

→ **In Person**

Attend TCAPS Board of Ed meetings and committee meetings & voice your concerns!



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