

I would like to take a moment to address the items where I was mentioned in Mr. Andrews' email to the board.

First, I would like to say that it can be challenging during board discussions to sit quietly when I feel passionate about the discussion. I am not the only board member who has spoken out of turn or said things that were inappropriate, and that speaks to the passion I believe we all feel for this organization.

With that being said, I would like to apologize for my comment at the last meeting when I said that Mr. Lee did not have the votes to sell the truck. I did not have any prior knowledge regarding votes, other than the fact that Mr. Hughes had just said he was a nay vote. I was expressing an opinion based on the verbal comments and nonverbal body language I was observing in the room. It was an inappropriate comment that I should not have expressed.

In regards to the comment about the firefighters wanting to keep the truck, I honestly do not remember saying that. If I did, I was only reiterating what Mr. Hughes had previously said at the meeting.

Thank you.

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