

A quote from Martha Saunders on her Twitter account:

“Sometimes you have to look reality in the eye, and deny it.” – Keillor

(8:39 AM Sep 13th from web <http://twitter.com/MarthaSaunders>)

So, this is the way President Saunders lives in denial about the millions of taxpayers’ dollars she has spent on an airplane during a recession. This is how she deals with creating an expensive lawsuit over silliness like the “Eagle Walk.” This is how she ignores evidence about the misbehavior of her subordinate administrators when she backs them all the way.

How should an intelligent leader deal with reality? The short answer is careful consideration of relevance, evidence, and consequences, then s/he acts on a sound, well-reasoned basis.

What does President Saunders do? Adopting her quote as heartfelt, the logical meaning is “I deny reality, therefore it doesn’t exist [in my world].” Now, I have a better understanding of why President Saunders appears oblivious to evidence and facts and a sound basis for her decisions. She excludes them from her reality. It makes sense for her to say, “I’m going to buy an airplane for my convenience [but I’ll claim it’s for USM, of course],” all the while denying the recession and budget cuts have anything to do with the airplane.

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