

Requesting retraction

To the editor,

What would you do if you discovered evidence that an overpaid government bureaucrat was keeping a secret file on you?

What if a secret report in that secret file falsely states that you and some friends did terrible things to his young women staffers?

What would you do if you can't dispute the contents of the secret reports because the government bureaucrat declares you are too dangerous to view them, even though you've never been convicted of a crime in your entire life?

This miscarriage of justice and more are happening today in America, right here in the Kiel Area School District (KASD)!

KASD School Board President Dan Meyer went way too far when he stood up at the 2024 annual meeting and publicly pronounced his defamatory synopsis that four law abiding men suddenly went berserk at the district office and abused young women there.

Dan and Superintendent of Schools Brad Ebert pretend they didn't know the four innocent men were there as witnesses picking up a binder of public records that Ebert failed to produce, even though there is both a videotape and email wherein Ebert acknowledges the appointment, available at www.TCCwi.org.

Immediately after President Meyer's outrageous false public statements were videotaped, including his unjustifiable punishment decrees for life, open records requests were filed that would easily expose his latest deceit.

In compliance with state law, the City of Kiel Police Department promptly produced their official report that contradicted Dan's ludicrous statements and proved the men did nothing wrong at all.

The KASD stalled for over six weeks before they responded, for good reason.

Apparently someone at KASD authorized spending our tax dollars on multiple attorneys authoring a letter that admits the KASD is in possession of public records that include reports of intimidation and threats towards KASD staffers by Matt Piper on district property last October.

The expensive letter also exposes KASD's ongoing evil scheme to paint me as a serial harasser of KASD staff, probably to shut me up because I exercise my right to access the public records that routinely expose the ugly truth about the KASD's performance.

Equally unethical, our tax dollars have also been wasted on multiple attorneys advising that "the District" (aka Custodian of Records Brad Ebert) denies me my right to see KASD's public records condemning me, so I can't dispute them or set the record straight or hold Ebert accountable. The rationale is that Ebert says he's afraid of the possible consequences.

The truth is all I did that day was say a friendly hello to one of two staffers on duty. The only threats I

pose are critical thinking and telling the truth.

If I was a convicted felon serving time in a penitentiary I would have the right to review all government files held against me. But in the KASD a man with no criminal record is denied his rights, because bureaucrat Brad Ebert PhD used tax dollars to pay an attorney to craftily pretend Ebert's fears and feelings can trump the law.

This is how the KASD "leaders" use legal trickery to protect their jobs, exploiting our attorneys with our limitless taxpayer dollars. Unless I'm willing to hire my own attorney, the KASD can and does get away with anything they want via attorney letters.

With so much to hide, is it any wonder the tiny KASD spends six figures on attorney fees annually?

Is it harassment to ask why the KASD School Board members turn their heads to all this, and to Dan and Brad's outrageous conduct, and keep eerily silent about all the scandals?

Luckily elected government officials and their hired bureaucrats can't get away violating the rights of citizens without consequences in America. It's time for some long overdue accountability in the KASD.

After months of inaction, the KASD is hereby given notice that they have 10 business days to correct their mistakes, or more taxpayer dollars will be wasted because attorneys will get involved.

First, I demand that School Board President Dan Meyer retract his false statements about me and my friends. If he has any character he will do so publicly, and apologize as well.

Second, I ask that the School Board show transparency and clearly state if they condone or condemn Dan's disparaging synopsis at the annual meeting. Is that asking too much?

Next, I demand that the School Board members officially remove President Meyer's unlawful ban on me and my friends entering KASD public property and events, and/or confirm that they will not enforce Meyer's unlawful ban.

Finally, I demand that any and all public records implying that I harassed or intimidated anyone last October, or any other time, are released immediately.

Also, could someone please nudge Ebert to turn over the requested public records about the last referendum, since it's been several months already?

While we watch how the KASD chooses to spend the next 10 days addressing the government overreach and abuse of me and my friends, please consider one last thought:

Would KASD citizens be facing even one of these issues if the KASD leadership team's conduct was honest, ethical and transparent?

How can we fix these problems?

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