

More on KASD incident

To the editor:

Now that Christmas is upon us, Kiel Area School District (KASD) Board of Education President Dan Meyer has dictated that all KASD Christmas festivities are off limits for anybody he puts on his list.

He has told certain perfectly innocent citizens they are banished from district activities and district property for life. Will you be targeted too if you ask to see public records your tax dollars already paid for?

Unfortunately for the KASD, the Kiel Police Department complies with open records law. A police report is available at www.tccwi.org that thoroughly contradicts the narrative fabricated by Superintendent of Schools Brad Ebert and School Board President Dan Meyer about four law abiding citizens with an appointment to access public records last October.

The police report shows us that Ebert was down the hall when he directed that the police call him at 0834, just four minutes after the men showed up for the appointment he didn't show up for.

We also know the chief of police himself told Brad Ebert the men had every right to remain in public areas while school was in session.

Nonetheless, after evading the men for 20 minutes Ebert made his assistant go out into the public lobby that Dan Meyer claims was a "highly unacceptable" and "harassing and intimidating situation." Ebert required his young shield to go tell the friendly men something Ebert knew was false—that they had to leave.

The police report goes on to document that two trained law enforcement officers including the chief himself spoke to the KASD individuals involved and determined that no police action was justified in relation to the facts.

Surely Superintendent Brad Ebert knows all this and told his good friend and boss Dan Meyer the truth?

So how is it that School Board President Dan Meyer stood up in front of the public a few days later at the annual meeting and said that the four innocent men harassed and intimidated multiple young women at the district office?

Given the police report, how is it that Dan went on to publicly declare

the men guilty and deserving recipients of his punishment decrees? It's all on the videotape.

I was one of three plaintiffs in a federal civil rights lawsuit that recently prevailed against the Joseph R. Biden Administration and his DOJ (among other federal agencies), Case No. 4:23-cv-00278-P. The judge ruled the losing party also had to pay the plaintiff's legal fees of over \$350,000. The case was so solid there was no appeal.

In my opinion Dan Meyer's apparent violations of citizen's constitutional rights are far more egregious. A cornerstone of the American justice system is the presumption of innocence. Dan Meyer trampled all over that, on videotape for all to see.

Dan's cruel, false words were not a slip of the tongue, and they weren't taken out of context. It's been weeks and his conscious hasn't surfaced to clean up the mess. The other six School Board members have remained mum as well.

Since the police report verifies the men did nothing even approaching inappropriate, what is the KASD leadership team really up to? Are they setting an example of what happens to people who lawfully request access to incriminating public records our tax dollars already paid for?

By the way, Ebert still hasn't complied with the law and released those public record details about the School Board's unanimous but very unpopular referendum idea.

Should the citizens of KASD demand that our leaders are law abiding and ethical, and that they avoid the mere appearance of impropriety at all times? Are kangaroo courts and dictatorial decrees acceptable in Kiel?

Are the elected KASD school board members acting responsibly when they remain silent about Brad Ebert and Dan Meyer's well documented public conduct in this embarrassing and possibly litigious matter?

Are any of our other six KASD School Board members looking out for the financial interests of us taxpayers? Please name one. What is he/she doing for us?

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