

Thank you for your concern on this matter and the news articles. I hope you read the entire article not just the headline.

I trust that the below will help you understand and that these matters might be resolved quickly at minimal cost to the taxpayer.

I ask too that you put yourself in my position, falsely accused of being a liar and of harassment. Then as an elected Trustee, being told that I must pick a backroom selected applicant and can't know the others but there were all "highly qualified".

The proposed agenda item- if it does happen- is an absurd use of agenda to falsely play politics or else they really have lost it. A concern is records show we spent about \$100,000 to the law firm of McDonald Carano the last few years. \$500,000 is unheard of and is hyperbole rhetoric on steroids.

Here are the facts, there is no lawsuit! A lawsuit as we think of it is a prolonged proves usually

with depositions, discovery, motions and counter motions.

I am not a lawyer but we can read this is a petition for an order:

EX-PARTE PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS/APPLICATION FOR ORDER COMES NOW, Petitioner JEFFREY CHURCH (hereinafter “Church”), by and through the undersigned counsel, hereby petitions this Court for a writ ...”

These matters typically are reviewed by a judge who may dismiss or order a hearing (not a trial) and render judgement. A very simple and inexpensive process (usually).

Next, I ask that you look at the two matters and decide if addressing these is worthy and in the ‘public interest’.

The first matter has widespread public support and even the ACLU has supported transparency in public records.

In that matter we had multiple applicants for an important committee: Safe and Healthy Schools Commission. As a Trustee, we were given one and only one internally hand-picked finalist and I simply asked to see the other four applicants. Their form specifically states that the application is “Public Record”. Game over.

But wait, there’s more. One of the “highly qualified” candidates was active in the GoP. There is speculation that the process may have been tainted and I call upon the other Board members to answer the question “Did you know the names of any of the other SHSC applicants before the selection?”

If they were in any way involved, that taints the process.

Simply, the Trustees and the community have a right to transparency.

The people of this state do not yield their sovereignty to the agencies which serve them. The people, in delegating authority,

do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people insist on remaining informed so that they may retain control over instruments they have created.

Stockton Newspapers, Inc. v.
Redevelopment Agency, 214 Cal. Rptr. 561,
1985)

Regarding the 2nd issue; once again a Petition not a “lawsuit” seeking only an independent investigation of proven false harassment accusations against me.

BOARD POLICY 9300, REPORTING OF FRAUD, WASTE, OR ABUSE

3. Retaliation Prohibited

- a. The District will not retaliate against an employee who files a good faith Complaint.
- b. An employee who is found to retaliate against a good faith Complainant shall be subject to discipline up to and including termination of employment.

And

Administrative Regulation 4425, Harassment, Sexual Harassment And Intimidation” States in part:

9. False Accusations:

a. Persons knowingly bringing false accusations will be held responsible for their actions, and may be subject to disciplinary action ...”

Further see WCSD Regulation 4425 that states: 10.Remediation:

a. Individuals found to be subjected to harassment or discrimination will be provided support services available from the District to help deal with the effects

I note the words “will, shall, must” are clear and permeate WCSD policies.

Nationwide the courts back me, for example:

File Name: 20a0299n.06 , Case No.
19-5712, UNITED STATES COURT OF
APPEALS FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT

“This case, then, comes down to a straightforward question: may an employer legitimately fire an employee if it honestly believes that the employee falsified misconduct allegations?... And common sense tells us that must be the right answer. After all, groundless complaints defame innocent coworkers, undermine trust in the workplace, and waste resources.”

Malicious accusation harm the “Me Too” movement and all those many valid complaints.

Further, not a single taxpayer dollar should be spent to protect anyone making a false accusation that is far outside the scope of employment.

Personally I found this article helpful:
<https://www.davidsonmorris.com/false-accusations-at-work/>

You'll note the absolute need for an investigation and the need for it to be independent.

Opinion are mine and I am not an attorney and if there is or is not a conspiracy is unknown until we have a valid, independent investigation.

Also other agencies commonly help each other out. I am retired both USAF Lieutenant Colonel and Reno Police. RPD, Sparks and Washoe frequently help each other out with sensitive investigations at no cost. In the Air Force I once did so with the Army. Other agencies likewise might help at no cost- just a search for the truth. A paid independent investigation might cost \$10,000.

Thank you for reading this far. I hope to continue representing the people of my district and the children, taxpayers of Washoe County.

BTW: I do have Powerpoints detailing the state of education upon request.

Sincerely,

Jeff Church