

Below is a typical example of White Chalk Crime. The employee/ citizen? who tried to blow the whistle is now unemployed while the school board election is poised for more of the same. Unfortunately, the people in this community assume this is a question of negligence, when it appears to be White Chalk Crime - deliberate acts done to benefit those in power at the expense of those subjected to their power. Become educated about White Chalk Crime so you can help stop it. Our schools do not need a stimulus package; they need an investigation package! NAPTA

Edmonds School District - Washington State

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While I can appreciate there are a lot of topics covered here, the overall trend clearly demonstrates that our current school board cannot provide the oversight they have been elected (or appointed) to provide. They may collectively claim to be doing their best, but "their best" is not good enough.

It all comes down to whether this community wants a *reactive board* that lacks the tools and experience to resolve problems or a *proactive board* that has a history of recognizing problems before they happen and has the skill and resources to prevent the problems that plague us now.

With the long list of issues covered here, just imagine how much more effective district leadership can be with the right person asking the right questions at the right time. This community cannot afford more of the same.

"He didn't disclose something confidential."

If you have been following my departure from the District, you may recall that Marla Miller and her minions were spewing the concept that I somehow violated the public trust by revealing something confidential about the Old Woodway Elementary transaction.

For those of you who still cling to the statements made by questionably-motivated managers, please review the following, simple facts.

Before the Old Woodway Elementary site was sold, it was advertised in the Herald as being a surplus site and it was marketed to developers in its entirety. That means, it was made available for purchase as a complete site of 11.2 acres. The fact that such a declaration was made in the Herald (albeit just once, not the legally-required twice) and that the site was advertised to developers as 11.2 acres means that no portion of the site was obligated to anyone and certainly not the City of Edmonds. Making such a declaration in a Letter to the Editor was just restating publicly-known facts. If any portion of the site had been committed to anyone else, then the entire site would not have been available to developers.

For those of you who still choose to cling to the statements made by Marla Miller, I advise that you read her own words **here in this transcript** of her own words and approved by her lawyers. Line 14 on Page 141. The rest of her transcript will be posted later.

So, why would Marla Miller, Nick Brossoit and the Board take action to constructively terminate a highly-praised employee? Clearly they wanted to silence the only voice of reason in a real estate transaction that was far more complicated than it needed to be and that resulted in millions of dollars lost for the District. Remember that the Old Woodway Elementary transaction happened right on the heels of the District's purchase of **the contaminated site** - a site purchased without the Board-mandated **Site Acquisition Committee**.

I say again, since I have said it numerous times before, Marla was gravely concerned that the manner in which district funds were being squandered, through poorly-crafted real estate transactions, would deeply upset the community. What she failed to understand is that our community doesn't have the time or energy to study the issues that come before our school board. That is precisely why we elect board members who create and maintain board policies. Our community believes that their elected board members understand the consequences of their decisions. Unfortunately, the current board is not capable of the oversight they have been

elected to provide. Susan Phillips may "*pledge to do [her] best for our students and District*" but, quite frankly, her best is not good enough.

Change is needed on the Board. In electing even one board member that has the intellectual capacity to articulate consequences before they happen, never again can our school board claim to be uninformed or refuse to accurately assess circumstances before they devour us. One voice of reason would be a great start to a total board transformation that must happen sooner rather than later... *for the sake of our children.*

Anonymous said...

Hey! I just received my postcard from the EEA stating thier recommendation of Susan Phillips! Their endorsement should scare anyone with the ability to think independently off!

Sunday, October 18, 2009 8:02:00 AM

Claire said...

What I find stunning is that anyone would believe that a public agency could have a confidential property transaction. They were hoping everyone would be so busy with their day to day lives that they wouldn't notice how they wasted tax dollars.

I hope you win your school board seat. You'll read the fine print and you're not afraid to confront untill the truth is revealed. You are exactly what any school district needs; someone to keep an eye on the budget.

Sunday, October 18, 2009 2:21:00 PM

Anonymous said...

I got my postcard too. There is no way in Hades that I would vote for more of the same. We need someone who thinks.

Tuesday, October 20, 2009 11:14:00 AM

Anonymous said...

I of course voted for Mark Z; but as for the other ticket...I chose to write in Charles Manson.

Who knows, if elected they just might hafta let him out...

Friday, October 23, 2009 6:25:00 PM

Anonymous said...

Unless the process has changed, there isn't much thought put into an EEA endorsement. Candidates come to an EEA rep meeting and are given a few minutes to speak, the reps vote, and that's it.

I was hoping that the current union leaders would be more interested in protecting their members' interests than the last batch of leaders. If they are endorsing Phillips, they aren't. The teachers will just get more of the same. "The beatings will continue until morale improves."

Saturday, October 24, 2009 5:51:00 PM

Anonymous said...

As I heard about the EEA discussion regarding candidates, the deciding factor was that Susan Phillips is a teacher. This group seems to idolize themselves, and can not get past the idea.

Sunday, October 25, 2009 10:07:00 AM

ESD15.org said...

This district will never grow as a public agency unless we change the current culture and force leadership to become more accountable.

Too many people just don't understand the financial impact that poor choices in Operations has on the education side of the house.

Sunday, October 25, 2009 11:52:00 AM

Anonymous said...

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