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From: Brad Sacks <bsacks@courtstabstract.com>

Date: Thu, 10 May 2007 09:37:06 -0400

To: 'Susan E Wollin' <selion@optonline.net>, 'Mark Chernis' <marke@review.com>, 'Barbara Grossman' <bgrossman@ppllc.net>, "'Dr. Eric Karle'" <erickarle@msn.com>, 'Donna Marino' <dmarin62@optonline.net>, 'Marc Vandenhoeck' <mvandenhoeck@gmail.com>

From: Brad Sacks [mailto:bsacks@courtstabstract.com]

Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2007 9:22 AM

To: bsacks@courtstabstract.com

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From: John H. Gross [mailto:jgross@ingermansmith.com]

Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2007 8:43 AM

To: bsacks@courtstabstract.com

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John

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From: Geri S. Krauss [mailto:gsk@krausspc.com]

Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2007 7:59 AM

To: John H. Gross

Subject:

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May 10, 2007

BY PDF

John H. Gross, Esq.
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Re: Dr. Debra Jackson

Dear John:

I am writing this letter to demand that you and your firm withdraw from any further representation of the Bedford Central School District Board of Education with respect to its dispute with Dr. Debra Jackson due to what you have acknowledged to be a conflict of interest. Indeed, you and your firm were intimately involved in some of the issues that are an integral part of this matter. Moreover, as counsel to the district, your firm must continue to be available to give fair-minded advice to Dr. Jackson in her capacity as Superintendent, a role which is clearly compromised if you are continuing to represent the Board in connection with its efforts to oust Dr. Jackson.

You previously indicated to me that due to this admitted conflict, you would not engage in any substantive discussions with me regarding this dispute and that the Board of Education would be appointing special counsel to represent it in this matter. Although Stephen O'Brien was appointed as special counsel, it became apparent when I met with him that he had no authority to enter into any substantive discussions with me and that he was acting pursuant to your directions and instructions. Under these circumstances, Mr. O'Brien's involvement plainly does not eliminate the conflict.

Recent events have raised additional troubling concerns. On Monday, at your request, Dr. Jackson and I met with you, Board President Brad Sacks and Board Member Susan Wollin to attempt to reach a resolution of this matter. It was our understanding that Mr. Sacks was authorized to negotiate on behalf of the Board and, based on that understanding, we did negotiate in good faith and compromised our position to reach an agreement. However, the following day, you informed me that at a meeting scheduled Monday evening for the Board to formally approve

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the agreement, the Board refused to do so and instead instructed you to present a new proposal. The agreement we reached was never intended to be a vehicle for further negotiation. Moreover, the Board's "counter-proposal" effectively violated every term of the agreement reached. It is plainly unacceptable and we will not renegotiate the terms already agreed to by the Board President. The Board's latest actions are yet further evidence of the bad faith in which it has approached every aspect of this matter.

It is still our preference to reach an amicable resolution. To this end, the Monday agreement will remain on the table and Dr. Jackson will refrain from making any statements to the press regarding this dispute until after the upcoming budget vote. (This assumes, of course, that the Board similarly makes no statements and takes no action against her during such period.) Certainly, at least in Dr. Jackson's view, the Board's efforts to oust her should not be permitted to interfere with or divert attention from the interests of the students at stake in passing the budget. In the interim, I urge the Board to reconsider its position and approve the agreement Mr. Sacks negotiated on its behalf.

Very truly yours,


Geri S. Krauss

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Subject: Fw: RE: RE: Meetings with BOE members

From: bsacks@courtstabstract.com

Date: Thu, 31 May 2007 17:39:32 +0000

To: Barbara Grossman <barbara.grossman@verizon.net>, Dmarin62 <dmarin62@optonline.net>, Erickarle <erickarle@msn.com>, Marc Vandenhoeck <MVandenhoeck@gmail.com>, Markc <markc@review.com>, Susan Elion Wollin <selion@optonline.net>

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-----Original Message-----

To: paulakumar@optonline.net

Sent: May 31, 2007 1:38 PM

Subject: Re: RE: RE: Meetings with BOE members

[REDACTED]

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From: paulakumar@optonline.net

To: Brad Sacks

Sent: May 31, 2007 1:10 PM

Subject: Re: RE: RE: Meetings with BOE members

Thanks Brad,

[REDACTED]

----- Original Message -----

From: Brad Sacks

Date: Thursday, May 31, 2007 10:59 am

Subject: RE: RE: Meetings with BOE members

To: paulakumar@optonline.net

Purpose of the meetings arose out of the monthly lunches with myself, Susan, Debra, Ken, Adam and Pat, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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meeting so far, at BVES, with Susan, Barbara and Eric, attending-
reps from
each building will be there with 3 BOE members picked at random,
based upon
scheduling availability-you can certainly ask them how it went
and what they
heard, although I think they tried to tell you about that
first meeting
the other night

[REDACTED]

From: paulakumar@optonline.net [mailto:paulakumar@optonline.net]
Sent: Thursday, May 31, 2007 10:45 AM
To: Brad Sacks
Subject: Re: RE: Meetings with BOE members

[REDACTED]

----- Original Message -----

From: Brad Sacks
Date: Thursday, May 31, 2007 8:29 am
Subject: RE: Meetings with BOE members
To: 'Eric Karle' , bgrossman@ppllc.net, selion@optonline.net,
'Mark Chernis'
, 'Marc Vandenhoeck'
Cc: dmarin62@optonline.net, paulakumar@optonline.net

I have left a voice mail for adam to discuss his e-mail, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

there are 3 more scheduled, as indicated in prior e-
mails-
to review,
they are june 5th at pres, june 11th at the ms and june 19th
at
wpes-we did
bvcs, mkes is up in the air and the other 2 need to be
scheduled-

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Eric Karle [<mailto:erickarle@msn.com>]
Sent: Thursday, May 31, 2007 7:53 AM
To: bgrossman@ppllc.net; selion@optonline.net;
bsacks@courtstabstract.com Subject: FW: Meetings with BOE members

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Subject: Fw:

From: bsacks@courtstabstract.com

Date: Thu, 24 May 2007 11:12:05 +0000

To: Susan Elion Wollin <selion@optonline.net>, Dmarin62 <dmarin62@optonline.net>, Erickarle <erickarle@msn.com>, Barbara Grossman <barbara.grossman@verizon.net>

-----Original Message-----

To: Markc

Sent: May 24, 2007 7:11 AM

Subject: Re:

-----Original Message-----

From: Markc

To: bsacks@courtstabstract.com

Sent: May 24, 2007 6:54 AM

Subject: RE:

-----Original Message-----

From: bsacks@courtstabstract.com [mailto:bsacks@courtstabstract.com]

Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2007 6:30 AM

To: Mark Chernis

Subject:

Met with the 4 asst and carole-

-mark v. was
not there-paula was there-our meeting with them was only a few
minutes-after we let them go, we met until almost 2am-

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Re:

Subject: Re:

From: Marc Vandenhoeck <mvandenhoeck@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, 24 May 2007 21:43:50 -0400

To: Brad Sacks <bsacks@courtstabstract.com>

CC: paulakumar@optonline.net, Barbara Grossman <barbara.grossman@verizon.net>, dmarin62@optonline.net, erickarle@msn.com, markc@review.com, Susan Elion <selion@optonline.net>

[REDACTED]

On 5/24/07, **Brad Sacks** <bsacks@courtstabstract.com> wrote:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] -Counsel has requested a joint press release [REDACTED] and she is drafting some proposed language to send to John for our review-t the resolutions , can be done at a special meeting -the resolution speaks directly that the super is resigning and the second resolution speaks about an agreement, without listing the specifics of that agreement-then we do the joint press release [REDACTED]

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Marc Vandenhoeck
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914-764-1094

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Subject: FW: [Fwd: Re:]

From: Brad Sacks <bsacks@courtstabstract.com>

Date: Thu, 17 May 2007 14:00:09 -0400

To: Barbara Grossman <barbara.grossman@verizon.net>, dmarin62@optonline.net, erickarle@msn.com, 'Marc Vandenhoeck' <mvandenhoeck@gmail.com>, markc@review.com, Susan Elion <selion@optonline.net>

Hi-the attached has my responses -thanks-Brad

-----Original Message-----

From: Susan Elion [mailto:selion@optonline.net]
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2007 6:14 PM
To: John H. Gross
Cc: Brad Sacks
Subject: [Fwd: Re:]

here's the annual superintendent evaluation form, john. thanks. susan

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re:
Date: Tue, 08 May 2007 21:56:43 +0000
From: bsacks@courtstabstract.com
Reply-To: bsacks@ccourtstabstract.com
To: Dmarin62 <dmarin62@optonline.net>
CC: 'John H. Gross' <jgross@ingermansmith.com>, Barbara Grossman <barbara.grossman@verizon.net>, Erickarle <erickarle@msn.com>, Marc Vandenhoeck <MVandenhoeck@gmail.com>, Markc <markc@review.com>, Susan Elion Wollin <selion@optonline.net>
References: <005801c791ac\$a9e8fed0\$6a00a8c0@courtst.local>
<FBFAF8267-7BE0-483D-BC3C-C983D793F0DA@optonline.net>

Spoke to John



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From: Donna Marino <dmarin62@optonline.net>
Date: Tue, 08 May 2007 17:34:41
To: Brad Sacks <bsacks@courtstabstract.com>
Cc: "'John H. Gross'" <jgross@ingermansmith.com>, Barbara Grossman <barbara.grossman@verizon.net>, erickarle@msn.com, "'Marc Vandenhoeck'" <mvandenhoeck@gmail.com>, markc@review.com, Susan Elion <selion@optonline.net>
Subject: Re:



Donna

On May 8, 2007, at 4:08 PM, Brad Sacks wrote:

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Subject:

From: Brad Sacks <bsacks@courtstabstract.com>

Date: Fri, 04 May 2007 10:42:11 -0400

To: Barbara Grossman <barbara.grossman@verizon.net>, dmarin62@optonline.net, erickarle@msn.com, 'Marc Vandenhoeck' <mvandenhoeck@gmail.com>, markc@review.com, Susan Elion <selion@optonline.net>

Steve O'Brian had a 20 minute meeting last night with counsel only-counsel was able to review the charges , but was not allowed a copy by Steve-Steve refused to discuss the specifics or any settlement, despite counsel wishing to probe both-counsel indicated that her client's conduct must be pretty bad, if he was hired-Steve indicated to her that he was hired to do a job and his job was actually ongoing with potential additional charges that he is still working on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] there is a meeting in John's office Monday morning at 8am with DJ, her counsel, myself , Susan and John-between last night's meeting and Monday's meeting, [REDACTED]

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Subject: Confidential: Settlement Discussion

From: Mark Chernis <MarkC@Review.com>

Date: Fri, 04 May 2007 11:07:02 -0400

To: jhgross@ingermansmith.com

CC: Brad Sacks <bsacks@courtstabstract.com>, Barbara Grossman <barbara.grossman@verizon.net>,

dmarin62@optonline.net, erickarle@msn.com, Marc Vandenhoeck <mvandenhoeck@gmail.com>,

Susan Elion <selion@optonline.net>

John,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

MJC

From: Brad Sacks [mailto:bsacks@courtstabstract.com]

Sent: Friday, May 04, 2007 10:42 AM

To: Barbara Grossman; dmarin62@optonline.net; erickarle@msn.com; 'Marc Vandenhoeck'; Mark Chernis; Susan Elion

Subject:

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Subject: Re: Confidential: Settlement Discussion

From: Marc Vandenhoeck <mvandenhoeck@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, 04 May 2007 12:01:33 -0400

To: Mark Chernis <MarkC@review.com>

CC: jhgross@ingermansmith.com, Brad Sacks <bsacks@courtstabstract.com>, Barbara Grossman <barbara.grossman@verizon.net>, dmarin62@optonline.net, erickarle@msn.com, Susan Elion <selion@optonline.net>

Hi Mark,

[REDACTED]

On 5/4/07, Mark Chernis <MarkC@review.com> wrote:

John,

[REDACTED]

A) [REDACTED]

B) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

MJC

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From: Brad Sacks [mailto:bsacks@courtstabstract.com]

Sent: Friday, May 04, 2007 10:42 AM

To: Barbara Grossman; dmarin62@optonline.net; erickarle@msn.com; 'Marc Vandenhoeck'; Mark Chernis; Susan Elion

Subject:

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Subject:

From: "John H. Gross" <jgross@ingermansmith.com>

Date: Mon, 07 May 2007 14:06:08 -0400

To: bsacks@courtstabstract.com, selion@aol.com

Best,

John

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Subject:

From: Brad Sacks <bsacks@courtstabstract.com>

Date: Thu, 03 May 2007 11:16:00 -0400

To: Barbara Grossman <barbara.grossman@verizon.net>, dmarin62@optonline.net, erickarle@msn.com, 'Marc Vandenhoeck' <mvandenhoeck@gmail.com>, markc@review.com, Susan Elion <selion@optonline.net>

Hi-just received my anticipated RJ call-he was fine-asked for off the record discussion on rumors-he received a few telephone calls about the Bedford Board announcing that DJ is leaving, but were going to wait until after the budget vote-told RJ that it has been a tough year and the Board will always do what is best for the District-he will not be printing anything and will not be calling DJ- he will be calling me again next week, which is when I told him to call-RJ raised a very good point-it is his opinion, that if we were to do something with DJ, but waited until after the vote, we will be roasted big time(and probably by him as well)-his thought is that if you are going to do something controversial, do not be disingenuous with your public and lay this on them after they approve your budget-have the guts to risk a budget defeat, and believe in any decisions you may be making that are controversial in nature.



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Subject: RE: 5 weeks and 10K

From: Brad Sacks <bsacks@courtstabstract.com>

Date: Thu, 03 May 2007 08:23:25 -0400

To: 'Eric Karle' <erickarle@msn.com>, selion@optonline.net, bgrossman@ppllc.net, dmarin62@optonline.net, MarkC@Review.com



From: Eric Karle [mailto:erickarle@msn.com]

Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2007 8:02 AM

To: selion@optonline.net; bgrossman@ppllc.net; dmarin62@optonline.net; bsacks@courtstabstract.com; MarkC@Review.com

Subject: 5 weeks and 10K

Good Morning,



Just my sentiments,

Eric

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