

# **A Citizen writes about School Board!! Has Questions!!! A Lawsuit against the School Board Has been filed!!! A Multi-Million Dollar Lawsuit??? Maybe?? Response by Robert A. Williams**

**Editor's Note:** I received the message shown below Wednesday afternoon regarding the CCS School Board Meeting Monday, September 13, 2021. It is good that Citizens are paying attention to what is going on in our governmental agencies and asking questions.

**Mr. Williams,**

I have written to you several times in the past and you have left my identity confidential and I would like to request that again to keep my name out of this. I have family that works at \*\*\*\*\* and don't want them in bad positions.

I know you write a lot about the School Board and I watched the last meeting. Don't know if you watched or not but the member on the end who I think his last name is Taylor made a statement about he didn't like the Religious amendment to mask. How can an elected official remove the Constitution from his decision making? Is he trying to get the board sued? Watch this and see for yourself and I hope you report on it.

The first paragraph of this message is a short reminder and a strong warning to all of us citizens in Cleveland County that our governmental agencies don't like to be questioned or be

held accountable for their bad acts. AND, that they will retaliate against those that do question them or even complain in any way. And that retaliation will apply, not only to the person speaking out, but their extended family members as well. Even to children in school. These acts of retaliation are despicable acts that all too often are protected by the Judges and Lawyers in the name of immunity for those officials. Notice that I also blanked out where the person works so as to help protect the identity of the person sending the message. I do keep my sources confidential and I will certainly continue to do so.

In regard to the second paragraph, I was present at that school board meeting noted. Right up front and center-in the second row. It was indeed School Board Member Greg Taylor that made the comment that he didn't like the Religious exemption for students not to wear masks in school. However, Greg Taylor did vote to maintain the mask policy mandate as is-leaving the Religious exemption in place. But don't take that as a credit for Taylor. The vote was 5-3 to leave the mandate in place as is. If Taylor had voted the other way, the vote would have been 4-4 (School Board Member Rodney Fitch was absent due to being hospitalized with COVID). And a tie vote cannot make a change or decide anything.

The next important questions in paragraph two are these:

**1. "How can an elected official remove the Constitution from his decision making?"**

Answer:

Elected Officials are always supposed to abide by the Constitution and the laws of the land. They take an oath of office when they are sworn in to do just that. However, and all too often, they immediately forget about the Constitution and the law and do what they damn well please. There are plenty of examples of that in every school board (and other such) meetings. Probably the most egregious examples are the widespread use of "secrets" and lies. Secrets such as claiming

to NOT be teaching Critical Race Theory when they ARE teaching Critical Race Theory under another title. Such as Social-Emotional Transformative Thinking. Secrets such as going into illegal Closed Sessions when what they want to discuss is NOT allowed to be discussed in Closed Session.

## **2. “Is he trying to get the board sued?”**

Answer:

The fact is the Cleveland County School Board is already being sued as we speak. At the end of the September 13, 2021 School Board meeting, the school board illegally called a Closed Session to discuss a lawsuit that has been filed against the School board. The case is McKinney v. Cleveland County Board of Education. If that case is the case I think it is, the award to the Plaintiff may be in the Millions of dollars. I am planning on taking a trip to the courthouse very soon to get a copy of the lawsuit. Which I will then publish for all to see. But, in the meantime, this calling of a closed session was illegal because the motion to go into closed session did not specify the lawsuit that was going to be discussed with the School Board’s lawyer. Which was something the North Carolina Law requires the school board to do.

Like I said, I will be making a trip to the Courthouse very soon to check on McKinney v. the Cleveland County Board of Education. And will publish that lawsuit complaint as it is a public record. We will see what the School Board is accused of that made them hold an illegal Closed Session for an hour at the end of the September 13, 2021 School Board Meeting.