

Comments Regarding John Berg Website

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Public Comments for January 5, 2022 SKSD Board Meeting

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From: D.A. Kimble

To: All School Board Directors and Superintendent

Subject: My Public Comments

Re: Director Berg's Behavior & Private "Educational" Website

For the Record

South Kitsap School Director Berg maintains what he claims to be an "educational website for community stakeholders" in South Kitsap. He has posted approximately 35 separate sections with multiple pages for each section. He has essentially created "dossiers" on at least 28 individuals in our community. Twenty-four of these individuals appear to support his views and are cast in a positive light while four 'other' individuals who do agree with or support Director Berg are cast in a negative light. Of these other four individuals, Mr. Berg has been particularly offensive in his comments and in his website posting against a fellow school board director.

A now deceased friend of mine from our community had formed a committee and wrote a statement against the last SKSD levy. That statement was published in the Kitsap County Voters Guide. For our community member's efforts, Mr. Berg posted politically critical and insulting words about him, further intoning that his committee and a second committee that supported his efforts were both illegitimate. This is because Mr. Berg clearly cannot tolerate or accept that others have opinions differing of his, the school board, or the school district. So much for demonstrating equity and inclusion by Mr. Berg...

Why does Mr. Berg continue to do this? Because he cannot accept, much less tolerate others that that do not agree with him or if they choose to oppose school bonds and levies. To say that Mr. Berg 'dislikes' these people is an understatement. Mr. Berg's behaviors go far beyond mere disagreement with others. He seems to go out of his way to criticize, chastise, and

insult others. Mr. Berg has been asked to remove his offensive private "educational" web pages by several community members, yet he continues to ignore all requests and just keeps on posting! It is unconscionable that Mr. Berg feels compelled to continue with these behaviors, especially now that a community member who is now deceased had every right to voice his opinions that differed from Mr. Berg's. I can only imagine how the now deceased community member's survivors must feel. Can anyone stoop to a lower level as has Mr. Berg?

It has become abundantly clear that Mr. Berg's is lacking in common decency and empathy for others. His continuing objectionable decorum demonstrates his lack and respect of members in our community. Mr. Berg seems to know no bounds in his objectionable behaviors. His behaviors and lack of morality is intolerable and should not be allowed to continue. No community member much less an elected board director should behave in this manner.

I believe the first step to be taken is to put Mr. Berg on notice by insisting that newly constituted school board of directors censure Mr. Berg. Following that, perhaps the community might consider filing a recall petition against Mr. Berg. I personally believe Mr. Berg should be recalled from his office for his continuing offensive, callous, and inappropriate behaviors. Certainly, the SKSD and our community expect and deserve better from their elected officials.

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