



# ADAMS COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

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## PRESS RELEASE

Details: **RESOLUTION TO CENSURE DUANE SULLIVAN, CURRENT LITTLESTOWN SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR, FOR BEHAVIOR UNBECOMING OF A PUBLIC SERVANT AND VIOLATING THE VALUES OF THE ADAMS COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE**

Elected officials must be held accountable for their actions to maintain the integrity of our political system and serve the people faithfully.

When elected officials betray the public trust through deception or misconduct, citizens lose faith in the democratic process. This erosion of confidence weakens the foundation of representative governance, jeopardizing the legitimacy of elected bodies.

Rebuilding trust demands transparency, accountability, and a commitment to ethical leadership from those elected to serve.

The Adams County Republican Committee Board of Directors voted to Censure Littlestown School Director Duane Sullivan for behavior unbecoming of a Public Servant and Violating Republican Values.

**VIOLATIONS OF THE ACRC PRINCIPLES: ABUSING OFFICIAL POWER, LACK OF TRANSPARENCY, VIOLATIONS OF TRUST OF THE PUBLIC AND FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITIES.**

It was disclosed that Mr. Sullivan had multiple private conversations with the district solicitor in December, January, and February without the knowledge or authorization of the board, superintendent, or administration. When questioned in a meeting on February 12, 2024, about the incurred fees for these conversations, Sullivan publicly refused to disclose any details to the board about his private conversations with the solicitor and insisted that he had "attorney-client privilege" that allowed him to keep the information secret from fellow board members.

This obligated the remainder of the board to develop and approve a new board policy in April of 2024, which was previously unnecessary, with Sullivan casting a dissenting vote against the passage of the new Solicitor Authorized Contact Policy.

In May of 2024, parents formally requested Mr. Sullivan to stop recording their children receiving awards at board meetings. In his email response to the Board, "If you feel there's a risk for students, then stop the student of the month event at our meetings", he further wrote, "Remember this is a meeting of School Board Directors and NOT a meeting of the public." Since then, Sullivan has maintained a YouTube page titled "Littlestown School District Exposed," which features video clips taken by Mr. Sullivan's body camera during and after board meetings, posted with titles and captions that disparage board members, administrators, and members of the public. Sullivan's YouTube page name, "Littlestown School District Exposed," underscores his contempt for the Littlestown Area School District, its Board, administration, staff, and students.

On June 17, 2024, at the regular school board meeting, Mr. Sullivan criticized the solicitor expenses incurred by the district due to Right-to-Know requests. Immediately following the meeting where these comments were made, Mr. Sullivan filed eight separate Right-to-Know Requests with the District Open Records Officer against district administrators and fellow board members. Mr. Sullivan consequently incurred approximately six thousand dollars of taxpayer funds not only by filing but appealing all eight Right-To-Know requests multiple times to the Office of Open Record in July of 2024, all of which were subsequently dismissed and ultimately denied by the Office of Open Records on August 19, 2024. The filings, appeals, and decisions are found on the PA Office of Open Records website.

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**WHEREAS**, the Adams County Republican Party (ACRC) seeks to hold elected officials accountable to the truth; and

**WHEREAS**, the ACRC feels that the Republicans of Littlestown School District and the County Party itself have been deceived; and

**WHEREAS**, the ACRC rebukes the actions taken by Director Sullivan in his position of trust and authority as a Littlestown Area School Board Member; and

**WHEREAS**, the ACRC does not support abuses of power or baseless, defamatory accusations; and

**WHEREAS**, the ACRC sees Director Sullivan's divisiveness as eroding the public trust in the Republican-led School Board and County Republican Party; and

**WHEREAS**, the ACRC believes that Director Sullivan's consistent actions against fellow Republicans is a growing pattern.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, FIRST,**

The ACRC condemns the actions of Director Duane Sullivan, which have been used to advance the cause of the Democratic Party in Adams County; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, SECOND,**

The ACRC formally censures Director Duane Sullivan for opposing County Republican Party principles and for his abuse of power and violation of public trust; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, LASTLY,**

The ACRC withdraws support for Director Duane Sullivan, a Republican Serving on the Littlestown Area School Board, for actions contributing to the erosion of public trust and ethical leadership.