PRESS RELEASE CORRECTION
WCSD CONTINUES TO AVOID TRANSPARENCY
RELEASES LAST BATCH OF EMAILS TO JEFF CHURCH

***Based on analysis of redacted documents, it now appears that the person selected was not the one being solicited to apply in the redacted emails released.**

Disturbing communications found. Lack of Transparency ongoing.

Jeff Church received his $40,126 reimbursement check from WCSD for litigation costs over a routine transparency matter. But it's not over.

In July 2023, two years ago, Church, then WCSD Trustee Requested the routine applications for all applicants for a school committee to aid him in his decision making process. WCSD refused.

After two years of litigation Church won and the applications were released with the final batch being received July 29, 2025.

"Two years of litigation to get routine documents is unacceptable" said Church. He pointed out that not only did WCSD pay him over $40,000 that could have been used for education but records reveal that the District spent almost $400,000 on the outside law firm of McDonald Carano that was involved in this matter and others (just through January 2025).
McDonald CARANO WILSON LLP 10 11 01/14/2025 $390,750.00
https://transparent.washoeschools.net/Reports.aspx?Report=Purchase%20Orders* (see addendum)

Once the documents were uncovered by court order, concern was raised about the fairness of the process. Emails review a series of back and forth with one applicant and the head coordinator where he solicits her application (and only her) followed by a private meeting over coffee! That said, as we try to interpret the redacted data, it appears that said individual was NOT selected .(a previously sent email may have suggested otherwise)

"Hi Paul,
I got to the HUB UNR campus a bit early. It looks like the name changed to Buzzed Coffee. I haven't been to this location in quite a while - so I wanted to give you a heads up about the name change.
See you soon!"

and

From: LaMarca, Paul
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2023 10:33 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Climate Standards

Great [redacted], and again no pressure but I think you could have a strong voice with this group. Just to forewarn you, there is a highly rigorous interview process...actually, you would just be interviewing with me and perhaps my counseling coordinator..

He also shared with her that there were three other applicants, info that others were not possibly privy to.

"Let's review" said Church, "He solicits her application, meets her for coffee, serves as the interviewer." While she was apparently not selected by the overall committee, it supports while such public business should be done in the public forum.

Church also questioned that there were no emails released once the selection was made. "No emails from him to anyone else June 28 to July 24th, hummm." Said Church

Then Church points out that the lack of transparency is ongoing. In the WCSD meeting of July 29, 2025, (Agenda items 2.24 to 2.26) WCSD again only released the names of those selected via backroom deliberations. "The other applications are still hidden from the public" Church said.

Church believes that while he filed under Nevada's Public Document Law, under Open Meeting Law, the full names and applications must be released.

> If the law were otherwise and did allow subcommittees to agree on recommendations outside of an open, public meeting, "public bodies would be encouraged to break up into little unofficial groups and do business in the shadows, stepping into the sunshine to perfunctorily approve what has already been decided, which would be completely contrary to the intent expressed in NRS 241.010 that public bodies take their actions and conduct their deliberations in the open." OMLO 98-03 (July 7, 1998).

"We are far from done." said Church. Many issues to be addressed.

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*How much was spent on Church's PDR matter is unknown.
*Difference in accounts unknown but other records for McDonald-Carano reflect:
2022: GENERAL COUNSEL 7/22/2022 9 $68,850.94
2023: + GENERAL COUNSEL 9/15/2023 8 $36,281.45
July 2024 to June 2025: + GENERAL COUNSEL 7/19/2024 15 $123,421.70
https://transparent.washoeschools.net/Reports.aspx?Report=Checks%20by%20Vendor
**No record that these legal services were ever put out to bid as I can find
McDONALD CARANO WILSON LLP 10 11 06/02/2025 363,675 $1.00 $363,675.00
https://transparent.washoeschools.net/Reports.aspx?Report=Purchase%20Orders
I suggest that WCSD be asked to explain the differences and why it was not put out to bid and how much of that was spent on the Church NRS239 matter. Likewise review if any WCSD Trustees were represented at no charge or otherwise, by McDonald Carano, 2021 to present.