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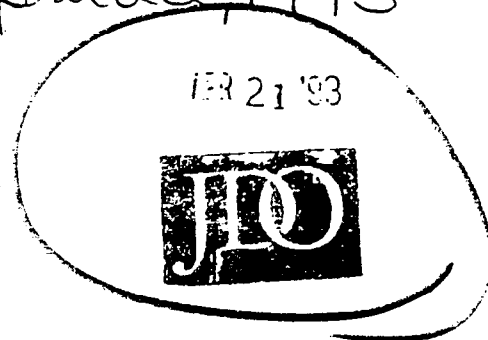
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Dear Publisher:

This is to respond to your Editorial of April 16, 1993. I have not at any time "made demands as school board treasurer in behalf of her husband," nor have I or do I "...disrupt meetings, abuse people and ignore rulings of the chair and wishes of a majority of...colleagues..." I deny that "...have lost sight of reasonable standards of conduct..." I want this community to know what has been going on under the direction of Mr. Darryl Jordan, President, Anchorage School Board, recently. On February 22, I was censured by an Anchorage School Board that had four new members who had been appointed and seated an average of about a month. The new members did not know our rules. One of our rules is that any vote of our Board requires that the issue be on our published agenda. I would add that I believe it is most important to follow the rules when the issue is the censure of a duly elected member, such as myself. The issue was brought up at about 11:45 P.M. and Mr. Jordan permitted the vote. I believe this vote and the other unfair votes against me of April 12 will be rescinded.

Those citizens that have watched our Anchorage School Board Meetings this spring know that I have at all times waited to be called on and followed reasonable decorum. At the end of our March 29, 1993 Meeting, Mr. Jordan called Executive Session at which Mr. Howard Trickey, attorney and lead counsel, Anchorage School District, handed out two letters about me. I had requested since February, 1993 specifically and at all times previously that per Open Meetings Act Chapter 62, Article 6 Sec. 44.62.310 :

"...(c) The following excepted subjects may be discussed in executive session...

(2) subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion..."

I have nothing to hide. I requested that the two issues that Mr. Trickey wrote about me be discussed in public and wanted to know from Mr. Jordan why he had adjourned our public meeting March 29. Rather than follow the law, Mr. Jordan went to Mr. Peter Blumberg, *Anchorage Daily News*, who reported on

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April 1, 1993 "School board may post guard in effort to quiet Obermeyer." This was not Anchorage School Board; this was Mr. Jordan individually. Mr. Jordan fallaciously told Mr. Blumberg that I had disrupted the March 29 Meeting. Mr. Jordan alone wanted to appoint a "Sergeant at Arms."

As I understand it, Mr. Bob Christal, Acting Superintendent, Anchorage School District, called Chief Kevin O'Leary, Chief of Police, on April 8 at the direction of Mr. Jordan. My understanding is that Mr. Christal told Chief O'Leary that I "...had disrupted School Board Meeting(s)." This is totally false and Mr. Jordan, Mr. Christal, and the other Anchorage School Board members know it. In response, Chief O'Leary recommended that Mr. Christal contact Purcell Security. When I arrived at Anchorage School Board Meeting on April 12, Mr. Jordan and Mr. Christal had hired five Purcell Security personnel. Mr. Larry Nelson, Chief of Security at Purcell and former Alaska District Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, 1982-86, supervised the security that evening at the School Board Meeting.

This outrageous demonstration of armed force and unbridled power was aimed solely at trying to intimidate a public official in a public forum from speaking up for her constituents without fear of reprisal under the Open Meetings Law. It should be investigated by the media, if for no other reason than to determine how much it cost ASD and whether this unneeded and extraordinary expense will be incurred again in continuation of our Board Meeting on April 22. I do not believe that the School Board President and Acting Superintendent have authority to take unilateral action in this matter without any basis in fact and without majority vote of the School Board at a prior meeting. The entire security issue was fabricated to discredit me before the results of Mr. Jordan's April 20 election. Even though Mr. Jordan was not reelected, I can expect Mr. Jordan to continue badgering me with unfounded censure issues, as there are collateral forces at work to maintain the status quo and keep the truth from surfacing.

Mr. Jordan singularly put on Anchorage School Board agenda for April 12 "Appointment - Sergeant at Arms" and six censure issues which were not discussed at our agenda setting meeting April 8 but were published in *Anchorage Daily News* on Anchorage School Board Agenda on Sunday, April 11. My understanding is that Mr. Christal asked Mr. Trickey to write the six censure issues which I saw in my School Board packet for the first time on April 9. Mr. Jordan and Mr. Christal have no right to usurp the authority of Anchorage School Board. Additionally, it is not within Mr. Trickey's duties as counsel to write these censure issues without authorization and full concurrence of the entire Anchorage School Board. Mr. Trickey had not been asked by the full Board to write these censure issues against me. I fault Mr. Trickey greatly in that the result could be expenditure of a large amount of legal fees between Mr. Jordan and me. Both Mr. Trickey and Mr. Christal work for the entire Board, not Mr. Jordan individually. I have been libeled, slandered and placed in a false light.

To show how seriously my credibility is being undermined, Mr. Christal was quoted in *Anchorage Daily News* on April 8, 1993 E-2 as follows:

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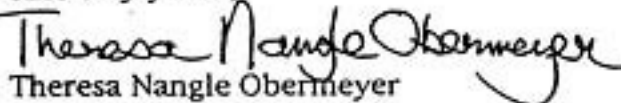
"... Q: What do you think the school board will do about Theresa Obermeyer?

Christal: I can't really do anything about it, but I think the school board will talk to her about what's been going on in the media lately. As of April 2, the board has no specific person in mind to fill her spot but the elected board does have laws on how to fill an empty seat, so they'll have no problem deciding on what to do..."

I hope you now see that I have followed the letter and intent of the Open Meetings Law which was designed specifically to prevent muffling the dissenting voice of public inquiry into government actions. Those of us that care about our children's education and good example are appalled at the antics of Mr. Jordan and Mr. Christal under the guise of public education. I believe the first order of business of the duly elected new Anchorage School Board members after the swearing in around May 10 will be the interview process for hiring a permanent superintendent.

If at any time, citizens would like to talk these issues over with me, please give me a call.

Sincerely yours,


Theresa Nangle Obermeyer

cc: Mr. Jordan
Ms. Richards
Ms. Ossiander
Ms. Robinson-Wilson
Ms. Ballow
Mr. Arlington
Mr. Marks
Ms. Higgins
Ms. Ferrell
Chief O'Leary
Mr. Nelson
Mr. Christal

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March 27, 1995

Debbie Ossiander, President
and Anchorage School Board
c/o Mr. Bob Christal, Superintendent
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RE: Testimony this Evening

Dear Debbie and School Board Members:

Please list my name under non-agenda items as:
"Misappropriation of \$315,551 by Mr. Bob Christal paid without prior
authorization by the majority of Anchorage School Board to discredit Theresa
Nangle Obermeyer during her term on Anchorage School Board." The amounts
are sequentially as follows:

1. \$10,000 to Purcell Services to hire security in April, 1993 when I merely
asked that Open Meetings Law be followed;
2. \$5,551 bill dated May 19, 1993 from Howard Trickey to write removal from
office issues;
3. \$150,000 to Cash, Barner, and Usher and \$150,000 to Jon Kumin on April 25,
1994 at which time I allege bribery occurred.

As I have discussed with you previously, any response that Mr. Christal might
have at this late date is untimely but I request that these issues be placed on
the published agenda for a public response by Mr. Christal immediately.

Sincerely yours,



Theresa Nangle Obermeyer
cc: Anchorage Assembly
Mayor Mystrom

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ASD Memorandum #356 – Appointment Of Military Delegate

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the appointment of Lt Col Patrick Butler (Resume Attached) as the military delegate to the School Board.

ACTION:

Moved by Kathi Gillespie to approve Memorandum #356.
seconded by Bettye Davis

Bob Christal explained that the District was notified that Lt Col Patrick Butler will be the new military delegate to the School Board and will be on board in August.

Theresa Obermeyer commented that the credentials of the new military delegate look wonderful and that the military presence in Alaska is very important and appreciated. Dr. Obermeyer recalled walking out of a Board meeting with a representative from BP after the BP Teachers of Excellence awards were presented after she was thrown off the School Board because of the Superintendent's bribery and all the other stuff.

Peggy Robinson called Theresa Obermeyer out of order.

Debbie Ossiander reminded the Board of a letter that was sent to Theresa Obermeyer stating that if personal attacks continue upon the Superintendent that Dr. Obermeyer would not be allowed to speak at Board meetings. Ms. Ossiander stated that she just heard a personal, unsubstantiated attack made upon the Superintendent and Ms. Ossiander asked the Board, in light of this specific statement that was against the letter of January 13, 1998, that the speaker be barred from any further testimony at tonight's Board meeting.

ACTION:

Moved by Rita Holthouse that Theresa Obermeyer be
seconded by Kathi Gillespie barred from any further
testimony at tonight's
Board meeting.

VOTE:

Ayes: Drummond, Ossiander, Werdal,
Robinson, Gillespie, Holthouse, Davis

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED.

ASD Memorandum #351 – Acceptance Of Grant Award: Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to accept a Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration Program grant from the Alaska Department of Education

Meghan Hackett explained that one of the major goals next year will be in the area of improved test scores.

Carol Comeau noted that she will communicate to all the charter schools about the need to meet the requirements of the qualifying tests and the benchmark exams.

Debbie Ossiander expressed interest in having the information contained in the charter schools' annual report put together in a more standard format.

Fred Stofflet responded that a standard format could be put together and noted that the charter schools will also be included in the annual Profiles of Performance document.

Kathi Gillespie noted that she would like to see a standardized format for the annual reports of the charter schools and to also have specific areas designated for students to take the required tests.

I. PERSONS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

J. COMMUNICATIONS & SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

ACTION:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander	that Theresa Obermeyer be
seconded by Harriet Drummond	barred from speaking in front of
	the Board for a period of one
	year.

Debbie Ossiander brought to the Board's attention a letter to Theresa Obermeyer dated January 13, 1998 which stated that if Dr. Obermeyer is gavelled out of order again because of inappropriate comments and disruptions to Board meetings, that Ms. Ossiander would ask the Board to revoke Dr. Obermeyer's right to speak before the Board.

Betty Davis inquired if this issue could be discussed in closed session.

Rita Holthouse called the question.

VOTE:

Ayes: Drummond, Ossiander, Robinson,
Gillespie, Holthouse, Davis

Nays: Werdal

MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION PASSED.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:

Ayes: Drummond, Ossiander, Gillespie,
Holthouse.

Nays: Werdal, Robinson, Davis

MOTION PASSED.