

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Writer encourages 'no' vote

To the editor:

The Kiel Area School District (KASD) recently released many public records implicating the political activist leader of "Best for Kids in KASD," Mr. Shane Konen. 2,386 pages of records were released, a pile over six inches high!

What's Konen up to behind the scenes at KASD? In one email Konen asks Board Clerk Stuart Long if he would share password protected documents from his taxpayer funded membership in WASB (Wisconsin Association of School Boards). WASB confirmed their password secured documents are restricted to authorized personnel only.

Did Stuart respond that he would never even consider such a blatantly unethical if not illegal act?

No, Stuart Long expressed no reservations whatsoever when he emailed the confidential member's only proprietary document to Konen titled "Removal and Recall of School Board Members and Officers."

This all happened shortly after the majority of KASD voters ousted Konen's candidates in 2022, which state records show he wasted \$9,000 on. There was hell to pay!

Ultimately the vindictive duo launched an even more devious plan. Another email shows School Board member Stuart Long coached and strategized with Konen to file formal complaints against all four duly elected School Board members they targeted. Does Stuart show respect for the voice of the voting majority in Kiel?

Their frivolous complaints went absolutely nowhere because their evidence was purely imaginary. The relentless harassment inherent in their process was the real goal.

Sadly, several of the newly

released emails confirm that the highest levels of the KASD administration were also in on the whole sordid affair, providing Konen with numerous unsolicited updates on the progress of his bogus complaints. It was clearly a team effort.

The referenced emails are posted at www.TCCwi.org as well as public records of the proven pornography, CRT and DEI in our district.

Will the corruption in the 2,386 pages be investigated by the other School Board members, all of whom are endorsed by Konen's political organization? Or will they only speak to us about how they want our \$24 million (\$37M with interest) as a down payment to start repairing the neglect of our school buildings?

Yes, all our schools need work, but there is no hurry other than the mold that has been ignored in the Middle School for countless years.

What if we take a year so KASD can develop a realistic financial model that proves they can keep the doors open without going belly up in debt in 50 years? And shouldn't we hire an owner's representative that knows how to leverage our millions to save millions?

Then let's verify the team's ability to deliver measurable results with a \$2 million or \$3 million referendum first step. Remember, they recently were \$254k over budget on a simple \$600k playground.

Why not take the time to do this right, for the sake of future generations?

Vote "No" on this latest hurried KASD referendum pipe dream.

Vote "No" on Stuart Long. Consider it his performance review.

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