

Respondent Names
Yakima School District, School board members Martha Rice & Norm Walker
Complainant Name
Kenton Gartrell
Complaint Description
<p><u>Kenton Gartrell</u> reported via the portal (<i>Wed, 16 Jun 2021 at 6:05 PM</i>)</p> <p>According to the PDC, “ No elective official nor any employee of his or her office nor any person appointed to or employed by any public office or agency may use or authorize the use of any of the facilities of a public office or agency, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of assisting a campaign for election of any person to any office or for the promotion of or opposition to any ballot proposition. Facilities of a public office or agency include, but are not limited to, use of stationery, postage, machines, and equipment, use of employees of the office or agency during working hours, vehicles, office space, publications of the office or agency, and clientele lists of persons served by the office or agency. However, this does not apply to the following activities: (1) Action taken at an open public meeting by members of an elected legislative body or by an elected board, council, or commission of a special purpose district including, but not limited to, fire districts, public hospital districts, library districts, park districts, port districts, public utility districts, school districts, sewer districts, and water districts, to express a collective decision, or to actually vote upon a motion, proposal, resolution, order, or ordinance, or to support or oppose a ballot proposition so long as (a) any required notice of the meeting includes the title and number of the ballot proposition, and (b) members of the legislative body, members of the board, council, or commission of the special purpose district, or members of the public are afforded an approximately equal opportunity for the expression of an opposing view; (2) A statement by an elected official in support of or in opposition to any ballot proposition at an open press conference or in response to a specific inquiry; (3) Activities which are part of the normal and regular conduct of the office or agency. (4) This section does not apply to any person who is a state officer or state employee as defined in RCW 42.52.010.” As you can see with the attachments. The Yakima School board committed 2 actions which were witness by a Sunnyside School board member who as personal endorsed me. They have taken it upon themselves to use their official titles, using their official emails, as well as coordinated with 3 board members one being an appointment by them to the school board that is running as an incumbent to try and pressure my endorsement to withdraw. Not only would 3 board members consist of a quorum which is also a violation to coordinate on such level together on the school board, but the rules specifically state that using of school facilities or resources are strictly prohibited. Martha Rice called my endorsee shortly after I had emailed the school superintended requesting answers and public records as Norm Walker in coordination with the other board members clearly used his school official email to initiate campaign/political contact to bully an endorsee to withdraw. Not only did that happen but in the same instance produced written libel and Slander in near the same communication. The usage of school resources to aid my opponent is very clear. As an email was again used by a school board source for the district, and an email was than transferred from the superintendent to Martha Rice which than resulted in a phone call received by the Sunnyside School board member Michelle Perry. This was a pure attempt at voter manipulation, harassment of an endorsement, and utilizing school board positions and resources to slander and libel my campaign to aid theirs.</p> <p>C196058D-382C-44D8-975E-B4056F13E094.png 486.5 KB</p> <p>CBDECD1B-CCD2-4C70-AF94-053DE2A65C9F.jpeg 340.5 KB</p> <p>2DC9FF78-2A2A-4E81-958C-9AB9BE6DB6DD.jpeg</p>

What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?

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List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found

Michelle Perry Sunnyside School board member.

Martha Rice Emails and School board contact.

Norm Walker School Board email

Superintendent Greene Yakima School District

Email: villanueva.graciela@ysd7.org

Graciela Villanueva

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

Michelle Perry and entire school board and superintendents.

Certification (Complainant)

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that information provided with this complaint is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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me 11:42 AM

to anderson.barbara, greene.trevor@ys... ▾

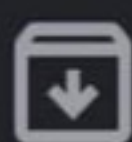
Barbara,

I have also CC'd the superintendent. I have attached two pictures of a current school board member utilizing a school resource and email of the school facility to conduct political business which is a legal matter outside of the unprofessionalism and ethics of it.

I wish to make a public record request of his emails to and from going back the past 3 months. Could you give me instruction on how to do this with the school system.

I will also be emailing him directly asking for his immediate resignation for utilizing school resources and breaking Washington state law as a board member and discriminating against my person as we have never met each other and he has chosen to go this far. Unlike last time I ran, I do not turn the cheek to democrats bullshit and games as he is trying to do and this now becomes a legal matter.

Would I be safe to assume the school district does not support the use of its facilities in any capacity to be used for political campaigning? And might need to address his conduct to distance themselves?



KG



Inbox

**Norm Walker** Jun 15

to me ▾

Please read this article regarding the person you have endorsed for YSD board. Sounds like a person with alcohol and women problems. Do you really want to help replace an outstanding board member with someone with his background and lack of education experience?

Norm Walker

https://www.yakimaherald.com/news/elections/yakima-city-council-candidate-kenton-gartrell-found-himself-in-hot-water-on-primary-election-night/article_78821452-9755-5a53-a616-9a57da952617.html

Shared via the [Google app](#)

Sent from my iPhone

Thanks, I'll
check it out.

Yes, I do.

No, I don't.

← Reply

→ Forward

10:07

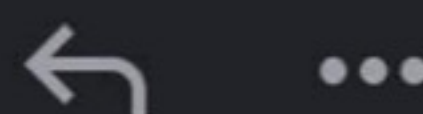


endorsement of Kenton

Gartrell  Inbox    



Walker, Norman Jun 15
to me ^



From Walker, Norman
walker.norman@ysd7.org

To Michelle Perry
michelle.perry@sunnysideschools.org

Date Jun 15, 2021, 9:02 PM



Standard encryption (TLS)
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Hi Michelle:

Kenton Gartrell lists you as endorsing his candidacy for YSDBoard Position 2. Please give me a call at your convenience at 509-731-9742. I have concerns.

Norm Walker
USD Board of Directors

I will call
you today.

Will do,
thank you.

Will do.

← Reply

→ Forward

Available add-ons: