

Subject: Battle Ground Citizens For Better Schools (CFBS)

Description:

On Wednesday, February 8th, I received an email from the Washington Public Disclosure Commission that a complaint had been filed by Mr. Dick Rylander for alleged violations to RCW 42.17A.

On Thursday morning at 8:40 AM, I contacted Mr. Lord Bishop at the PDC to address this issue. In the course of our conversation, there were several questions I asked that he was not able to answer and advised me he was passing my contact information on to Kurt Young. When I did not hear back from Mr. Young Thursday, I left several phone messages for Mr. Young on Friday.

On Monday morning, Mr. Young phoned me back. With his help, there were several issues that were identified and needed to be corrected:

- When the C1PC (confirmation #100741917) was filed on 1-16-17, it was incorrectly designated as a "continuing" committee rather than a "special ballot election" committee. Because of this error, the special election calendar that would have advised of the 21-day & 7-day reporting periods was not generated. A C-4 (confirmation #100747375) for the expenditures from 1-1 to 1-31-17 was posted on 2-8-17.
- The Citizens For Better Schools receives monthly contributions from payroll deductions from school district employees. The January C-3 for these donations have not been entered at this time. The January contributions had 53 employees who donated to the CFBS. The individual who is entering the PDC reports had attempted to enter C-3 information but was unable to export the names/addresses from 2016 to 2017. She had emailed to the PDC asking for help in how to do this without having to re-enter all those names/addresses again. At the time of my conversation with Mr. Young yesterday, she had not heard back from the PDC.

To satisfy PDC reporting requirements, these corrections/amendments will be made:

- An amended C1PC will be filed, with the Citizens For Better Schools as a "special ballot election" committee. As per my conversation with Mr. Young, 2 C-4s will be filed to comply with the 21-day and 7-day reporting periods. There will also be additional expenditures noted as orders placed. There will be an "order placed" to Print Results for \$3,736.32 for postcards that were mailed out to registered voters around January 16th. The actual invoice was not received until February 8th and has been paid. Also, there will be an "order placed" for 100 yard signs to Tom Edwards at Yard Signs Dot Biz on February 8th. The signs were delivered on the 12th and a check was issued for \$280. Although these signs were not used for the after-work sign waving activities that were scheduled for Monday afternoon, Mr.

Young suggested that this expenditure be noted on the amended C-4s as well. The actual expenditures will be noted on the C-4 due by March 10th.

- The January 2017 C-3 filing for the BGSD employees contributions will be filed. As far as the January donation amount was \$468. Also, there were 3 individuals who made donations over \$20: Mark Hottowe-\$25, Scott McDaniel-\$30, Teresa Taylor-\$30. The other donations range from \$3 to \$20.

Linda Gellings, the volunteer who has been entering the reports, made contact with Chip Beatty on February 14th, to work on the technical issues. Mr. Beatty had Mrs. Gellings send him the file and he is in the process of crediting a customized reporting period schedule for the CFBS committee. Mrs. Gellings is a district employee, and contacting the PDC during its hours and during her non-working hours to receive help or ask questions, has caused some delays in correcting issues. But since making contact with Mr. Beatty, it looks like the process has started.

The Battle Ground Citizens For Better Schools committee is supported by volunteers. The majority of them have full time jobs and I am an involved committee member. Mrs. Gelling had never done PDC filings before, and from what I have experienced, the ORCA system can be somewhat challenging to navigate. The Battle Ground School District ran a bond on the November 8, 2016 ballot and then this levy on February 14th. It has been challenge for the volunteers with the short turn around between elections, along with the Thanksgiving & Christmas holidays and the crazy winter weather we have been experiencing in SW Washington. This complaint has been taken very seriously and all efforts will be made to make the necessary corrections/amendments to comply with the PDC reporting requirements. Thank you to Mr. Bishop, Mr. Young, and Mr. Beatty for their assistance in helping resolve this matter. It would be greatly appreciated to hear back from the Public Disclosure Commission on this complaint issue and if more information is required.

Thank you,
Sue Cranke