

Dear Fellow Katy ISD Trustees,

I know that you all realize that I feel that there is a conflict caused by Ashley Vann. I also know that this conflict was discussed in closed meeting, without me. I would like you all to know my side of this issue.

I wanted to resolve this with Ashley, apart from the board and Dr. Hindt. I had tried with Courtney and Ashley multiple times to arrange for a meeting with just the three of us. Ashley refused to meet with me without Dr. Hindt. I did not understand why she was so insistent on his presence. He did nothing wrong. As you will read later, Ashley is the only one that caused this conflict. The last two offerings of meetings were to include not only Dr. Hindt, but also Justin Graham.

There have been two disturbing conversations with Ashley that were practically the same, but held at two different times. The first occurred before I was a board member, and the second, after I was a board member.

The first conversation occurred on Thursday, March 22, 2018, when I was a candidate running for Katy ISD School Board. Ashley called me and asked what my relationship was with a particular community member that had recently come into the spotlight and was seen to be a very negative person. I explained that this person lived across the street with his parents for the first few years of the ten or eleven years that his parents lived there. His parents had moved about three years earlier, and their son, had not lived there in over ten years. Ashley asked me why this person was friends with me on FaceBook. I told her I didn't realize this, and was grateful that she told me. Ashley then asked me why I was listed [REDACTED]

██████████. Ashley knew the grade level of this student and the campus that she attended. I told Ashley that I knew that there was a ██████████ in the grade that she mentioned, but I didn't know the ██████████ name and did not know that she even lived in Katy still. I hadn't seen the ██████████ in over ten years. I told her I was concerned if I truly was ██████████ because I wouldn't even know what this girl looked like any more, and did not even know her name. I asked Ashley how she received this information. Ashley replied that she had her ways. I was disturbed by this conversation and shared it with the six members of my campaign team. As a citizen, I thought that maybe the President of the School Board was privy to the school records of the District's students. So, my campaign team and I decided that we should move on with the campaign, and hoped that this would not be brought up again. I did not want to be associated with this community member. I was very worried that if word got out that I was on his ██████████ student record ██████████ my campaign would be hindered. This information plagued me during my entire campaign. I was worried that Ashley would use this information against me.

On June 14, 2018, after I was elected, and while attending TASB training, Ashley once again confronted me with the question of why I was the ██████████ on this person's ██████████. I once again explained to her that I did not know I was ██████████ and had not been in contact with the ██████████ family for over ten years. I was shocked that she would bring this up again. I asked her how she was aware of this information. She once again stated that she had her ways.

Following this conversation, I began researching the TASB resources that I had become aware of during my TASB training. I realized that it was inappropriate for a School Board Trustee to share student information with another member of the community, especially during an election, and use student records to intimidate a school board candidate.

As I studied more and served more, I became increasingly aware of how severe the release of student information by a public official to a candidate during a campaign was. When the offered meetings began to include Katy ISD's attorney, this increased my awareness of the severity of these actions.

I am hoping with this email that you will realize that I truly wanted to work things out with Ashley. I want to do what is right and just for all of the community members of Katy ISD, and this includes protecting information on students records. Hopefully, this will not occur again.

Thank you for your time.

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Katy ISD Trustee