



Follow up

Wed, Feb 9, 2022 at 4:22 PM

To: "Sherman, Michele" <msherman@ccboe.net>

Cc: "Flynt, Steven" <steven.flynt@ccboe.net>, "Meyer, LeeAnn" <leeann.meyer@ccboe.net>

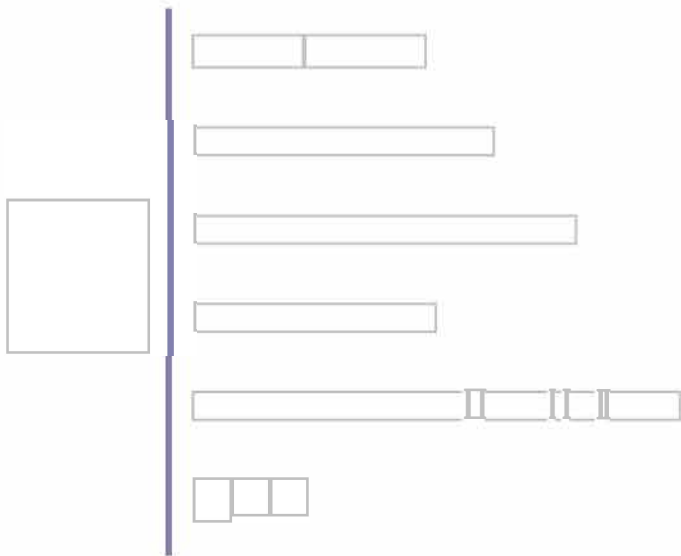
Ms. Sherman,

Thank you for confirming our conversation.

Sincerely,

On Wed, Feb 9, 2022, 4:06 PM Sherman, Michele <msherman@ccboe.net> wrote:

I do not. As I said I answered these same questions last night. At this time, we are working hard to ensure we have excellent procedures in place to offer the best educational opportunities to our students. Have a good evening.



From:

Sent: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 3:14 PM

To: Sherman, Michele <msherman@ccboe.net>

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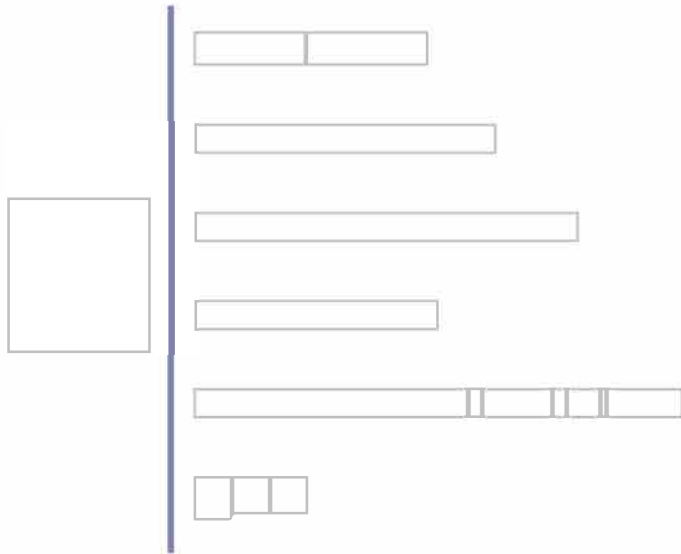
Ms. Sherman,

In the spirit of transparency, I want to let you know that I will be sharing your response with community members who have the same questions. Do you wish to add anything to it?

Sincerely,

On Wed, Feb 9, 2022, 3:00 PM Sherman, Michele <msherman@ccboe.net> wrote:

I spent time with you answering these questions last night. We continue to work through concerns presented by our community.



From:
Sent: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 1:40 PM
To: Sherman, Michele <msherman@ccboe.net>
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Ms. Sherman,

I wanted to follow up on our conversation last night to ensure I understood everything correctly. Additionally, I have questions I would please like to have answered:

-The administrators removed all obscene books from all school libraries this week found on the Refocus on Education PDF provided during the meeting on Monday, January 31st.

- One book was unable to be retrieved and the school district is unable to see who the book is checked out to.

- There is no comprehensive list of the books that were removed other than a handwritten list in your possession last night.

- No one in the community was made aware that books were removed.

- No one knows why the books remained visible in the public database

- Administrators published a policy for reviewing obscene materials on January 4th. This policy took 8 months to write due to navigating the process and incorporating community input.

- This policy requires a board of parents, teachers, and community members to review content and make the decision. Board members have not been found yet and board member names will not be disclosed.

- This policy is separate from the media challenge process initiated by parents at the school level

Please confirm that I have understood you correctly, and please provide specific corrections if I have not.

My questions are:

- How was it communicated to staff to remove the library books?

- Who physically removed the books? How did the district verify that the books were removed? Where are the books physically located now?

- What list was provided to them, if the only list in existence is the handwritten one you had in possession last night?

- Why is the school unable to see who had a book checked out? How are late fees and return notices issued if the school library system has no record of who checks out books?

- Why did it take 8 months to write and publish this new policy, when templates were provided to you and other policies are put into effect within weeks of being introduced? For example, changes to limit public comments to only once per month were enacted within one month, and I don't recall community input towards making half the board meetings "working meetings."

- When was this new policy brought to the board for discussion?

- When was this policy brought to the community for input, and how was the community notified? Please provide a copy of this notification.

- Is the book To Kill A Mockingbird currently under review of any kind? If so, was this review initiated by a parent or administrator?

- What date did this review formally begin? Did it go through the school-level review process since there is not currently a board created for the new obscenity specific process?

- In what school did this review begin?

Thank you for your time, I look forward to your responses soon. As this discussion has become public, I appreciate your timeliness and detail in attending to this quickly.

Sincerely,

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