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Subject: letter to the SB

Hi Wendy can you sent this to the school board? Thanks!

Anne Eiseman

To the Oyster River Cooperative School District School Board:

I am shocked and dismayed at the news announced at the last board meeting. Mr. Colter had strong support among teachers, students and community members. As with the principal search, we will wait, probably in vain, for you to enlighten us on the reasons for the buyout of his contract.

One theory is that the buyout is the result of "not getting along". I would be horrified to think that you are spending hundreds of thousands of our tax dollars because you can't be grownups and work with someone you don't like.

A more plausible theory is that the buyout is the result of a disagreement in philosophy. Spending the last year of Mr. Colter's contract discussing the philosophy important to the entire community, not just the school board, would have been time better spent and would have saved the district hundreds of thousands of dollars. A perfect example would have been spending that time fleshing out the Strategic Plan on which so many volunteers spent so much time.

If you do come forward with reasons for the buyout; reasons for possible meetings with interim candidates on the sly; reasons for not listening to the community you purport to serve, how can we believe you? Ms O'Quinn asked in the last board meeting that we move forward and have respectful conversations. It is not possible to have any conversation when the board refuses to give us information needed to even initiate a meaningful dialogue. Every one of you ran for office on platforms of fiscal responsibility, open communication and transparency. Your actions over the last few months are evidence that ALMOST every one of you misrepresented your intentions in that regard.

I urge you to consider what you are doing to this community. I urge you to move forward with the Strategic Plan. I urge you to listen to the students, the teachers and the hundreds of community members who are concerned and want answers.

If you don't, March can't come soon enough.

Anne Eiseman

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