

STATEMENT FOR 3/28/23 BOARD MEETING

The Board wishes to inform the community about what many of us believe is a needless waste of taxpayer dollars. Since January 2023, a community member by the name of Lenny Thor has filed multiple ethics complaints with the New Jersey School Ethics Commission against several board members regarding a variety of issues he has with the way some of the board members have voted, comments made on social media and comments made at Board meetings.

Additionally, he is complaining of only one Board member's previous affiliation with a non for profit parent support group in the community.

By law, the Board is required to reimburse these Board members for their legal fees and costs in defending against these charges. We believe that this money would be much better spent on the students of Marlboro rather than being wasted on frivolous litigation costs. We also wanted to share that Mr. Thor has additionally filed a complaint with the New Jersey Government Records Council because he was denied certain records under the Open Public Records Act. Again, this will cost the Board legal fees to defend. Given the Board's serious fiscal constraints and budgetary limitations, we find it incredibly unfortunate that any taxpayer dollars are being spent on matters that do not directly impact our student body in a positive way. We can only surmise that these ethics charges are politically motivated and based on Mr. Thor's dissatisfaction with the outcome of the November election. If so, we find that quite disgraceful. Our students and our taxpayers deserve better.