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Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 12:54 AM
To: Whalen, Kathryn
Cc: Stephen J. Edelstein; Kulick, Weston J.; Gagliardi, Vito A.; Rickershauser, Jennifer I.
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Zywicki v. Zeier_letter to Kathryn Whalen (Notice of Appearance & Request for Extension to Respond to Complaint)
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Director Whalen:

Correspondence regarding the above referenced matter is attached.

Respectfully,
Rich Bauch

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December 6, 2022

VIA EMAIL

Kathryn A. Whalen, Esq.
Director, School Ethics Commission
Department of Education
P.O. Box 500
Trenton, NJ 07625-0500

Re: *Robert Zywicki v. Christopher Zeier*
Docket #C111-22
(NOTICE OF APPEARANCE & REQUEST FOR EXTENSION TO RESPOND TO COMPLAINT)

Dear Director Whalen:

The undersigned counsel was retained today to represent Respondent, Christopher Zeier, in the above referenced matter before the School Ethics Commission. Please accept this correspondence in lieu of a formal Notice of Appearance. Given my recent entry into this matter, I am requesting a two-week extension of time to respond to the Complaint. Taking the holidays into account, Respondent's response will be due on or before December 27, 2022. Please note that I have spoken with the Complainant's counsel, Stephen J. Edelstein, Esq., who has consented to this request for extension.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your courtesies.

Respectfully yours,



Richard H. Bauch

RHB:bms

cc: Stephen J. Edelstein, Esq.
Weston J. Kulick, Esq.
Christopher Zeier
(BOTH VIA EMAIL ONLY)

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From: Anderson, Kyle <Kyle.Anderson@doe.nj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2022 4:44 PM
To: Chari Chanley; Hudson, Debbie
Cc: Reeshemah Zielinski; Gagliardi, Vito A.
Subject: RE: [External Email]Oaktree-Applegarth PTA Resignations - Investigation request

Good Afternoon Ms. Chanley,

I understand your wish to discuss this issue. I am in the office tomorrow and available before 10AM and after 11:30AM, feel free to give me a call.

Sincerely,

Kyle M. Anderson
Interim Executive County Superintendent

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From: Chari Chanley <Chari.Chanley@Monroe.K12.NJ.US>
Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2022 12:43 PM
To: Anderson, Kyle <Kyle.Anderson@doe.nj.gov>; Hudson, Debbie <Debbie.Hudson@doe.nj.gov>
Cc: Reeshemah Zielinski <Reeshemah.Zielinski@Monroe.K12.NJ.US>; Gagliardi, Vito A. <VAGagliardi@pbnlaw.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: [External Email]Oaktree-Applegarth PTA Resignations - Investigation request

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Good Afternoon Sir,

I hope this email finds you well. Please note I welcome an opportunity to speak with you at your earliest convenience, as I am saddened by this continued fabrication of lies to discredit me.

I am available at your pleasure.

All my best,
Chari Chanley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2022 12:02 PM
To: Adam Layman <Adam.Layman@Monroe.K12.NJ.US>; Chari Chanley <Chari.Chanley@Monroe.K12.NJ.US>; Patricia Dinsmore <Patricia.Dinsmore@monroe.k12.nj.us>; Chrissy Skurbe <Chrissy.Skurbe@monroe.k12.nj.us>; Karen Bierman <Karen.Bierman@monroe.k12.nj.us>; Michele Arminio <Michele.Arminio@Monroe.K12.NJ.US>; Kathleen Belko <Kathleen.Belko@monroe.k12.nj.us>; Gazala Bohra <Gazala.Bohra@monroe.k12.nj.us>; Ken Chiarella <Ken.Chiarella@monroe.k12.nj.us>; Katie Fabiano <Katie.Fabiano@monroe.k12.nj.us>; Adi Nikitinsky <Adi.Nikitinsky@monroe.k12.nj.us>; Kate Rattner <Kate.Rattner@monroe.k12.nj.us>; Michelle Scott <Michelle.Scott@monroe.k12.nj.us>
Cc: kyle.anderson@doe.nj.gov; angelica.allen-mcmillan@doe.nj.gov
Subject: [External Email]Oaktree-Applegarth PTA Resignations - Investigation request

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Monroe Township IT Department

To whom it may concern: I am a parent who has a concern about Oaktree-Applegarth PTA. I recently learned that many of the PTA officers resigned on Friday, leaving our organization in dire straits once again. Over the weekend, word spread quickly that Superintendent of Schools Chari Chanley and Chrissy Skurbe—who is on the Education Board in Monroe—were bullying and harassing the moms who resigned. We were told that the resignations sent to Ms. Dinsmore clearly articulate what has occurred, as do the letters sent to the state. One member who resigned is also a district teacher who has expressed concerns.

It is imperative that an investigation immediately be conducted into any harassment and intimidation that has taken place surrounding the PTA organization. It is not normal for dedicated moms to all resign at once with such major concerns. Many of us parents have heard that illegal practices may have also taken place and we request state or investigative bodies get involved to investigate these allegations. Parents and students of Monroe should not never be subjected to this type of behavior and no employee or member of board should be at the forefront of such allegations.

We respectfully request that these concerns raised by students and parents be addressed. A proper investigation must be initiated, and any retaliation by members of this school district must be met with action.

Thank you.

Larkins, Jeannette

From: Anderson, Kyle <Kyle.Anderson@doe.nj.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 6, 2023 9:08 AM
To: Monroe Parents; Allen-McMillan, Angelica COMMISSIONER
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Monroe Referendum: Please Respond

Hello,

Thank you for contacting the county office. Regarding the referendum application there are no updates to speak of at this moment. The school district will be contacted directly as soon as the status changes.

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From: Monroe Parents [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 5, 2023 5:37 PM
To: Anderson, Kyle <Kyle.Anderson@doe.nj.gov>; Allen-McMillan, Angelica COMMISSIONER <Angelica.Allen-McMillan@doe.nj.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Monroe Referendum: Please Respond

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Hello,

Following up on the request below. Thank you.

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----- Original Message -----

On Wednesday, January 4th, 2023 at 1:52 AM, Monroe Parents [REDACTED] wrote:

Mr. Anderson and Ms. Allen-McMillan,

Can you please provide an update on the Monroe referendum application status? Many of us have asked about this for months to be told we are in the "queue", however I can't imagine approval of an application taking several months without any movements or updates at all. If what Ms. Chanley and Ms. Skurbe say is true, there must be a problem at the DOE.

To clarify, as we have been told always "to handle things at the local issue", please note this information has been requested at public meetings and in emails but the superintendent and board president refuse to update the public with the exception of "the queue".

Thank you.