

Date : 4/22/2025 8:53:31 PM
From : "Jacqueline Elmo" jelmo@wallkillvrhs.org
To : "Andrew B. Brown" abrown@sh-law.com
Subject : Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] anonymous letter

Hello!



Jacqueline Elmo
BOE President
Wallkill Valley RHS



On Tue, Apr 22, 2025, 3:10 PM Jacqueline Elmo <jelmo@wallkillvrhs.org> wrote:



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On Tue, Apr 22, 2025, 10:35 AM Andrew B. Brown <abrown@sh-law.com> wrote:
Jacqueline,



Andy

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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From: Jacqueline Elmo <jelmo@wallkillvrhs.org>
Date: 4/21/25 11:13 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Andrew B. Brown" <abrown@sh-law.com>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] anonymous letter



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BOE President
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On Mon, Apr 21, 2025, 5:35 PM Andrew B. Brown <abrown@sh-law.com> wrote:

[REDACTED]

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Date: 4/21/25 5:23 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: "Andrew B. Brown" <abrown@sh-law.com>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] anonymous letter

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hello Andy!

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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On Mon, Apr 21, 2025, 3:45 PM Andrew B. Brown <abrown@sh-law.com> wrote:

Jacqueline,

I hope you had a great holiday.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Please let me know if you'd like to discuss further.

Andy

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Date : 4/29/2025 1:30:23 PM

From : "Jacqueline Elmo" jelmo@wallkillvrhs.org

To : "undisclosed-recipients:" undisclosed-recipients:

BCc : "Thomas Kabatra" , "Traci Dressner" , "Gina DeSino" , "Cynthia Rock" , "Michael Davina" , "Robert Carlson" ,
"Virginia Jones" , "Ralph Bonard" , "Andrew B. Brown"

Subject : Tonight's training canceled

Hello.

I just received a call from Kathy, an emergency came up and she has to cancel for tonight.
She is going to reach out to me later in the week, latest Monday depending on her situation, to reschedule.

Thanks for understanding.

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Date : 5/14/2025 12:48:40 PM

From : "Jacqueline Elmo" jelmo@wallkillvrhs.org

To : "David Carr" dcarr@wallkillvrhs.org, "Joseph Hurley" bdoffice@wallkillvrhs.org

BCc : "Thomas Kabatra" , "Andrew B. Brown" , "Cynthia Rock" , "Robert Carlson" , "Traci Dressner" , "Gina DeSino" , "Virginia Jones" , "Michael Davina" , "Ralph Bonard"

Subject : Committee Training

Hello.

At our May meeting, Kathy will be in to do our training.

See you on the 27th!

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Date : 5/27/2025 12:18:00 PM

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To : "David Carr" dcarr@wallkillvrhs.org, "Joseph Hurley" bdooffice@wallkillvrhs.org, "Andrew B. Brown" abrown@sh-law.com, "Kathleen Helewa" kathleenhelewa.edu@gmail.com

BCc : "Ralph Bonard", "Thomas Kabatra", "Virginia Jones", "Robert Carlson", "Cynthia Rock", "Gina DeSino", "Traci Dressner", "Michael Davina"

Subject : New Committee Assignments

Hello.

Tonight's board meeting will include the committee training from Kathy Helewa.

Thank you for submitting your choices for what committee you would be interested in.

The president will sit in as the 4th member for the committees and if a member is unable to attend, the VP will be asked to take their place.

Finance(which will include building and grounds):

Chair-Mike

Co-chair-Cynthia

Member-Gina

Personnel(includes negotiations):

Chair-Tom

Co-chair-Traci

Member-Bob

Education(curriculum and technology):

Chair-Ralph

Co-chair-Mike

Member-Ginny

Policy:

Chair-Cynthia

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Cc : "Andrew B. Brown" , "Thomas Kabatra"
Subject : Re: WV news and events post
Attachment : A027FAAE-C2D4-4173-93B1-B0922568F4F5.png;20F1647F-F4F9-41D3-AA98-935C10FFA899.png;

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On Sat, Jun 14, 2025, 7:12 AM David Carr <dcarr@wallkillvrhs.org> wrote:

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Good morning.

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Chief School Administrator
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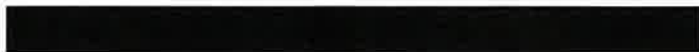
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Date : 6/16/2025 3:53:12 PM

From : "Andrew B. Brown" abrown@sh-law.com

To : "Keith Rock" keithrock83@gmail.com, "jelmo@wallkillvrhs.org" jelmo@wallkillvrhs.org, "bdoffice@wallkillvrhs.org" bdoffice@wallkillvrhs.org

Subject : RE: [EXTERNAL] Formal Response to Publicly Disseminated Defamatory and Unprofessional Statements

Good Afternoon Mr. Rock,

I have received both this and your earlier email relating to, among other things, the incident involving [REDACTED]. Please give a few days to determine how best to proceed. As I recall many of the issues raised in the earlier email were part of your Complaint to the School Ethics Commission.

Thank you,
Andy Brown

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From: Keith Rock <keithrock83@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, June 16, 2025 1:20 PM

To: Andrew B. Brown <abrown@sh-law.com>; jelmo@wallkillvrhs.org; bdoffice@wallkillvrhs.org

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Formal Response to Publicly Disseminated Defamatory and Unprofessional Statements

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

To whom it may concern

I am writing to formally respond to an email that was recently sent to multiple individuals as well as parents in the community, which contained statements that are both factually false and personally defamatory. Mr Carr made in an official capacity and circulated to a broader audience—may expose the district to legal liability.

The statements, including that "people in our community are being purposely misled by the awful people that run that site," that "they are doing this for their own purposes," and that individuals are "sick enough to invoke the memory of Heaven for that purpose," are grossly inaccurate and wholly inappropriate. I want to be absolutely clear: I do not run the site you referenced, nor have I ever misled anyone or acted with any hidden agenda. These comments mischaracterize me in an extremely damaging way, and their distribution to a wide audience only increases the harm.

To accuse someone of exploiting a young girl's tragic death for personal gain without evidence, due process, or even a direct conversation is not only defamatory, it is beneath the dignity of a superintendent of schools.

The facts are as follows:

- My wife has supported the Davenport family from the very beginning of their loss.
- It was my wife who first proposed the idea of a scholarship in Heaven Davenport's name, recognizing this would have been her graduating class.
- My wife as a parent and community member contacted the school administration in January to inquire about honoring Heaven at graduation.
- On June 13, my wife had a conversation with Ms. Davenport, who expressed how deeply hurt she and her family were that their prior outreach regarding graduation went unanswered.
- With explicit permission from Ms. Davenport, I shared her concerns with the community to ensure their family's voice was heard.

If the school indeed planned to mention Heaven at graduation, why was the family not informed or invited? A brief mention in an email 48 hours before the event, with still no formal invitation extended, contradicts the narrative he was presenting. Actions—not defensive statements—show respect and intention.

As superintendent, the position requires a higher standard of professionalism, responsibility, and care in public communication. The email not only failed to meet that standard—it crossed a serious line with personal opinions. Making and circulating false, inflammatory claims about a private citizen advocating on behalf of a grieving family is unacceptable and potentially legally actionable.

Mr. Brown, as legal counsel to the district, I urge you to review this matter promptly. If no corrective action is taken, or if defamatory misstatements continue, I will have no choice but to explore legal options to protect my name and reputation.

Sincerely,
Keith Rock

Date : 6/17/2025 4:01:35 PM
From : "Jacqueline Elmo" jelmo@wallkillvirts.org
To : "Andrew B. Brown" abrown@sh-law.com
Subject : Fwd: Hello, is there anybody in there?

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----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Ralph Bonard** <rbonard@wallkillvirts.org>
Date: Tue, Jun 17, 2025, 3:18 PM
Subject: Re: Hello, is there anybody in there?
To: Jacqueline Elmo <jelmo@wallkillvirts.org>
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Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 4:02 PM
To: Andrew B. Brown <abrown@sh-law.com>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: [REDACTED]

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Date : 6/17/2025 4:16:00 PM
From : "Jacqueline Elmo" jelmo@wallkillvrhs.org
To : "Andrew B. Brown" abrown@sh-law.com
Subject : Re: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: [REDACTED]

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Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 4:13 PM
To: Andrew B. Brown <abrown@sh-law.com>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: [REDACTED]

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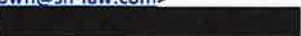
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Date : 6/18/2025 7:05:10 AM

From : "Jacqueline Elmo" jelmo@wallkillvrts.org

To : "Andrew B. Brown" abrown@sh-law.com

Subject : Fwd: [REDACTED]

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Date : 6/19/2025 5:38:44 PM
From : "Andrew B. Brown" abrown@sh-law.com
To : "Jacqueline Elmo" jeimo@wallkillvrhs.org
Subject : [EXTERNAL] [REDACTED]

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Date : 6/19/2025 2:52:25 PM
From : "Jacqueline Elmo" jelmo@walkkillvrhs.org
To : "Andrew B. Brown" abrown@sh-law.com
Subject : Fwd: Formal Complaint



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Date : 6/19/2025 7:22:55 PM
From : "Jacqueline Elmo" jelmo@wallkillvrhs.org
To : "Andrew B. Brown" abrown@sh-law.com
Subject : Re: [EXTERNAL] [REDACTED]

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Date : 6/20/2025 9:14:16 AM
From : "Andrew B. Brown" abrown@sh-law.com
To : "avazquez@wallkillvrhs.org" avazquez@wallkillvrhs.org
Cc : "Jacqueline Elmo"
Subject : [EXTERNAL] Complaint Investigation

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From : "Jacqueline Elmo" jelmo@wallkillvrhs.org
To : "Andrew B. Brown" abrown@sh-law.com
Subject : Concerns

Jacqueline Elmo
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Date : 6/22/2025 3:25:39 PM
From : "Andrew B. Brown" abrown@sh-law.com
To : "Jacqueline Elmo" jelmo@wallkillvrhs.org
Subject : FW: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] Complaint Investigation

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From: Andrew B. Brown
Sent: Sunday, June 22, 2025 1:57 PM
To: Adam Vazquez <avazquez@wallkillvrhs.org>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] Complaint Investigation

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From: Adam Vazquez <avazquez@wallkillvrhs.org>
Sent: Saturday, June 21, 2025 1:58 PM
To: Andrew B. Brown <abrown@sh-law.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] Complaint Investigation

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To : "Jacqueline Elmo" jelmo@wallkillvrhs.org
Subject : RE: [EXTERNAL] Concerns



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Sent: Sunday, June 22, 2025 3:55 PM
To: Andrew B. Brown <abrown@sh-law.com>
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From: Adam Vazquez <avazquez@wallkillvrhs.org>
Sent: Saturday, June 21, 2025 1:58 PM
To: Andrew B. Brown <abrown@sh-law.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] Complaint Investigation

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hello Andrew,

Thank you for your response to the formal complaint filed against Board Member Cynthia Rock. We appreciate the acknowledgment, although we couldn't help but notice that much of your message simply reproduces what was originally sent to the Board Secretary.

Additionally, your email lacks any identifiable information regarding your role or authority. The signature marked only as "Partner" is vague and does not clarify your affiliation or capacity in this matter.

If you are seeking specific details about the inappropriate and harassing behavior referenced in the complaint, we suggest you contact NJPSA directly, as they have also received a copy of the complaint. We will not be providing sensitive or confidential information to an unverified individual, particularly under these circumstances. Thank you.

Adam Vazquez
Wallkill Valley Regional High School
Vice Principal
Director of Physical Education & Health
(973) 827-4100 Ext 253

On Fri, Jun 20, 2025, 9:14 AM Andrew B. Brown <abrown@sh-law.com> wrote:

Good Morning Mr. Vazquez,

Your email to Joe Hurley regarding the Ms. Rock's conduct was forwarded to Board President Elmo and she has forwarded it to me. It is unclear to me exactly what it is that is being complained of, and on whose behalf. You assert that:

This behavior is in direct violation of our organization's Code of Conduct and policies regarding workplace harassment and professional boundaries. Her actions have created a hostile environment that is affecting staff morale and productivity, and it undermines the culture of respect and integrity that we strive to maintain.

And further that

As administrators, we have the responsibility to protect the well-being of our staff and ensure a safe working environment. We respectfully request that this matter be investigated promptly and addressed in accordance with our school's Code of Conduct, as well as any applicable governance or ethics procedures.

Initially, is it safe to assume that you believe the District's Code of Conduct has been violated and is that something different from the Board's Healthy Workplace Environment Policy (#3351)? That policy, which can be found at <https://www.straussesmay.com/seportal/Public/DistrictPolicy.aspx?policyid=3351&id=20353cd81b00456a952ec4508289631e>, requires you to provide fairly specific information with your complaint.

Once that information is received, we will be in a better position to address your concerns.

Andy Brown

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Date : 6/23/2025 2:06:39 PM
From : "Jacqueline Elmo" jelmo@wallkillvrhs.org
To : "Andrew B. Brown" abrown@sh-law.com
Subject : Fwd: Second request for information

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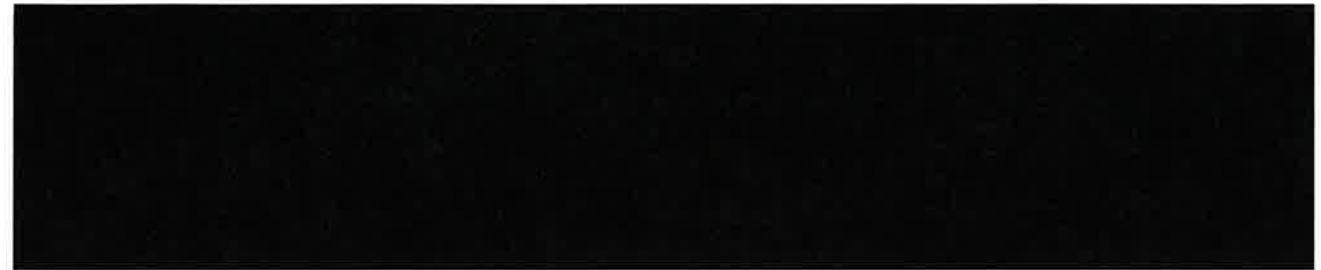
Date : 6/23/2025 8:47:22 AM
From : "Jacqueline Elmo" jelmo@walkkillvrhs.org
To : "Andrew B. Brown" abrown@sh-law.com
Subject : Re: [EXTERNAL] Concerns



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From: Jacqueline Elmo <jelmo@walkkillvrhs.org>
Sent: Sunday, June 22, 2025 4:25 PM
To: Andrew B. Brown <abrown@sh-law.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Concerns

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Date : 6/24/2025 3:40:53 PM
From : "Jacqueline Elmo" jelmo@walkkillvrhs.org
To : "Ralph Bonard" rbonard@walkkillvrhs.org
Cc : "Andrew B. Brown"
Subject : Re: Policy committee and more

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On Tue, Jun 24, 2025, 3:35 PM Ralph Bonard <rbonard@walkkillvrhs.org> wrote:

[REDACTED]

Ralph B

On Tue, Jun 24, 2025 at 3:28 PM Jacqueline Elmo <jelmo@walkkillvrhs.org> wrote:
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[REDACTED]

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Subject : RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: The Letter

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Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 5:20 PM
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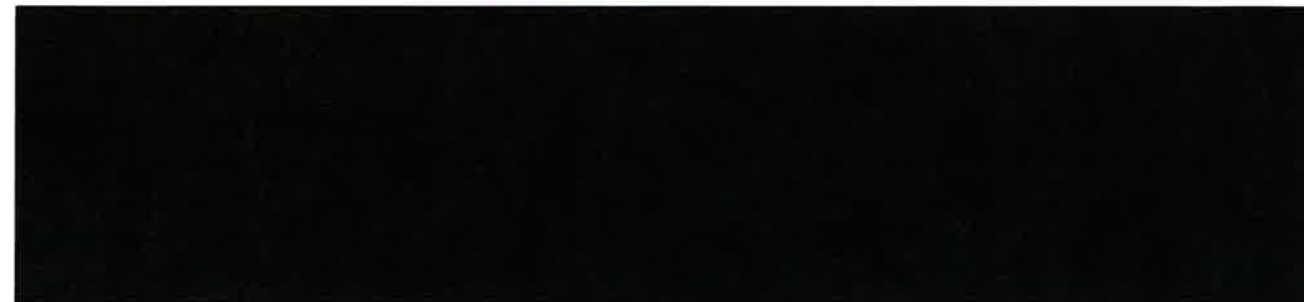
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Subject: Re: Letter
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From: Jacqueline Elmo <jelmo@walkillvrhs.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 26, 2025 9:30 AM
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Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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Jacqueline Elmo

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Date : 6/27/2025 6:03:28 AM
From : "Jacqueline Elmo" jelmo@wallkillvrhs.org
To : "Andrew B. Brown" abrown@sh-law.com
Subject : Re: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Letter

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On Thu, Jun 26, 2025, 11:37 PM Andrew B. Brown <abrown@sh-law.com> wrote:

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From: **Ralph Bonard** <rbonard@wallkillvrhs.org>

Date: Wed, Jun 25, 2025, 5:31 PM
Subject: Re: Letter
To: Jacqueline Elmo <jelmo@walkkillvrhs.org>

Thank you for your candor,

Ralph B

On Wed, Jun 25, 2025 at 4:15 PM Jacqueline Elmo <jelmo@walkkillvrhs.org> wrote:

To whom it may concern

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