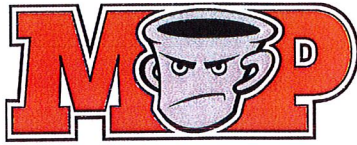


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Morton High School
Morton, Illinois



On Tue, Apr 26, 2022 at 11:46 AM Jones, Scott <scott.jones@mcusd709.org> wrote:
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Re: [STAFF] S.D. Incident

1 message

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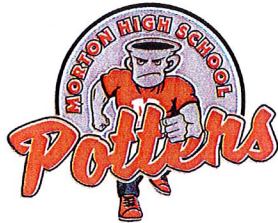
Tue, Apr 26, 2022 at 2:39 PM

To: "Smock, Craig" <craig.smock@mcusd709.org>

Cc: "Ripka, Deidre" <deidre.ripka@mcusd709.org>, Jeff Hill <jeff.hill@mcusd709.org>

I will be there.

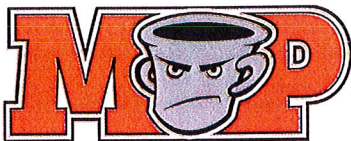
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On Tue, Apr 26, 2022 at 2:37 PM Smock, Craig <craig.smock@mcusd709.org> wrote:
How about 2:45?

On Tue, Apr 26, 2022 at 1:29 PM Ripka, Deidre <deidre.ripka@mcusd709.org> wrote:
I'm available until the BOE dinner.

Mrs. Deidre Ripka
Principal
Morton High School
Morton, Illinois



On Tue, Apr 26, 2022 at 1:23 PM Smock, Craig <craig.smock@mcusd709.org> wrote:
We should really discuss this before the board meeting tonight, I think. In a meeting now...

On Tue, Apr 26, 2022 at 1:21 PM Ripka, Deidre <deidre.ripka@mcusd709.org> wrote:
I'm not sure where you guys stand and maybe we can talk about this after leadership team tomorrow?

I'm not OK with Durbin's behavior at the game last night.

Mrs. Deidre Ripka



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S.D. Hearing

1 message

Jones, Scott <scott.jones@mcusd709.org>

Mon, Apr 12, 2021 at 9:38 AM

To: Matt Franks <matt.franks@mcusd709.org>, Jesse Crawford <jesse.crawford@mcusd709.org>, Luke Overcash <luke.overcash@gmail.com>

Hey Guys,

The hearing for S.D. is tomorrow night. As we lay out the issues and happenings from the Metamora game incident, I need to get a few things in writing from you.

1. Timeline -

When did Shawn show up to the game, what happened with him and the metamora scorekeeper?

Who (which coach) did he tell that he was going to get kicked out and what specifically did he say? How much time was left in the game at that point?

Who did he give the scorebook to and what did he say to that coach when that happened?

When did he show up at Coach's house and what did he say when he showed up? Was he confrontational? Wasn't there an official present at the house and how did that go?

Any other pertinent information to add?

Just write it up in your own words and send my way via email today please. I want this over with and hope this never happens again. Thank you....Scott

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Jones, Scott <scott.jones@mcusd709.org>

Re: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] IHSA Special Report 95178

1 message

Scott Jones <scott.jones@mcusd709.org>

Sun, Mar 14, 2021 at 5:33 PM

To: Craig Smock <craig.smock@mcusd709.org>, "Ripka, Deidre" <deidre.ripka@mcusd709.org>, Jeff Hill <jeff.hill@mcusd709.org>

This was a disturbing incident that our coaches and admin are very sorry for. We will meet with Mr Durbin and our district admin team this week, with the recommendation of a lengthy suspension going to the board. Either way, Mr Durbin will not be part of our game day personnel ever again.

Thank you.

Scott

On Mar 13, 2021, at 1:47 PM, Jones, Scott <scott.jones@mcusd709.org> wrote:

Attached is the special report regarding our Boys Basketball parent/scorekeeper from last night.

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

From: **Kurt Gibson** <kgibson@ihsa.org>
Date: Sat, Mar 13, 2021 at 10:28 AM
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] IHSA Special Report 95178
To: <scott.jones@mcusd709.org>

Dear Scott Jones,

Special Report 95178 involving your school has been filed with the IHSA. Please review the attachment and take appropriate action if required.

Kurt Gibson
Associate Executive Director
Illinois High School Association
kgibson@ihsa.org
(309) 663-6377

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Jones, Scott <scott.jones@mcusd709.org>

Re: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Fwd: Per our conversation last night Morton vs Metamora

1 message

Scott Jones <scott.jones@mcusd709.org>
To: DONALD KING <donkingump@comcast.net>

Sat, Mar 13, 2021 at 7:45 AM

Oh man. I knew he got booted but not about confronting Shane. I am forwarding to my principal and Sup to recommend a formal suspension. More to come soon. So sorry. Scott

On Mar 12, 2021, at 11:31 PM, DONALD KING <donkingump@comcast.net> wrote:

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

From: Shane Parker <Shane@go2pip.com>
To: "donkingump@comcast.net" <donkingump@comcast.net>
Date: 03/12/2021 11:25 PM
Subject: Per our conversation last night Morton vs Metamora

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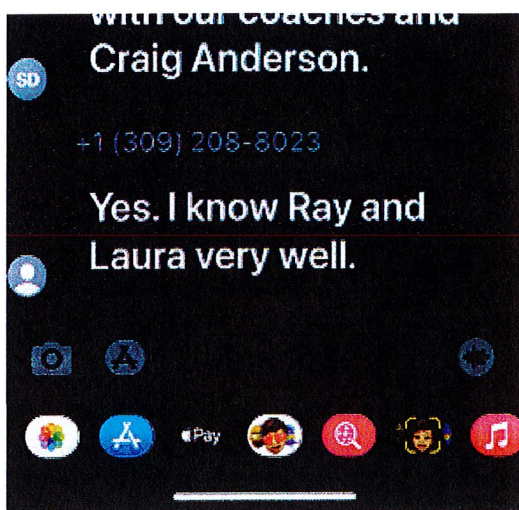
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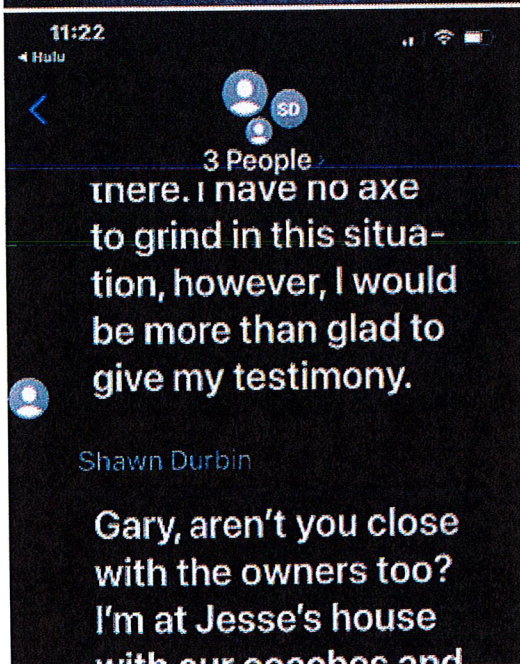
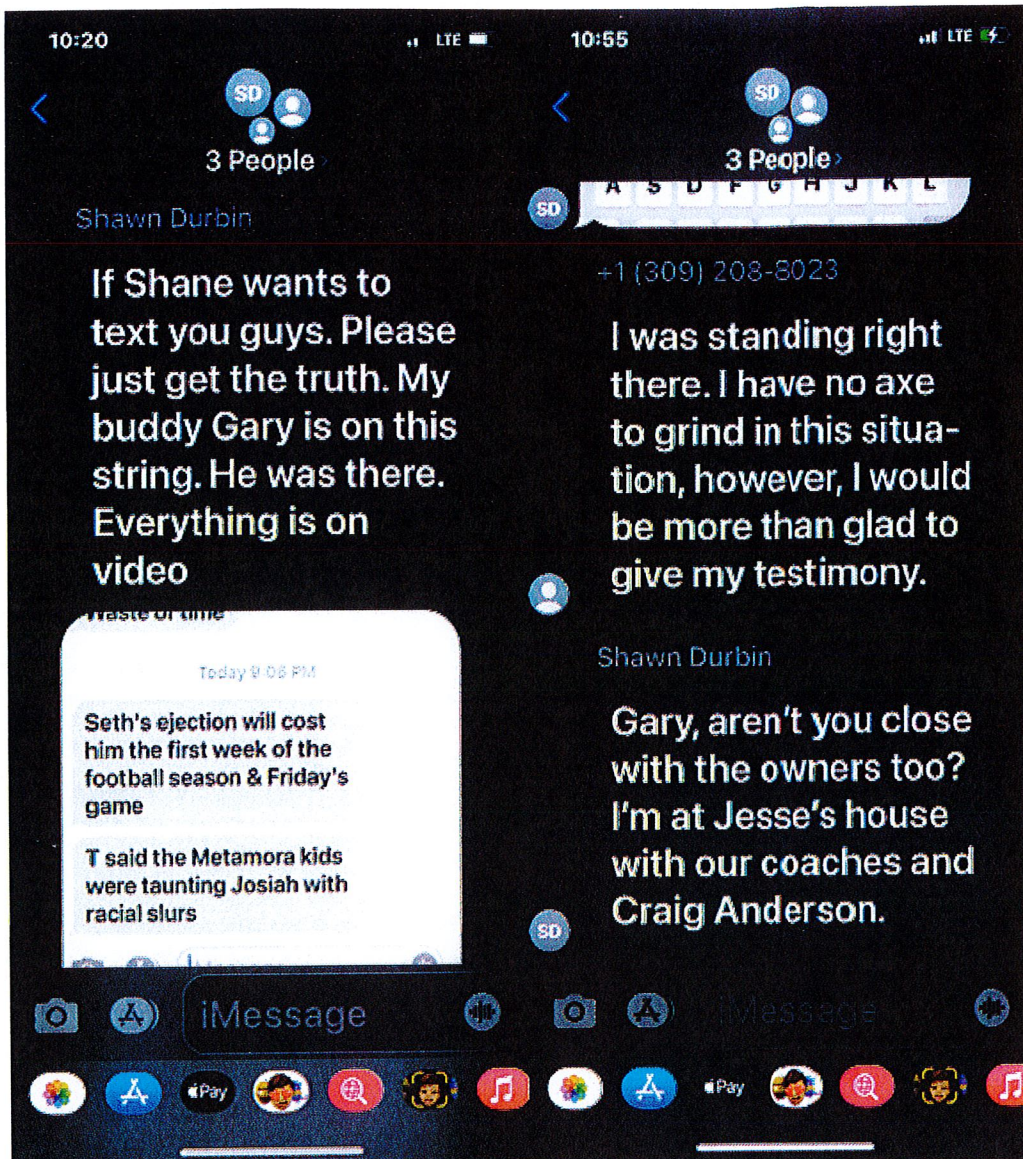
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1 message

Scott Jones <scott.jones@mcusd709.org>
To: Deidre Ripka <deidre.ripka@mcusd709.org>

Sat, Mar 13, 2021 at 6:35 AM

This is from Shane Parker who officiated our boys game last night. I would like to pursue an extended suspension from all extra curricular events if possible.

Begin forwarded message:

From: DONALD KING <donkingump@comcast.net>
Date: March 12, 2021 at 11:31:29 PM CST
To: "Jones, Scott" <scott.jones@mcusd709.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Fwd: Per our conversation last night Morton vs Metamora

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

From: Shane Parker <Shane@go2pip.com>
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I will see you on August 2nd at 1:30 for our meeting.

Thanks,

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Shawn Durbin <s.durbin37@gmail.com>
To: "Ripka, Deidre" <deidre.ripka@mcusd709.org>

Sun, May 1, 2022 at 8:50 AM

Mrs. Ripka,

I think the key sentence here is.....the Ad at Morton got all defensive and stated "Hey that's **not** on me that's on Coach from Prairie Central". The important words that are consistent with my encounter with Mr. Jones are "got all defensive".

I have other situations to discuss on Tuesday. Thank you for your time reading this and for the time coming up on Tuesday. I will try to be very organized so it will go quickly.

Thanks,
Shawn

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

From: **Shawn Durbin** <s.durbin37@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Apr 28, 2022 at 4:33 PM
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Complete response
To: Jeff Hill <jeff.hill@mcusd709.org>

Thank you for getting this to me. Seems like it was a very nice letter that Mike Mercer wrote. Tomorrow, I will be requesting all information between any school admin, the IHSA, the punishment of not doing our home games that was placed on Mr. Mercer for what appears to be following proper procedure, and any and all other info regarding the incident. It appears Mr. Mercer was handled the same way I was.

I will also be requesting any and all communications regarding the incident from 4/25/22.

Thanks again for your time and for getting me part of the info requested earlier today.

Sincerely,
Shawn

Sent from my iPhone

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On Fri, Jul 23, 2021 at 9:59 AM Shawn Durbin <s.durbin37@gmail.com> wrote:
Thank you very much for that response. Is the incident report from Mike Mercer to the IHSA available to obtain as a FOIA response? Also, are the response reports from our admin to the report available?

Thanks,
Shawn

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 23, 2021, at 9:34 AM, Jeff Hill <jeff.hill@mcusd709.org> wrote:

Good morning Shawn,

Below is a link to my June 1st response regarding your mom and Todd Krueger's remarks which begins at 7:10:

<https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/events/morton-high-school-morton-morton-il/evt77e68990b5>

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Dr. Hill,

I am wondering if you ever found out if the info from the incident involving Scott Jones and the Peoria area officials and the IHSA is available through the FOIA? I asked Mrs. Ripka about this yesterday. She showed me where the request for information is located on the District 709 website. Can I drop off these requests for info at the address listed on the Access to the District Public records form found on the website or can I email these requests directly to you or do they need to be physically mailed.

I had asked for this info availability for the second time on 7/23/21 and did not receive a reply. I was thankful that Mrs. Ripka directed me to the request letter area on the district website.

Thanks,
Shawn

On Thu, Feb 17, 2022 at 7:55 AM Shawn Durbin <s.durbin37@gmail.com> wrote:
Dr. Hill,

Did you ever find out if this was available?

Thanks,
Shawn

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 23, 2021, at 3:20 PM, Hill, Jeff <jeff.hill@mcusd709.org> wrote:

I will check into this Shawn.

Thanks!

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Superintendent
Morton Community Unit School District 709

5/2/22, 2:24 PM

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getting coaching job, rotations, meetings I know about, calling me a liar and hanging up on me....it's all coming today.

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Half truths, additions, flat out lies, made up stalking order (with (7) 100% lies told about me and sent to my school) and omissions really did damage to my reputation. Can't ever happen to another parent again!!! Scorekeeper, Official, and assigner. The whole truth is coming. The court report and records will set me free. The assigner had one of his refs commit Perjury. What kind of person does that. What kind of person KNOWINGLY sends a report to the courts and to my school that he knows is 100% lies???? He knew those lies would damage me!!!

Randy and Leslie, I really appreciate you guys not coming in and lying (Perjury) for the assigner like Todd G did. The assigner listed you guys as witnesses to one of the false claims against me. I was heart broken thinking that the two of you may lie for him. Thanks for doing the right thing.

Juan is ready to tell all. I gave everyone an opportunity. Sorry we had to go this route.

Jeff Hill <jeff.hill@mcusd709.org>
To: Scott Jones <scott.jones@mcusd709.org>
Cc: Craig Smock <craig.smock@mcusd709.org>, Deidre Ripka <deidre.ripka@mcusd709.org>

Mon, Apr 26, 2021 at 9:05 AM

Yes I just sent you something similar from Kevin Austin.

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From official Shane Parker regarding SD.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Shane Parker <shane@go2pip.com>
Date: April 26, 2021 at 8:53:05 AM CDT
To: "Jones, Scott" <scott.jones@mcusd709.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Does the School Board know this harassment has not stopped?

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Daniel

**Shawn Durbin**

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We are not talking about bad officiating. We are talking about a group of 8-10 officials that HATE Morton High School (their words not mine). They are upset that our AD put one of their own wrongfully on our scratch list...I don't blame them for being upset. But, screwing us for 1.5 years is enough. Time for it to end. These guys hang out together with the area's assigner of officials 250 days of the year (his words not mine). They are thick as thieves. I can't control Juan anymore. [Juan Durbahn](#) is going to tell the whole truth in a 10 part series starting today. I gave all the players a chance to tell the truth and apologize where necessary. THEY (not me) chose this route. Our boys do not deserve to get targeted for one more quarter. I did what I did for THEM and all future Morton Potter athletes. They hate me (cause I called them out and they are scared of everything I know including racism), they hate our AD, they hate our players, they hate our school board President, and they hate "our entitled student". They have been cheating us since 12/6/19. They hate us because we act negatively when they screw us over.



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Daniel

Juan is going to tell the entire story of how and why we have been targeted for past year and a half. Truth is truth. Decide for yourself after watching. Our season was Sabotaged this year from multiple people and this can never ever happen again.

I have 15 arrows in my back and I'm going to pull them out one at a time and start firing back (metaphorically). I gave you all a chance to do the right thing and tell the truth or apologize. Now it's an eye for an eye.....you lied or backstabbed me....time for me to tell the truth.

No threats, no harassment.....just the 100% truth that has been told to me or experienced by me. The truth is the truth!

Scratch list, racism, targeting and hating players, knowing we are getting hosed and unwilling to put stop to it for your job, trying to prevent me from

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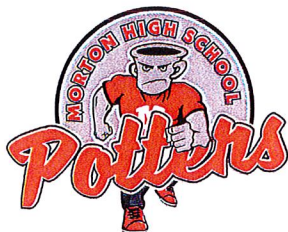
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Smock, Craig <craig.smock@mcusd709.org>

Tue, Apr 26, 2022 at 2:40 PM

To: "Jones, Scott" <scott.jones@mcusd709.org>, "Ripka, Deidre" <deidre.ripka@mcusd709.org>

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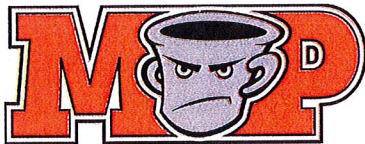
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Cc: "Jones, Scott" <scott.jones@mcusd709.org>

We'll be over to your office.

Mrs. Deidre Ripka
Principal
Morton High School
Morton, Illinois



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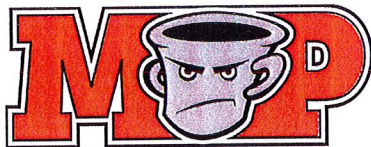
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To: "Ripka, Deidre" <deidre.ripka@mcusd709.org>

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Tue, Apr 26, 2022 at 1:23 PM

We should really discuss this before the board meeting tonight, I think. In a meeting now...

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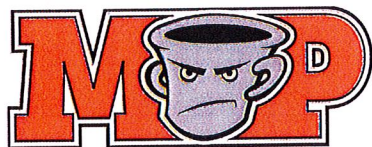
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Tue, Apr 26, 2022 at 1:29 PM

I'm available until the BOE dinner.

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Tue, Apr 26, 2022 at 2:39 PM

I will be there.

Scott M. Jones



Ripka, Deidre <deidre.ripka@mcusd709.org>

[STAFF] S.D. Incident

9 messages

Jones, Scott <scott.jones@mcusd709.org>

Tue, Apr 26, 2022 at 11:46 AM

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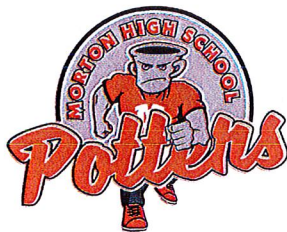
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Thank you for your time and support.

Scott

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Ripka, Deidre <deidre.ripka@mcusd709.org>

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To: "Jones, Scott" <scott.jones@mcusd709.org>

Cc: Jeff Hill <jeff.hill@mcusd709.org>, Craig Smock <craig.smock@mcusd709.org>

I'm not sure where you guys stand and maybe we can talk about this after leadership team tomorrow?

I'm not OK with Durbin's behavior at the game last night.



Ripka, Deidre <deidre.ripka@mcusd709.org>

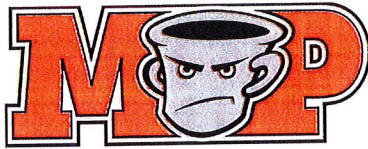
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Ripka, Deidre <deidre.ripka@mcusd709.org>
To: MHS Administrators <mhsadministrators@mcusd709.org>
Cc: Samantha Frey <samantha.frey@mcusd709.org>

Wed, Apr 21, 2021 at 4:22 PM

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Ripka, Deidre <deidre.ripka@mcusd709.org>

[STAFF] Durbin follow up letter

3 messages

Hill, Jeff <jeff.hill@mcusd709.org>

Tue, Apr 20, 2021 at 6:38 PM

To: Emily Stubbs <emily.stubbs@mcusd709.org>

Cc: "Smock, Craig" <craig.smock@mcusd709.org>, Deidre Ripka <deidre.ripka@mcusd709.org>, Jason Cabell <jason.cabell@mcusd709.org>

Good evening Emily,

We will need to send Morton PD a copy of our letter to Shawn Durbin so they are aware of his no trespass status through the beginning of next school year.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Thanks!

Jeffrey W. Hill, Ed.D
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Morton Community Unit School District 709

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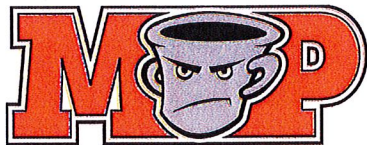
Wed, Apr 21, 2021 at 7:55 AM

To: "Hill, Jeff" <jeff.hill@mcusd709.org>

Cc: Emily Stubbs <emily.stubbs@mcusd709.org>, "Smock, Craig" <craig.smock@mcusd709.org>, Jason Cabell <jason.cabell@mcusd709.org>

Can I have a copy of the letter as well? Thanks!

Mrs. Deidre Ripka
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Morton, Illinois



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Hill, Jeff <jeff.hill@mcusd709.org>

Wed, Apr 21, 2021 at 7:57 AM

To: "Ripka, Deidre" <deidre.ripka@mcusd709.org>

Cc: Emily Stubbs <emily.stubbs@mcusd709.org>, "Smock, Craig" <craig.smock@mcusd709.org>, Jason Cabell <jason.cabell@mcusd709.org>

Certainly. Sorry, we didn't get that to everyone sooner!

Jeffrey W. Hill, Ed.D
Superintendent
Morton Community Unit School District 709

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5/2/22, 2:25 PM

Morton Unit District 709 Mail - Fwd: [STAFF] Concerned parent

If by noon the refs don't call him to tell the truth he's going live on FB to tell truth. Sounds like another concerned parent is meeting with Bart Rinkenberger. Something needs done but not sure what that is. He's in Florida.

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Kevin Austin
Board of Education
MCUSD 709

6:10

Shawn Durbin
 4 contacts · 70 · 11

We are not talking about bad officiating. We are talking about a group of 8-10 officials that HATE Morton High School (their words not mine). They are upset that our AD put one of their own wrongfully on our scratch list. I don't blame them for being upset. But, screwing us for 1.5 years is enough. Time for it to end. These guys hang out together with the area's assigner of officials 250 days of the year (his words not mine). They are thick as thieves. I can't control Juan anymore. Juan Durbin is going to tell the whole truth in a 10 part series starting today. I gave all the players a chance to tell the truth and apologize where necessary. THEY (not me) chose this route. Our boys do not deserve to get targeted for one more quarter. I did what I did for THEM and all future Morton Poster athletes. They hate me (cause I called them out and they are scared of everything I know including racism), they hate our AD, they hate our

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Juan is going to tell the entire story of how and why we have been targeted for past year and a half. Truth is truth. Decide for yourself after watching. Our season was sabotaged this year from multiple people and this can never ever happen again.

I have 15 arrows in my back and I'm going to pull them out one at a time and start firing back (metaphorically). I gave you all a chance to do the right thing and tell the truth or apologize. Now it's an eye for an eye....you laid or backstabbed me. Time

Shawn Durbin to tell the truth

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and unwilling to put stop to it for your job, trying to prevent me from getting coaching job, rotations, meetings I know about, calling me a liar and hanging up on me....it's all coming today.


Half truths, additions, flat out lies, made up stalking order (with 7) 100% lies told about me and sent to my school) and omissions really did damage to my reputation. Can't ever happen to another parent again!! Seckrekeeper, Official, and assigner. The whole truth is coming. The court report and records will set me free. The assigner had one of his refs commit Perjury. What kind of person does that. What kind of person KNOWINGLY sends a report to the courts and to my school that he knows is 100% lies???? He knew those lies would damage me!!

Randy and Leslie, I really appreciate you guys not coming in and lying (Perjury) for the assigner like Todd G did. The assigner listed you guys as witnesses to one of the false claims against me. I was heart broken thinking that the two of you may

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Pray!



2 Comments

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Joan Durbahn
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Shawn Durbahn having to miss his son's games today has my blood absolutely boiling!! Whole truth must be told!!

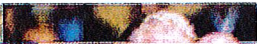
I have his back and will be helping him remove the arrows one at a time.

He does what he does for ALL athletes across Central IL!

You may think he only loves and cares for his Morton boys...but he is fighting for all of you!! Every single contest should be fair for all. Bad officiating is ok, targeted one sided officiating is not. Shawn knows the game and knows the difference!! Trust me. Wrongful scratch lists matter!!!

Richard F. Hillman
 Feb 20 · 43

BAM!!




6:10

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"We are not talking about fraudulent voting acts. What we are talking about is TREASON! When you coordinate six to ten states, using cyber warfare to change the outcome, these are TREASONOUS acts."
 - Trey Gowdy

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Ripka, Deidre <deidre.ripka@mcusd709.org>

Fwd: [STAFF] Concerned parent

1 message

Jeff Hill <jeff.hill@mcusd709.org>

Mon, Apr 26, 2021 at 8:46 AM

To: Craig Smock <craig.smock@mcusd709.org>, Ripka Deidre <deidre.ripka@mcusd709.org>, Scott Jones <scott.jones@mcusd709.org>

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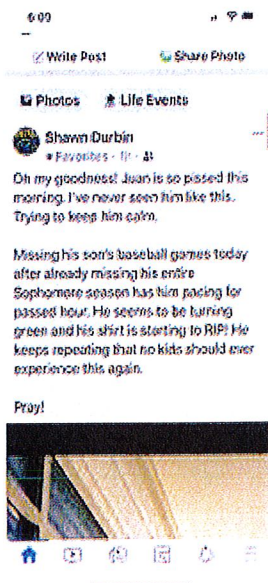
From: "Austin, Kevin" <kevin.austin@mcusd709.org>

Subject: [STAFF] Concerned parent

Date: April 26, 2021 at 8:31:29 AM CDT

To: "Hill, Jeff" <jeff.hill@mcusd709.org>, Shad Beaty <shad.beaty@mcusd709.org>

A concerned parent sent me screenshots of new FB posts from Shawn Durbin. Apparently if the referees "involved" don't call him to apologize by noon, he will go live on FB and tell the whole truth about everything going on.





Jones, Scott <scott.jones@mcusd709.org>

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1 message

Jones, Scott <scott.jones@mcusd709.org>

Fri, Dec 13, 2019 at 11:14 AM

To: Matt Franks <matt.franks@mcusd709.org>, Jesse Crawford <jesse.crawford@mcusd709.org>

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Thank you...Scott

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Fwd: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] IHSA Special Report 94279

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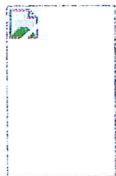
Fri, Dec 13, 2019 at 11:11 AM

To: Kurt Gibson <KGibson@ihsa.org>

Hey Kurt. In regards to this report, I did not want to make a big deal of it in the write up, but I feel this was ridiculous that this ref came after me on the report. I know it is closed out, but arguing with "What if's" and him saying he hopes we are dealt with accordingly is disturbing. Just letting you know. Thank you and have a great weekend.

Scott

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From: **Laura Hennings** <lhennings@ihsa.org>

Date: Fri, Dec 13, 2019 at 11:05 AM

Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] IHSA Special Report 94279

To: <scott.jones@mcusd709.org>

Dear Scott Jones,

Special Report 94279 has been closed out by the IHSA. Attached is a closeout letter for your files. No further action is required.

Laura Hennings
Administrative Assistant
Illinois High School Association
lhennings@ihsa.org
(309) 663-6377

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Jones, Scott <scott.jones@mcusd709.org>

Re: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] IHSA Special Report 94279

1 message

Jones, Scott <scott.jones@mcusd709.org>

Mon, Dec 9, 2019 at 7:48 AM

To: Kurt Gibson <kgibson@ihsa.org>

The officer who was standing there did not notice the coach enter the area. We will discuss with him before the next game and reinforce expectations.

Thank you...Scott

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On Mon, Dec 9, 2019 at 7:34 AM Kurt Gibson <kgibson@ihsa.org> wrote:

Dear Scott Jones,

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Kurt Gibson
Associate Executive Director
Illinois High School Association
kgibson@ihsa.org
(309) 663-6377

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Teater, Troy <troy.teater@mcusd709.org>

Fwd: [STAFF] [EXTERNAL EMAIL] IHSA Special Report 95178

1 message

Hill, Jeff <jeff.hill@mcusd709.org>

To: Troy Teater <troy.teater@mcusd709.org>

Wed, May 4, 2022 at 9:46 AM

Jeffrey W. Hill, Ed.D
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Morton Community Unit School District 709

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From: **Jeff Hill** <jeff.hill@mcusd709.org>

Date: Sun, Mar 14, 2021 at 10:27 PM

Subject: Re: [STAFF] [EXTERNAL EMAIL] IHSA Special Report 95178

To: Scott Jones <scott.jones@mcusd709.org>

Cc: Craig Smock <craig.smock@mcusd709.org>, Ripka, Deidre <deidre.ripka@mcusd709.org>

Thanks Scott. Let's chat about this tomorrow. I have a few question and would like the MHS perspective on a few things before decisions are made.

Thanks for your efforts!

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Superintendent
Morton Unit School District 709
jeff.hill@mcusd709.org
309-263-2581

On Mar 14, 2021, at 5:33 PM, Scott Jones <scott.jones@mcusd709.org> wrote:

This was a disturbing incident that our coaches and admin are very sorry for. We will meet with Mr Durbin and our district admin team this week, with the recommendation of a lengthy suspension going to the board. Either way, Mr Durbin will not be part of our game day personnel ever again.

Thank you.

Scott

On Mar 13, 2021, at 1:47 PM, Jones, Scott <scott.jones@mcusd709.org> wrote:

Attached is the special report regarding our Boys Basketball parent/scorekeeper from last night.

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From: **Kurt Gibson** <kgibson@ihsa.org>
Date: Sat, Mar 13, 2021 at 10:28 AM
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] IHSA Special Report 95178
To: <scott.jones@mcusd709.org>

Dear Scott Jones,

Special Report 95178 involving your school has been filed with the IHSA. Please review the attachment and take appropriate action if required.

Kurt Gibson
Associate Executive Director
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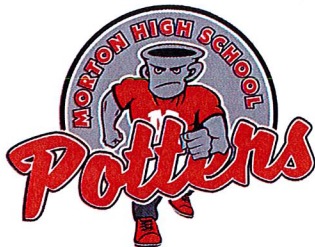
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Fwd: [STAFF] Fwd: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Re: Letter

1 message

Hill, Jeff <jeff.hill@mcusd709.org>
To: Troy Teater <troy.teater@mcusd709.org>

Tue, May 3, 2022 at 3:13 PM

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Morton Community Unit School District 709

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Date: Wed, Apr 27, 2022 at 7:57 PM
Subject: Re: [STAFF] Fwd: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Re: Letter
To: Smock, Craig <craig.smock@mcusd709.org>
Cc: Deidre Ripka <deidre.ripka@mcusd709.org>

If he serves the suspension I don't believe the hearing is needed

Jeffrey W. Hill, Ed.D.
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Morton Unit District 709

On Apr 27, 2022, at 7:41 PM, Smock, Craig <craig.smock@mcusd709.org> wrote:

So, he did not say that he was waiving his right to a hearing yet.

On Wed, Apr 27, 2022 at 6:42 PM Deidre Ripka <deidre.ripka@mcusd709.org> wrote:

Deidre Ripka
Principal, Morton High School

Begin forwarded message:

From: Shawn Durbin <s.durbin37@gmail.com>
Date: April 27, 2022 at 6:15:40 PM CDT
To: "Ripka, Deidre" <deidre.ripka@mcusd709.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Re: Letter

Mrs. Ripka,

I reread the letter. I can agree to the suspension. I don't realize that it said "regular season" initially. I can live with that suspension.

Also, for the playoffs and for Senior night, I will park myself out in outfield.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Shawn 🏆💖🥰

Sent from my iPhone

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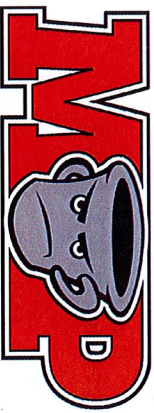
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Subject: [STAFF] S.D. Incident

To: Jeff Hill <jeff.hill@mcusd709.org>, Craig Smock <craig.smock@mcusd709.org>, Deidre Ripka <deidre.ripka@mcusd709.org>

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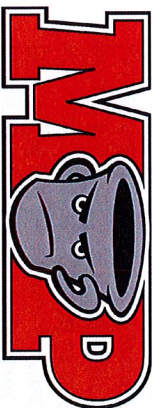
We should really discuss this before the board meeting tonight, I think. In a meeting now...

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Special Report 95178 involving your school has been filed with the IHSA. Please review the attachment and take appropriate action if required.

Kurt Gibson
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Wed, May 4, 2022 at 9:40 AM

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From: **Jones, Scott** <scott.jones@mcusd709.org>

Date: Mon, Mar 15, 2021 at 7:39 AM

Subject: Re: [STAFF] [EXTERNAL EMAIL] IHSA Special Report 95178

To: Jeff Hill <jeff.hill@mcusd709.org>

Absolutely. Chris Carter was at the game and witnessed much of the debacle with Shawn. It may be a good to have him in when we discuss.

Thank you!

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On Sun, Mar 14, 2021 at 10:27 PM Jeff Hill <jeff.hill@mcusd709.org> wrote:

Thanks Scott. Let's chat about this tomorrow. I have a few question and would like the MHS perspective on a few things before decisions are made.

Thanks for your efforts!

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On Mar 14, 2021, at 5:33 PM, Scott Jones <scott.jones@mcusd709.org> wrote:

This was a disturbing incident that our coaches and admin are very sorry for. We will meet with Mr Durbin and our district admin team this week, with the recommendation of a lengthy suspension going to the board. Either way, Mr Durbin will not be part of our game day personnel ever again.

Thank you.

Scott

On Mar 13, 2021, at 1:47 PM, Jones, Scott <scott.jones@mcusd709.org> wrote:

Attached is the special report regarding our Boys Basketball parent/scorekeeper from last night.

Scott M. Jones

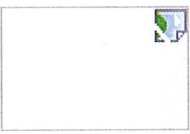
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From: **Kurt Gibson** <kgibson@ihsa.org>

Date: Sat, Mar 13, 2021 at 10:28 AM

Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] IHSA Special Report 95178

To: <scott.jones@mcusd709.org>

Dear Scott Jones,

- In Mr. Durbin's own words..... "Mike is a felon and I believe that he should not be officiating JHSA basketball games. He spent 6 months in jail (according to the county register of actions report that can be found online) for shooting up his wife's car with his gun with her small child in the back seat. He lost his job as a police officer. What may he be capable of doing to a coach or player coming out of Halftime if he is capable of doing that to his own wife. This was a class X felony as the main charge. 4 other charges listed on the report".

Thank you and let me know if you need anything else.

Scott

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He has not worked any games in Morton since that incident. He worked 3-4 away games throughout the rest of the 19-20 season. Per Don King, Mike quit officiating after the 19-20 season.

How long was he not working Morton games?

Our agreement was for him not to work any Morton home games after the 12/7/19 incident, through the rest of the 19-20 season.

What communication and/or action was taken by IHSA?

IHSA did not take any action against Morton, nor did they take any action against Mike Mercer or the Prairie Central Coach. We received a letter from the IHSA regarding the incident that asked us to take corrective measures which we did.

My response will be more based on our facts and not on Mr. Durbin's actions.

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On Jul 21, 2021, at 3:05 PM, Jones, Scott <scott.jones@mcusd709.org> wrote:

The incident in which Mr. Durbin refers to took place on 12/7/19 vs. Prairie Central.....

- I was asked to come to the coaches office about 20 min after the game by an asst. coach and he said the officials needed me.

- As I entered the room, Official Mike Mercer was screaming at our coaches, then started screaming at me. I asked him to calm down and tell me what was wrong.

- Mike told me that the Prairie Central Coach entered their locker room and demanded their numbers (official ID #). They told him to leave several times and he wouldn't leave. Mike then raised his voice at me, blaming me for not protecting them.

- I notified him that we had security outside in the hallway as we do for all of our games. I apologized several times but he continued to berate me and tell me how he was going to the IHSA. I reminded him that the P.C. Coach was responsible for his own behavior. The P.C. Coach entered the Coaching Office through the back door and circumvented the security officer. Mike continued to yell, so I told him it was time to leave and I would be speaking to Don King, the Officials Assignor.

- After talking with Don and him talking with Mike, we decided it was best that Mike not officiate any games at Morton for the remainder of the year. I agreed to let Mike officiate away games. Don said Mike agreed with that and he was on for 3 or 4 games throughout the rest of the year. We did receive a letter from the IHSA about the incident, but there was no "hand slapping" or other punishment/consequence handed down to us.

- I did talk with Officer Ehlike (our SRO) after the incident and asked that our security guard stand closer to the officials room and watch for anyone from both directions. That was the first and only incident we have had over the last 6 years regarding a coach confronting an official. We take good care of our officials and always look out for their safety.

- There was no blacklisting or scratching. This was agreed on by all 3 of us and it was over. Mr. Durbin has never talked with me personally about any of this. All of his conversations and information came from 2nd or 3rd hand parties who were not present nor involved.



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Date: Wed, Jul 21, 2021 at 6:08 PM

Subject: [STAFF] One last thing

To: Jeff Hill <jeff.hill@mcusd709.org>

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Did he sign that document?

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[Response to Durbin request .pdf](#)

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4/25/22 - Varsity Baseball vs. Metamora @ Westwood Park

On Monday, April 25 at about 9:10pm, I left the press box to meet the umpires and escort them to their cars. As I walked by the home bleachers, Mr. Durbin started yelling at me, complaining about the umpires and how it was even possible that we would hire Ron King. He went on about how Mr. King hates Morton, hates our kids, and is a terrible umpire. I asked Mr. Durbin to stop and go home numerous times and he kept going. By this time I missed the umpires and then turned around again to Mr. Durbin complaining to me. I said once again to stop or my next conversation would be with the administration and board. He told me 2 times that "I'd better not do that" while pointing his finger at me. I told him not to threaten me and to go home. He then offered to apologize to me. I told him I did not want his apology and to just go home. He got angrier with that response and went back to yelling at me. There was a large crowd of parents around at this point. Mr. Durbin finally left to talk with some other people and I walked away to my car. I had several parents and 2 staff members approach me to check on me to make sure I was ok. I went home and notified Mrs. Ripka and the admin team of a run in with Mr. Durbin. Coach Crawford called me later in the evening to check on me, as his wife and other parents informed him of the incident.

The umpire, Ron King is the brother of our assignor Don King who was the previous target of Mr. Durbin. I was in the press box for 6 of the 7 innings of the game, and Mr. King's strikezone was consistent for both teams and all pitchers.

Thank you for your time and support.

Scott

Scott M. Jones


Director of Athletics

Dear Scott Jones,

Special Report 95178 involving your school has been filed with the IHSA. Please review the attachment and take appropriate action if required.

Kurt Gibson
Associate Executive Director
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kgibson@ihsa.org
(309) 663-6377

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Teater, Troy <tr^y.teater@mcusd709.org>

Fwd: [STAFF] Fwd: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] IHSA Special Report 95178

1 message

Hill, Jeff <jeff.hill@mcusd709.org>
To: Troy Teater <tr^y.teater@mcusd709.org>

Wed, May 4, 2022 at 9:41 AM

Jeffrey W. Hill, Ed.D
Superintendent
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From: **Jones, Scott** <scott.jones@mcusd709.org>
Date: Sat, Mar 13, 2021 at 1:47 PM
Subject: [STAFF] Fwd: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] IHSA Special Report 95178
To: Craig Smock <craig.smock@mcusd709.org>, Ripka, Deidre <deidre.ripka@mcusd709.org>, Jeff Hill <jeff.hill@mcusd709.org>

Attached is the special report regarding our Boys Basketball parent/scorekeeper from last night.

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From: **Kurt Gibson** <kgibson@ih^sa.org>
Date: Sat, Mar 13, 2021 at 10:28 AM
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] IHSA Special Report 95178
To: <scott.jones@mcusd709.org>

about, causing me a lot of trouble and hanging up on me...it's all coming today.

Half truths, additions, flat out lies, made up stalking order (with (7) 100% lies told about me and sent to my school) and omissions really did damage to my reputation. Can't ever happen to another parent again!!! Scorekeeper, Official, and assigner. The whole truth is coming. The court report and records will set me free. The assigner had one of his refs commit Perjury. What kind of person does that. What kind of person KNOWINGLY sends a report to the courts and to my school that he knows is 100% lies???? He knew those lies would damage me!!!

Randy and Leslie, I really appreciate you guys not coming in and lying (Perjury) for the assigner like Todd G did. The assigner listed you guys as witnesses to one of the false claims against me. I was heart broken thinking that the two of you may lie for him. Thanks for doing the right thing.

Juan is ready to tell all. I gave everyone an opportunity. Sorry we had to go this route.

Juan is going to tell the entire story of how and why we have been targeted for past year and a half. Truth is truth. Decide for yourself after watching. Our season was Sabotaged this year from multiple people and this can never ever happen again.


I have 15 arrows in my back and I'm going to pull them out one at a time and start firing back (metaphorically). I gave you all a chance to do the right thing and tell the truth or apologize. Now it's an eye for an eye.....you lied or backstabbed me....time for me to tell the truth.

No threats, no harassment.....just the 100% truth that has been told to me or experienced by me. The truth is the truth!

Scratch list, racism, targeting and hating players, knowing we are getting hosed and unwilling to put stop to it for your job, trying to prevent me from getting coaching job, rotations, meetings I know about, calling me a liar and hanging up on me....it's all coming today.

**William Keith Bonds and Mar...**

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Shawn Durbin

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We are not talking about bad officiating. We are talking about a group of 8-10 officials that HATE Morton High School (their words not mine). They are upset that our AD put one of their own wrongfully on our scratch list...I don't blame them for being upset. But, screwing us for 1.5 years is enough. Time for it to end. These guys hang out together with the area's assigner of officials 250 days of the year (his words not mine). They are thick as thieves. I can't control Juan anymore. [Juan Durbahn](#) is going to tell the whole truth in a 10 part series starting today. I gave all the players a chance to tell the truth and apologize where necessary. THEY (not me) chose this route. Our boys do not deserve to get targeted for one more quarter. I did what I did for THEM and all future Morton Potter athletes. They hate me (cause I called them out and they are scared of everything I know including racism), they hate our AD, they hate our players, they hate our school board President, and they hate "our entitled student". They have been cheating us since 12/6/19. They hate us because we act negatively when they screw us over.

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Fwd: [STAFF] Fwd: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Does the School Board know this harassment has not stopped?

1 message

Hill, Jeff <jeff.hill@mcusd709.org>

To: Troy Teater <troy.teater@mcusd709.org>

Wed, May 4, 2022 at 9:41 AM

Jeffrey W. Hill, Ed.D
Superintendent
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From: Scott Jones <scott.jones@mcusd709.org>

Date: Mon, Apr 26, 2021 at 9:00 AM

Subject: [STAFF] Fwd: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Does the School Board know this harassment has not stopped?

To: Jeff Hill <jeff.hill@mcusd709.org>, Craig Smock <craig.smock@mcusd709.org>, Deidre Ripka <deidre.ripka@mcusd709.org>

From official Shane Parker regarding SD.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Shane Parker <shane@go2pip.com>

Date: April 26, 2021 at 8:53:05 AM CDT

To: "Jones, Scott" <scott.jones@mcusd709.org>

Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Does the School Board know this harassment has not stopped?

Shane Parker

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a: 8325 N Allen Rd. | Peoria, IL w: www.go2pip.com



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- There was no blacklisting or scratching. This was agreed on by all 3 of us and it was over. Mr. Durbin has never talked with me personally about any of this. All of his conversations and information came from 2nd or 3rd hand parties who were not present nor involved.
- In Mr. Durbin's own words....."Mike is a felon and I believe that he should not be officiating IHSA basketball games. He spent 6 months in jail (according to the county register of actions report that can be found online) for shooting up his wife's car with his gun with her small child in the back seat. He lost his job as a police officer. What may he be capable of doing to a coach or player coming out of Halftime if he is capable of doing that to his own wife. This was a class X felony as the main charge. 4 other charges listed on the report".

Thank you and let me know if you need anything else.

Scott

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5/4/22 12:22 PM



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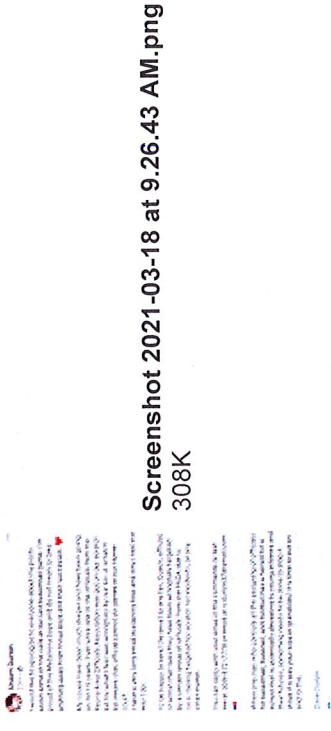
From: **Jones, Scott** <scott.jones@mcusd709.org>
Date: Wed, Jul 21, 2021 at 3:05 PM
Subject: [STAFF] S.D.
To: Jeff Hill <jeff.hill@mcusd709.org>

The incident in which Mr. Durbin refers to took place on 12/7/19 vs. Prairie Central.....

- I was asked to come to the coaches office about 20 min after the game by an asst. coach and he said the officials needed me.
- As I entered the room, Official Mike Mercer was screaming at our coaches, then started screaming at me. I asked him to calm down and tell me what was wrong.
- Mike told me that the Prairie Central Coach entered their locker room and demanded their numbers (official ID #). They told him to leave several times and he wouldn't leave. Mike then raised his voice at me, blaming me for not protecting them.
- I notified him that we had security outside in the hallway as we do for all of our games. I apologized several times but he continued to berate me and tell me how he was going to the IHSA. I reminded him that the P.C. Coach was responsible for his own behavior. The P.C. Coach entered the Coaching Office through the back door and circumvented the security officer. Mike continued to yell, so I told him it was time to leave and I would be speaking to Don King, the Officials Assignor.
- After talking with Don and him talking with Mike, we decided it was best that Mike not officiate any games at Morton for the remainder of the year. I agreed to let Mike officiate away games. Don said Mike agreed with that and he was on for 3 or 4 games throughout the rest of the year. We did receive a letter from the IHSA about the incident, but there was no "hand slapping" or other punishment/consequence handed down to us.
- I did talk with Officer Ehlike (our SRO) after the incident and asked that our security guard stand closer to the officials room and watch for anyone from both directions. That was the first and only incident we have had over the last 6 years regarding a coach confronting an official. We take good care of our officials and always look out for their safety.

Scott, I am not on any social media. This was sent to by Mr. Durbin in text or facebook? Thanks, DK

- > ----- Original Message -----
- > From: TJ Cunningham <tjcunningham85@gmail.com>
- > To: DONALD KING <donkingump@comcast.net>
- > Date: 03/18/2021 9:28 AM
- > Subject: Figured you should see this
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- > Timothy (TJ) Cunningham
- > 908 N. Linden St.
- > Normal, IL 61761
- > 309-241-8775





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From: **DONALD KING** <donkingump@comcast.net>
Date: Thu, Mar 18, 2021 at 9:38 AM

5/4/22, 12:21 PM

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: Craig Smock, Ed.D.
Assistant Superintendent
Morton C.U.S.D. 709

This is part of a response that he sent this morning:

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Did someone really give him permission to portray being a bus driver to get into the game? What proof do you think he has on that?

On Thu, Mar 18, 2021 at 9:47 AM Jones, Scott <scott.jones@mcusd709.org> wrote:
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On Thu, Mar 18, 2021 at 10:51 AM Jones, Scott <scott.jones@mcusd709.org> wrote:

I just spoke with Matt. He wasn't 100% sure, but thought Shawn was supposed to be the scorekeeper spotter that game. He did not assist the scorekeeper with those duties, but instead went to the Pekin fan side and sat with the fans. Again, Matt was not certain of this, but did tell Shawn he would not be able to attend any away games as game personnel after that.

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On Thu, Mar 18, 2021 at 10:32 AM Smock, Craig <craig.smock@mcusd709.org> wrote:

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Teater, Troy <troy.teater@mcusd709.org>

Fwd: [STAFF] Fwd: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Fwd: Figured you should see this

1 message

Hill, Jeff <jeff.hill@mcusd709.org>

To: Troy Teater <troy.teater@mcusd709.org>

Wed, May 4, 2022 at 9:42 AM

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From: **Jones, Scott** <scott.jones@mcusd709.org>

Date: Thu, Mar 18, 2021 at 10:55 AM

Subject: Re: [STAFF] Fwd: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Fwd: Figured you should see this

To: Smock, Craig <craig.smock@mcusd709.org>

Cc: Jeff Hill <jeff.hill@mcusd709.org>, Ripka, Deidre <deidre.ripka@mcusd709.org>

Correct. Jesse text him to do the book after another parent did not show up.

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On Thu, Mar 18, 2021 at 10:53 AM Smock, Craig <craig.smock@mcusd709.org> wrote:
But then he DID act as personnel at Metamora after that?



----- Forwarded message -----
From: **Kurt Gibson** <kgibson@ihsa.org>
Date: Sat, Mar 13, 2021 at 10:28 AM
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] IHSA Special Report 95178
To: <scott.jones@mcusd709.org>

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Teater, Troy <troy.teater@mcusd709.org>

Fwd: [STAFF] Re: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] IHSA Special Report 95178

1 message

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Wed, May 4, 2022 at 9:42 AM

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From: **Scott Jones** <scott.jones@mcusd709.org>
Date: Sun, Mar 14, 2021 at 5:33 PM
Subject: [STAFF] Re: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] IHSA Special Report 95178
To: Craig Smock <craig.smock@mcusd709.org>, Ripka, Deidre <deidre.ripka@mcusd709.org>, Jeff Hill <jeff.hill@mcusd709.org>

This was a disturbing incident that our coaches and admin are very sorry for. We will meet with Mr Durbin and our district admin team this week, with the recommendation of a lengthy suspension going to the board. Either way, Mr Durbin will not be part of our game day personnel ever again.

Thank you.

Scott

On Mar 13, 2021, at 1:47 PM, Jones, Scott <scott.jones@mcusd709.org> wrote:

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5/4/22, 12:21 PM

Morton Unit District 709 Mail - Fwd: [STAFF] Hearing Prep

What time works for you all?

Craig



Teater, Troy <troy.teater@mcusd709.org>

Fwd: [STAFF] Hearing Prep

1 message

Hill, Jeff <jeff.hill@mcusd709.org>
To: Troy Teater <troy.teater@mcusd709.org>

Wed, May 4, 2022 at 9:44 AM

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From: **Ripka, Deidre** <deidre.ripka@mcusd709.org>
Date: Fri, Apr 9, 2021 at 3:40 PM
Subject: Re: [STAFF] Hearing Prep
To: Smock, Craig <craig.smock@mcusd709.org>
Cc: Jeff Hill <jeff.hill@mcusd709.org>, Scott Jones <scott.jones@mcusd709.org>

I can meet between 8:00am-9:30am or 11:00am-1:00pm.

Mrs. Deidre Ripka
Principal
Morton High School
Morton, Illinois



On Fri, Apr 9, 2021 at 3:36 PM Smock, Craig <craig.smock@mcusd709.org> wrote:
Hello Everyone,

I feel that we should meet on Monday to discuss the hearing preparation for Tuesday night.

We need to organize the evidence and talk about your presentation, Scott.



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Phone: 309-663-6377 Fax: 309-663-7479

SPECIAL REPORT #95178

Date of contest March 12, 2021

Sport Boys Basketball

Contest level Varsity

Reporting official Shane R. Parker (46991)

Type of incident other (as specified in box below)

Person reported Shawn Durbin Score keeper from Morton

School Morton

Opposing school Metamora

Official Explanation

Ejection of Morton Score Keeper

At approximately 1:30 to go in the 4th quarter the score keeper from Morton screamed at me "Shane you should be fucking embarrassed". I blew the ball dead and instructed game management Jared Hart from Metamora to remove him from the gym. Before leaving the gym he stopped at the door and gave me the middle finger. Play resumed and we finished the game.

Shawn has my cell number and has continually texted me even as I write this special report. I am forwarding those texts to the assignor of the game Don King.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jay Greening <jay.greening@mhtaw.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] RE: Proposed communication
Date: April 27, 2022 at 12:10:47 PM CDT
To: "Hill, Jeff" <jeff.hill@mcsd709.org>, "Smock, Craig" <craig.smock@mcsd709.org>
Jeff:

Below is the draft letter I have revised to comply with Policy 8:30. As you requested, I included a reference to a possible police report for his threatening behavior.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Jay

Proposed letter:

Re: Your Conduct on April 25, 2022

Dear Dr. Durbin:

On Monday, April 25th, you confronted Athletic Director Scott Jones regarding his role in securing officials after the game versus Metamora. That confrontation was done in anger utilizing a threatening tone and language. After the Athletic Director indicated that he would have to report your behavior to the administration, you pointed your finger at him and told him "You better not" in a threatening tone. This behavior violates Board Policy 8:30 and could be reported to the police given your threats of a public official and disorderly conduct. It also violates our expectations for your behavior set forth in our previous communications to you after you engaged in similar inappropriate conduct and were suspended from school events following a previous incident at a varsity basketball game at Metamora High School last year.

In determining consequences for these actions, we had to weigh the severity of your conduct and the repeated nature of your infractions with the fact that this is your son's senior year. As a result, the administration has determined that you will be suspended from regular season baseball games with the exception of Senior Night until the Board of Education can hold a hearing on your conduct on May 10, 2022. You may waive the hearing by sending a letter to my attention by Wednesday May 4. In the event that we receive your timely written waiver of the hearing and assuming you correct your behavior, the sanction will be limited to the remaining regular season baseball games with the exception of Senior Night. If you choose not to waive the hearing, the Board of Education will hold the hearing to determine whether you violated policy 8:30 and, if so, the particular sanction which could include exclusion from school property and all events (not just baseball) for up to one calendar year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jeffrey Hill, Superintendent

From: Jay Greening
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 10:49 AM
To: Hill, Jeff <jeff.hill@mcsd709.org>; Smock, Craig <craig.smock@mcsd709.org>
Subject: RE: Proposed communication
Did he sign that document?
JG



Jones, Scott <scott.jones@mcsud709.org>

Re: [STAFF] Fwd: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Proposed communication

1 message

Wed, Apr 27, 2022 at 12:35 PM

Jones, Scott <scott.jones@mcsud709.org>
To: "Ripka, Deidre" <deidre.ripka@mcsud709.org>
Cc: Jeff Hill <jeff.hill@mcsud709.org>

This is correct.

After I called him out for threatening me, he offered to apologize. I told him no, that I did not want his apology and that I wanted him to leave.

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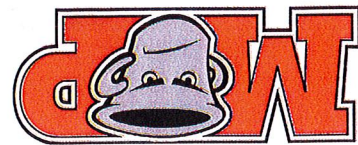


On Wed, Apr 27, 2022 at 12:29 PM Ripka, Deidre <deidre.ripka@mcsud709.org> wrote:
I think this is accurate.

Scott--would you say this is 100% accurate

That confrontation was done in anger utilizing a threatening tone and language. After the Athletic Director indicated that he would have to report your behavior to the administration, you pointed your finger at him and told him "You better not!" in a threatening tone.

Mrs. Deidre Ripka
Principal
Morton High School
Morton, Illinois



On Wed, Apr 27, 2022 at 12:22 PM Jeff Hill <jeff.hill@mcsud709.org> wrote:
FYI

Jeffrey W. Hill, Ed.D.
Superintendent



Jones, Scott <scott.jones@mcusd709.org>

S.D. Incident

1 message

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Tue, Apr 26, 2022 at 11:46 AM

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4/25/22 - Varsity Baseball vs. Metamora @ Westwood Park

On Monday, April 25 at about 9:10pm, I left the press box to meet the umpires and escort them to their cars. As I walked by the home bleachers, Mr. Durbin started yelling at me, complaining about the umpires and how it was even possible that we would hire Ron King. He went on about how Mr. King hates Morton, hates our kids, and is a terrible umpire. I asked Mr. Durbin to stop and go home numerous times and he kept going. By this time I missed the umpires and then turned around again to Mr. Durbin complaining to me. I said once again to stop or my next conversation would be with the administration and board. He told me 2 times that "I'd better not do that" while pointing his finger at me. I told him not to threaten me and to go home. He then offered to apologize to me. I told him I did not want his apology and to just go home. He got angrier with that response and went back to yelling at me. There was a large crowd of parents around at this point. Mr. Durbin finally left to talk with some other people and I walked away to my car. I had several parents and 2 staff members approach me to check on me to make sure I was ok. I went home and notified Mrs. Ripka and the admin team of a run in with Mr. Durbin. Coach Crawford called me later in the evening to check on me, as his wife and other parents informed him of the incident.

The umpire, Ron King is the brother of our assignor Don King who was the previous target of Mr. Durbin. I was in the press box for 6 of the 7 innings of the game, and Mr. King's strikezone was consistent for both teams and all pitchers.

Thank you for your time and support.

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