

Jennifer Shimer

From: geraldine ward [geri_ward@att.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 5:58 PM
To: jshimer@bofg.org
Subject: Public comment

This letter is concerning the lay-off of the Tioga High Principal Ryan Dutton. I was Ryans neighbor for 10 years here in PML. I saw a Principal that cared more for his students and their well-being than any other Teacher I have known. I hope you reconsider the layoff of Ryan and take into account his reputation of being a respected and loved community member.

Respectfully, Geraldine Ward

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From: Penny Dutton [pkdutton@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 5:47 PM
To: jshimer@bofg.org
Subject: Public Comment- PLEASE READ

Agenda 7.0 Public Comment & Communication

At the last School board meeting, the board members and the superintendent refused to answer questions from the public because they stated they are "not allowed to discuss pending litigation" . All of the board members seem to be aware of this litigation".

At that point, there had been no BOFGUSD closed session agenda item that referenced pending litigation. I would like to know how the entire board and superintendent seemed fully informed about this litigation when they could not have legally discussed it.

Thank you
Penny & Don Dutton

By: Raygen Dutton

First of all I am not going to waste any time asking questions, because I know you don't answer them. Did you know that when you don't give people the real answers, they jump to conclusions, in this case they don't think that there is even a real answer, that your doing this to get him out of the way. At least every other day it would be around 4:30, and I ask my mom where my dad is. It's always, he was helping the coach with baseball practice, he helped the teachers with study hall, he... it's always doing something that goes out of his way to lend an extra helping hand. They've delivered clothes and gave them to students in need. They go out and spend 200\$ on blankets to keep his students warm. Also my dad spends money for the school out of his own pocket, I remember on the ski trip, a highschool kid didn't have ski gloves, so he spent thirty dollars out of his own pocket to buy the kid gloves. Another time is when he spent over 40 dollars of his own money to buy all the kid's at study hall pizza. With everything he's done not only to help our schools, but to help our community as well, for example, by fixing up the field so softball and baseball could play, and whose money was that? Definitely not the school, but my parents money. I never heard of you, Mrs.Hilton helping student and buying them stuff with your own money. Out of these few examples he seems like an excellent principal, but having him do these efforts, just so he could make the school, and community a better place, is a person I can't imagining having to step down from any position. The students love Mr.Dutton, and at the last meeting you even heard some of them talk. He even went out of his way to help your own son play sports at Stanislaus. So in conclusion, I know you're never going to change your mind, even though the funny part is that you don't have a real answer. You are making a huge mistake, and I know you know it. Thank you for listening.

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From: Mike Dyer [mdyer@dyerlawfirm.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 5:10 PM
To: jshimer@bofg.org
Cc: Ryan Dutton
Subject: Board Public Meeting for April 8, 2020

Given the Board's failure to provide any information regarding Principal Dutton's removal at prior meetings, and all Board members remained silent, it shall be assumed each member supported the removal either affirmatively or by silent consent, unless any objecting member so states publicly.

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From: Robin Pruitt [robinpruitt48@gmail.com]
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To: jshimer@bofg.org
Subject: Public comment

Agenda item #7 public comment.

Thankyou for allowing me to speak on this matter. We moved to Greeley Hill in 2012 from Ripon ca. Our son, Austin Pruitt was in 8th grade at that time. Having been in the Ripon school board system since kindergarten it was hard on him to adjust.

Being in sports all his life he was encouraged with the sports programs offered at tioga high. Mr Mittelstadt and Mr Dutton were God sends for our family keeping Austin involved and active during this time in his life.

I had my visits to the principal's office on a couple of occasions leaving knowing that Mr Dutton had our sons best interests at heart. He was always available to help us help Austin when it was needed.

As far as character and integrity I have not met many men that I can say come close to Ryan. Here is one example of the selfless genuine heart this man has displayed to us.

It was July 2017. We were evacuated from our home due to the Detwiler fire. We threw what we could into our vehicle and trailer and drove off from our home. The smoke was unbearable with the fire only a football field distance from our home. This was sudden and unexpected. We did not know what to do or where to go. We were directed to smith station road to escape so we headed to groveland. We drove to the EV Free church parking lot turned off the car and just sat there in a panic. I'm talking to my wife about what our options were and what to do. Austin said call my principal Mr Dutton. I said what why call him. Austin said dad he will help us. I'm thinking come on I dont know him that well and he is your principle, why? Austin said dad he will help us he has a trailer maybe we could stay in that.

At this point of this disaster we were going through I said go ahead and call him will see. Austin called and Ryan was there in about 20 minutes. He calmed us down and we prayed. I asked would you mind if we stayed in your trailer tonight? His answer was I called my mom and dad and they would love for you to come over and stay as long as you need. He said the trailer was small and he would feel better with us there. He drove us to his parents place helped us to unload and made sure we felt at home before he left.

To sum this man up we moved up here to this small community never expecting to get what Ripon schools had to offer. What we recieved from this community and Mr Dutton cannot be measured with money, buildings or numbers. We recieved from him on that night and many other times a degree of kindness and caring that you cannot buy.

Thankyou for taking the time to read this. Robin Puitt.

Agenda #7/ Public Comment and Communication

To The Big Oak Flat-Groveland Unified School District,

In the last board meeting specifically pertaining to the open comment section of Mr. Ryan Duttons case, the result was the board members "could not speak on anything having to do with the case". In the speech I gave to the board, I refrained from asking specific questions and sought to speak the truth on the matter. One thing I mentioned and I hope to shed some light on is the "Education Code section 44951". How does a principal who has come so far and worked so hard be released and reassigned for "no cause" as in the Education Code this is stated.

Mr. Ryan Dutton works hard before, during, and after school hours. Since Mr. Ryan Dutton has been a teacher and involved with Tioga, as well as the community, what he has accomplished is incredible. The weight training, landscaping, personal finance, addidas sports sponsorship and scholarships are some of the main achievements he has applied to the school. Mr. Ryan Dutton devotes time to seek out members in the community to hire students for summer jobs and he strives to bring guest speakers, career fair, and members of the community to help and inspire students. All he has accomplished has led him to being principal of Tioga High School and he is not done, he is always working on something new for the students.

The overall leader that Mr. Ryan Dutton displays shows excellent work ethic and passion for giving the students valuable advice. In Groveland I see Tioga High School as a place to save money and for kids living in Groveland to go down the street to school. Terminating Mr. Ryan Dutton from principal would be a loss and take away one of the communities most important leaders.

Sincerely,

Austin Pruitt Class of 2017 Tioga High School

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From: John Olson [johnolsonpml@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2020 4:43 PM
To: jshimer@bofg.org
Subject: Public Comment

Read Aloud at Meeting

Ryan Dutton has done an outstanding job as Principal of Tioga High School, many amazing and positive improvements. He and his family are well respected and thought of in the community and are very much a part of the community. The people in this community very much want Ryan Dutton to remain as the principal of Tioga High School.

Respectfully

John Olson

Resident of Groveland

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From: murray smith [dn2earth@me.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2020 9:11 AM
To: jshimer@bofg.org
Subject: Public comment

Please read at the meeting. My name is Murray Smith and I'd like to express my concerns on what's going on in our community. It's been brought to my attention that you the school board have been convinced to remove Ryan Dutton from his position at Tyoga High school. I attended the last board meeting trying to figure out what went wrong and hear it from the board . I left the meeting very disappointed that you didn't discuss your decision at all. At times like these I feel that our community, our schools and Ryan's family don't need this added stress . We should be more concerned about helping people though these hard times, and delete this kind stress and distraction. Let's work together to keep Our community together , not tear it apart with actions like this. Thanks for the job you are doing and Stay Strong !

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Tanto Pf [tantopf351@gmail.com]
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To: jshimer@bofg.org
Subject: Public comment

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Ryan Dutton goes beyond measures not only for the school but for this community and students. He has done a great justice in not only my eyes but my graduating class, I remember my entire grade went on strike when you guys tried to get rid of him back then. Ryan is an amazing teacher that not only goes above and beyond but puts up with students who tend to disrespect and have no respect for anybody on the campus. Ryan always handles everything in a professional matter. When schools out who do you think is still at school doing something to help the high school or up keep it, it's Ryan. Letting him go from his position is the worst mistake you can make. Not only does this hurt him but think of his family too the duttons have always put their heart and soul in the schools and the community. Mrs. Pollock does this have anything to do with the Duttons housing your child that was suffering from many problems? We know what you are capable of. You cant keep hiding how corrupt you are.

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From: Izaiah Ruiz [tantopf@gmail.com]
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