

Comments to "Sperry principal's status remains undetermined" , published 12/15/2009

ub2slow, (12/15/2009 9:47:48 AM)

117,000 dollars out of the general fund and for what? The board had NO grounds to fire Harcher but they made her believe she was going to be fired so when Harcher made an offer for a buyout the board, four to one, jumped on it. Sisney came to Sperry in April and could have given Holcomb & Weaver their due process hearings. The board chose to put those hearings off because they had made promises to those two that in the end they could not keep. Holcomb filed suit against Sisney, Wilson & Morrow. They used school money to avoid personal law suits with a buy out. The board voted five to zero on that one. Oh, they will say that it would have been worse but since a judge never got to hear the case we will never know will we? Make an informed decision when we go to the poles in February. FOLLOW THE MONEY!!

ub2slow, (12/15/2009 9:54:59 AM)

Some time ago Weaver files a 200,000 dollar suit against the school. They have to try to get him to come back as there is not enough money left at Sperry Schools to pay him off. Wonder where they will get enough money to finish the year?

612, Broken Arrow (12/15/2009 10:31:16 AM)

P.S. How much time is Sisney spending managing the district, compared with the time he spends dealing with the BA lawsuits and arranging Sperry staffing to his liking, with an eye toward protecting his position?

Dash Riprock, Edmond (12/15/2009 10:38:40 AM)

Well, well, well look what we have here... Sperry Public Schools finally deciding that Principal Tim Weaver can come back to work now. Yes, Mr. Weaver, c'mon back and resume the 'role' of high school principal, even though your reputation and character have been destroyed beyond repair by people who ARE STILL EMPLOYEES of that school system. Oooh now that sounds inviting, doesn't it? The Tulsa County Sheriff's Office, and the Tulsa County District Attorney's Office both found NO evidence of misconduct after their investigation. That was months ago, and all the while Sperry Public Schools sent the former Superintendent, the former Elementary Principal(after negotiation), neat little settlements, along with hiring Dr. Sisney to pick up the pieces. Who picks up the pieces of Mr. Weaver's career and reputation? Why has it taken so long to 'welcome' Mr. Weaver back? How would any student, who got in trouble and had a dislike, maybe not for Mr. Weaver, but just for the discipline of the position, not use the the same methods to their full advantage and say, embellish the truth for their benefit? And lastly, what of the students who made these false accusations...who directed them to make them up? Who wanted Tim Weaver gone from Sperry? Perhaps former and CURRENT administration and faculty didn't like changes that would bring them out of their comfort zones and actually move in a proactive direction. Where is the investigation that would bring the real culprits out in the open? I say until that happens, and until Tim Weaver has had a public vindication (on the news stations who were quick to get

a 'dirty laundry' story out, and in the newspapers in Oklahoma), he would be nothing more than a lame duck principal who would have no credibility, and certainly no business jumping back into that bonfire of controversy.

ub2slow, (12/15/2009 10:47:57 AM)

612, Sisney has already begun to come up with ways to undermine anyone who disagrees with him. Also anyone who disagrees with Selvidge & Wilson had better be looking over their shoulders because those three have become quite a click. Sisney spends way too much time on things other than the needs of Sperry's district. Phone calls, faxes, Emails you name it. Sperry voters wake up. Do you think Sisney is working on the B.A. lawsuit only after working hours or on weekends.

612, Broken Arrow (12/15/2009 10:59:58 AM)

ub2slow, Jolie and I printed some flyers and distributed them in BA to let people know about the questions around Sisney's accusations. If some Sperry folks wanted to do the same thing before the board election, we can help with content and information on how we got them printed. Hint: order them in advance. That overnight charge is a killer!

ub2slow, (12/15/2009 11:03:26 AM)

thanks 612, we will be in touch

wk, (12/15/2009 11:27:39 AM)

At least Sisney seems to be man enough to call a spade a spade. Not many people would stand up and admit that the accusations were baseless.

Tulsa World Web Reporter, Tulsa (12/15/2009 12:23:38 PM)

Please do not try to bypass the filter to post links to other sites. These posts will be removed as they are reported. Thanks!

612, Broken Arrow (12/15/2009 12:36:31 PM)

Looks like someone reported my comment directing people to the website that contains information about Sisney's lawsuits against Broken Arrow. Who would want to suppress that? Or the contents of the post, or that matter? Reposting my comment, without the reference. ----- I have heard from several Sperry people who are observing the same troubling character traits and management tactics that Sisney displayed in Broken Arrow. They are very concerned about Sisney cutting teacher and staff positions yet creating new high-level administrative positions and putting his friends in them. Sperry needs to get him out before he gets in a position where he can pull the same stunts. It's possible that if he starts to feel threatened or cornered, he may take steps to protect his position. As we have seen, these steps can include some pretty involved scheming and some pretty harsh attacks on others. Clearly he has no qualms about threatening and blackmailing people. If any of your board members have anything they would rather keep quiet, they are an easy target. Maybe this is already happening. The board has approved his recommendations to create expensive new positions and put his friends in them. Is it because they think it's a good idea - or because he has convinced them in his own special

way? He is gathering his generals. Don't think he won't use his tried-and-true methods of getting his way, to the detriment of the district. Court documents and other documents are posted on a website which shall not be named, but will come up first in a Yahoo search using the keywords Sisney Broken Arrow lawsuit.

molboroman, (12/15/2009 12:39:00 PM)

Weaver was suspended after he was accused of inappropriate locker-room behavior on or around April 6. The request for his non-renewal of his contract, by then Superintendent Dr. Harcher, had already been discussed by the school board and had nothing to do with the locker-room incident. He was being terminated because he was incompetent. It was on April 1, that Cindy Wilson and Darrell Morrow met secretly, there is video of this, at her home with then elementary principal Stephanie Holcomb, who was also being non-renewed (paid \$52,500 to settle her lawsuit) and Mr. Weaver. It was at this meeting Holcomb says in her settled lawsuit that the two of them were promised positions within the district once the board got rid of Dr. Harcher. What a class act by two board members. Nothing like being unethical and undermining the position of the superintendent. It would take a majority to the board to get rid of Dr. Harcher so another board member had to be conspiring with Wilson and Morrow for them to feel confident enough to say this. If the board and Dr. Sisney had just given them their hearing as the two had requested the district would not have been out one penny. But look what happens when you are deceitful (Wilson and Morrow) and inept (Wilson, Morrow and Sisney). And, as for Andy Fugitt the school lawyer what was he doing when all this was taking place? He knew all along that Dr. Harcher was recommending the non-renewal of Weaver and Holcomb. Why did he not advise the board president to schedule the hearing that had been requested? What are we paying him for? Like ub2slow says "follow the money".

Jolie2, (12/15/2009 12:50:30 PM)

ub2slow One thing to to keep in mind is that there are people who are very much in opposition to the truth getting out to the general public. We had a group of people here in BA running around town to find where we left the flyers giving 'the other side of the story' and directing them to the website with even more information and TOSSING THEM IN THE TRASH!! (One of the group was insistent on let us know each time they found some and threw them away). This is a concerted effort on the part of some people. Freedom of expression and truth is not always easy to come by.

Jolie2, (12/15/2009 1:01:43 PM)

Does anyone know Jennifer Hagan of Sperry? She is quoted extensively in FOX23's website article entitled "Sperry Superintendent Battles Lawsuit" QUOTE "I actually think he's doing a great job here," says parent Jennifer Hagan. Hagan has four kids in the Sperry school system. She says she's noticed a difference in the district since Superintendent Jim Sisney took over. "They listen to the kids better. Things seem to be going better. Financially, things seem to be going better," says Hagan. END QUOTE In fact, I would say information about Ms. Hagan and her favorable quotes regarding Sisney take up at least half of the news article. Makes me wonder how the FOX23 reporter managed to find someone who would give such a glowing report of Jim Sisney's performance in Sperry and why only one resident was selected for such an extended opinion, considering there are many residents likely to speak up, with all

the issues facing the school district currently.

kyote, (12/15/2009 1:02:26 PM)

This very article has a threat from Mr Sisney to the students, staff and facility members to ensure mr weaver return to a favorable environment. It printed "as first reported by the tulsa world".

612, Broken Arrow (12/15/2009 1:04:49 PM)

Did Sisney give Hagan the script, like he did Updike?

Jolie2, (12/15/2009 1:12:43 PM)

If he did, 612, this time he didn't send it by email, I'll bet. Must have been a handwritten personal note.

612, Broken Arrow (12/15/2009 1:17:36 PM)

...in disappearing ink!

612, Broken Arrow (12/15/2009 1:18:46 PM)

Now I've got the Mission Impossible song running through my head. "This message will self-destruct..."

ub2slow, (12/15/2009 1:25:35 PM)

yeah Hagan will talk that trash until one of her little "darlings" gets sent home from school, as has happened many times in the past. It's always the school's fault, not the kids. Sooner or later she will have something against this administration too. Lots of talk, not much substance.

Dash Riprock, Edmond (12/15/2009 2:04:40 PM)

Molboroman, funny you should say that Mr. Weaver was recommended for termination because he was incompetent. The findings from the present administration said there was NO BASIS for that recommendation and the Sperry Public Schools want him to return to that position. I don't know about how you interpret it, but that's hardly a statement about incompetence.

molboroman, (12/15/2009 2:10:17 PM)

Dash Riprock, You have to understand that this administration has different standards and expectations that are not as high as the previous administration. So, they will settle for lower standards, plus the administration and board screwed up and they can't afford to keep paying him a salary or payoff another lawsuit. Pretty simple and funny, wouldn't you say?

612, Broken Arrow (12/15/2009 2:21:18 PM)

It may be even more critical than ever that they avoid a lawsuit or contract payoff, now that there are additional administrative positions that the budget will have to cover. So if Sisney wants his friends in positions at Sperry, this may be a compromise he had to make.

just the fax, (12/15/2009 2:26:06 PM)

Weaver is not innocent, there was just not enough evidence at the time to charge him with lewd

behavior. But the fact is that he went into the boys locker room, leered at the students in various stages of dress and undress, rubbed students backs suggestively and made off the wall comments to them which were inappropriate. He has a trail of this lewd behavior, all you have to do is check his former schools. They all let him go before his contract ended. He even has a charge from one school about a bathroom incident with a student. Why are we not protecting these students from this behavior.

612, Broken Arrow (12/15/2009 2:40:52 PM)

In addition to providing the budget for Sisney's new positions, it is to Sisney's benefit to have people beholden to him; so much the better if he has ongoing leverage to coerce them to do what he asks. In this case, it would be easy to resurrect the rumors of lewdness – whether they ever had any basis or not – because the incident is already in the public's mind. A high school principal's vocal support of Sisney could go a long way toward showing him in a positive light, and a high school principal would also be a good source of information on people in the district who may not agree with Sisney's policies.

Dash Riprock, Edmond (12/15/2009 2:53:14 PM)

just the fax...'there was just not enough evidence at the time to charge him with lewd behavior'. If in fact those things you mentioned had occurred, then TCSO and the TCDA's office would have charged Mr. Weaver. I would tell you that whatever you call facts about Mr. Weaver's past and what the investigation was about at Sperry, in this day and age are investigated to the fullest and NOTHING you call facts have EVER be substantiated, and you know it. Bring the coaches and the players involved for a sworn deposition or even to court, and see what comes out. the 'incident' occurred in August, but it was April before it was brought to light. It was an inside job from former and CURRENT employees who did not like Mr. Weaver. Investigate it, just like they did Mr. Weaver, under oath. Of course, with the red face that Sperry has now, that'll never happen. Why are we not protecting Mr. Weaver from people who carelessly toss reputations and careers aside, with factless opinions?

ub2slow, (12/15/2009 2:55:05 PM)

there was plenty of documentation as to Weavers incompetence. By now it has most likely been "misplaced". Harcher had & still has plenty of paper work to show that this guy has no business at Sperry. He has been in several schools around the state & has been asked, for one reason or another, to leave. Wonder which one of the board members job it was to check Weaver out before he was hired? 612 is right, The school must try everything it can to avoid another suit or payoff. Because of the mess that four of five present board members has made Sperry Schools is nearly broke. The insurance co. wanted to drop the school back at the beginning of the year because of all of the things that were going on in the district. They agreed to continue to insure the school but for a gigantic deductible. That's why they are not going to replace the burned bus & repairs to the bus barn will be a LONG time coming. Weaver is not coming back, why should he. He holds all the cards. He will continue to collect his monthly checks & sooner or later the school will have to pay him off. You want to talk about incompetence, you need look no further than the present board of education & its admin.

Dash Riprock, Edmond (12/15/2009 3:36:37 PM)

just the fax, thank you for showing you know very little about Mr. Weaver's former teaching

positions...he has NEVER been employed by the Henryetta Public Schools, but thanks again, for your opinions. I am a parent, and if you think I'm passing this off carelessly, you are sadly mistaken.

ub2slow, (12/15/2009 3:56:08 PM)

612 & just the fax are exactly right. there was plenty of paper work to show that Weaver was incompetent & had no business at Sperry schools. By now the documents have most likely been "misplaced". Harcher had & still has lots of paper work to show that sending him home was the right thing to do. If the board had given Weaver & Holcome their due process hearings in a timely manner this whole thing would be a none issue. The board dragged their feet & both filed law suits. Weaver is not coming back, why should he. He holds all of the cards. He will continue to collect his monthly checks & at some point the school will have to pay him off. Talk about incompetence, look no further than the board of education & the present admin.

612, Broken Arrow (12/15/2009 4:43:46 PM)

We are serious when we say that anyone who tries to get the truth out about Sisney is attacked. Our comments on previous articles, including the one about the counterclaim, are being deleted because we referred to the website that contains information about this controversy, including Sisney's court documents. Someone reported these comments - someone who doesn't want people to see the truth. He then emailed me and taunted me about it. These are not nice people. If the comments disappear from this article, you'll know what is behind it. And I know who.

Jolie2, (12/15/2009 5:19:07 PM)

*** to TW World Web Reporter *** Please do not disable comments section. There is a concerted effort among Sisney's supporters to keep the truth from being disseminated. When we published flyers at our own expense and distributed them in the BA community to give reference information and resources on the controversy started by Jim Sisney when he was BAPS superintendent there, members of his group of supporters went around town looking for the flyers and threw them in the trash, whenever they found them. Then the spokesperson for the group contacted us, each time they found some flyers and threw them away, telling us it was 'time to restock.' We've just received a message from the same person indicating that they are now targeting the comments section of the TW articles. Please, if there are violations on particular comments, edit or delete those particular comments, but do not disable the entire comments section of each article. Please help keep free speech alive and allow citizens to get information to each other about topics that are important to them. Jolie

ub2slow, (12/15/2009 5:20:06 PM)

612, I caught that. That's ok, these morons may slow us down from time to time but they can't stop the truth.

ub2slow, (12/15/2009 5:26:18 PM)

Tulsa World web reporter Please allow the truth to be told. Edit if you must but please do not shut all of these comments down. Taxpayers deserve to know the truth.

molboroman, (12/15/2009 5:29:07 PM)

If the Tulsa World chooses to censor a comment they should at least make reference to what, why and whose comment is being censored.

RootHog, (12/15/2009 6:18:34 PM)

Hey all you cry babies... if you are telling the truth, why don't you sign your names? Responsible citizens do. Hiding behind some fictitious screen name tells the real truth. You're chicken sh@\$.

ub2slow, (12/15/2009 6:24:55 PM)

So then I guess that means your mama named you roothog. That figures

ub2slow, (12/15/2009 6:29:03 PM)

go brush your tooth

RootHog, (12/15/2009 6:33:39 PM)

I have very sharp teeth. Grunt Grunt!

RootHog, (12/15/2009 6:35:50 PM)

Hey ub2slow.... I guess yo mama named you cause she thinks you b slow. Better to have people guess than blog and remove all doubts!

kyote, (12/15/2009 6:37:26 PM)

What was a principal doing in the locker room? Maybe he likes young men naked. Sounds like an alarm to me to the parents of students attending Sperry schools until this person receives some kind of professional help and I don't mean from the superintendent or school board.

612, Broken Arrow (12/15/2009 6:42:09 PM)

I added a section to the website regarding the comments being reported and deleted. Yahoo search, keywords: Sisney Broken Arrow Lawsuit (because "lawsuit" and "Sisney" go together so well)

RootHog, (12/15/2009 6:50:35 PM)

Hey 612... Whats the name of your website? weebeeliein'

Jolie2, (12/15/2009 6:54:26 PM)

Thank you so much, 612, for the new shiny addition to the top of your website. The time has come for Mr. Chris Tharp to be revealed to the Broken Arrow community for the concerned citizen he is. The question is, just what is he concerned about? Hope you enjoy what 612 has prepared for, which you so justly deserve, Chris. Merry Christmas.

Few Clothes, America (12/15/2009 9:00:22 PM)

You people a vicious lynch mob mentality.

WoodyWayne, (12/15/2009 9:16:31 PM)

It is apparent the heat is on and Sisney is trying to put out the fire, which "he started". He is trying to smother the truth. By the way, is Mr. Tharp looking for a job? How long has he worked for his current employer? Who is his employer? Just curious, as it makes no sense why this man would not recognize the truth, unless he has another motive.

Jolie2, (12/15/2009 10:20:20 PM)

to Few Clothes If you had observed the actions and heard the words of the people who started and continued to drive this terribly destructive and very public controversy which damaged the reputations of hardworking, innocent individuals serving, working, and living in our community over the past year, you would understand what we are doing now. We now have been given evidence that has been made public that proves what we strongly suspected for quite some time. This is the natural consequence of Sisney's and his supporters' unfair actions. I only want people to recognize these folks for what they are and what they have done, and if there are criminal acts proven, that the authorities take appropriate action. What goes around, comes around.

RootHog, (12/16/2009 6:50:54 AM)

The actions you gutless thugs have taken scream "We are guilty". Maybe you've heard... "The smeller's the Feller". Makes me wonder who you really are. No one without a serious stake in the "game" would be so bent. I haven't seen Sisney replay to your garbage. That tells me he's a better person than all of you put together. Human behavior is very predictive.

just the fax, (12/16/2009 9:14:34 AM)

Weaver was never employed at Henryetta, he went to high school there. But when the incident happened he was of age. However, at his other places of employment he has had problems of this same lewd nature. I also know of a felony he obtained in Payne County.....why is he employed at a public school with a felony. The staff at Sperry have copies of his OSBI report that indicates a felony charge and time in the DOC. So he was in the big house, but Dash, you already knew that.

Jolie2, (12/16/2009 10:05:11 AM)

so RootHog Anytime you're in a room when someone 'cuts the cheese,' have you found that only the 'culprit' is the one who complains about or reacts to the smell? I don't think that's true. "He who smelt it, dealt it" is only the weak defense of the person who created the embarrassing smell. The documents filed on both of Sisney's lawsuits this past Friday speak for themselves, to people who actually take the time to read them. By creating this controversy to try and manipulate and blackmail the school board to extend his contract, Sisney is to blame. Don't blame those of us for pointing out the big stinking mess he made. Sisney can't even answer very basic questions in his wrongful termination lawsuit as to what wrongful actions the board members took. Take a look for yourself in the motion to compel filed by the school district's attorney on 12/11/09 (Fri.). The deadline for discovery is 12/31/09 but the plaintiff (Sisney) is unable to provide any specific information to back up his claims. You should wonder why that is. I already know. What we DO have is email correspondence recovered from his computer that illustrates that he concocted the allegations for his own personal gain and enlisted the help of a school

board member, a state representative, the local media, and others to pursue his agenda in accomplishing his goals: a contract extension and a favorable employment review. These are the facts in Jim Sisney's own words and the words of his attorney brother, Thurman Lee Sisney of Kentucky. You can read all of this for yourself from the PDF files linked on the TW and Ledger December 11 articles on the pleading filed requesting a counterclaim against Sisney last Friday. All your grumbling and insults won't change the fact, RootHog. Sisney made the mess, but someone else is going to have to clean it up. Luckily, the court system, and perhaps the authorities, are ready to do that for us.

Dash Riprock, Edmond (12/16/2009 10:10:24 AM)

just the fax...once again, you've outdone yourself in rumors and baseless heresy. Mr. Weaver NEVER went to school in Henryetta. Mr. Weaver has NEVER done time in any facility on this planet, and why do you continue to just make slandering his name and character? It amazes me that each time I prove you wrong with facts, you change your story. Now, by your own admission, he was never employed by Henryetta Public Schools, but yesterday you were sure of it. Now you say he's had a 'problem with the same lewd nature' everywhere he's had employment. It's obvious you are in here to put as many lies in print as you can, and what for? How in the world can you just make up a story about him 'doing time in the DOC'? I would ask you to get some facts before defaming the name of someone you obviously dislike. I would challenge anyone to find where Tim Weaver, THIS Tim Weaver that we are talking about, had EVER done time, anytime, anywhere. That is a very strong accusation that is a blatant lie. What do you expect to gain by your slanderous approach?

612, Broken Arrow (12/16/2009 10:57:08 AM)

The Ledger declined to publish my comment about Chris Tharp having all our comments deleted. Not surprising.