

In re: The Matter of:

Recall Petition of Wrightstown School Board President
Angela Hansen-Winker

**WRIGHTSTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD
PRESIDENT ANGELA HANSEN-WINKER'S VERIFIED
CHALLENGE TO THE RECALL PETITION**

INTRODUCTION

The recall Petition filed against Angela Hansen-Winker is defective on its face, legally insufficient and derived from fraudulent practices and violations of school board policy that require its rejection by the Wrightstown Community School District. The Petition must be rejected for the following reasons:

1. The Petition was impermissibly vague and failed to state a *reason for the recall which is related to Angela's official responsibilities* making all signatures insufficient on its face.
2. Electors have requested their signatures be removed from the Petition prior to filing because they were misled by circulators, yet, not all elector signatures that so requested have been removed.
3. Circulators altered over 258 addresses or municipality names that were written on the Petition by electors thereby making them ineligible to be counted.
4. Circulators fraudulently induced electors to sign the Petition using and making false statements about Angela, including the wonton and intentional misuse of district logos on private solicitation materials.
5. The Petition was circulated multiple times on school district property and during school district events, violating numerous written school district policies including po2430, po9700, po3210, po0144.5, and p. 29 of the staff handbook.

6. Circulators who are also government officials restricted public access to recall allegations made on a private Facebook page in violation of Federal and Wisconsin open records laws and Angela's First Amendment rights.
7. School board members and circulators induced and coerced signatures from unsuspecting electors using false statements and bribes, despite knowing the truth from Angela's public press release.

Specifically, the petition is far short of the 1,206-signature minimum threshold. Although the submitted petition included 1,308 signatures, the Petitioner's review has whittled down those numbers significantly based on multiple and flagrant violations of Wis. Stat. 9.10, state law, policy violations, and public policy concerns to, *at a maximum*, 1,156. However, Petitioner believes that an additional 20 rows of electors that did not know what they were signing, as well as all pages circulated by current officials who intentionally used their official positions to defraud the public, should be rejected as well. For these reasons, the Clerk must rule the Petition to be insufficient on its face because the number of legitimate signatures gathered by the circulators is below the threshold number necessary to proceed to a recall election against Angela and that the circulation of the Petition was riddled with and tainted by fraud and multiple violations of policies and laws.

I. The Recall Petition is insufficient because it fails to state a legitimate claim and is impermissibly vague.

A recall petition "*shall contain a statement of a reason for the recall which is related to the **official responsibilities** of the official for whom removal is sought.*" Emphasis added. Wis. Stat. § 9.10(2)(b). The recall petition against Angela fails to meet this legal standard. Instead of articulating any specific allegation regarding the performance of her **official responsibilities** as a school board member or as president of the school board, the petition merely asserts:

"Disregard for board procedures. Lack of transparency and communication. Conflict of interest and ethical violations. Violation of district policies and code of conduct."

None of these allegations are supported by any factual evidence or even touch on Angela's conduct, behavior or performance as an elected public official. In fact, it is just the opposite. Angela is an advocate for open, transparent and honest school board governance. The promoters of the Petition have failed to state on the Petition any specific act suggesting any action by Angela that reflects the performance of her **official responsibilities**. They offer mere opinions and misstatements of her character, driven by long-simmering political animosity, revenge and fear of her investigation into school board corruption. This recall is not about the constitutional right to recall an elected official. It is about trying to prevent Angela from performing her duties as a school board member.

The lack of specificity in the recall petition made it impossible for signers to understand the nature of the allegations so electors who signed the petition were not able to make an informed decision as to whether Angela has performed her official responsibilities. The recall petitioners failed to state even the most rudimentary reasons why she has failed in her official responsibilities. Electors have a right to understand the accurate allegations raised in a recall election. Mere allegations of poor job performance or unpopularity is not sufficient to support a recall under Wisconsin law. Wis. Stat. § 9.10(2)(b).

Voters who signed the Petition were misled by recall promoters on multiple occasions who often misrepresented the nature of the recall itself to harvest signatures. In fact, over a dozen electors have requested to have their names removed from the Petition for this very reason—even though the Petitioner had only a mere couple weeks to try and respond to the litany of public fraud, inducement, and coercion. Under Wisconsin law, the Petition must clearly state the allegations as they relate to her official responsibilities. Mere criticism of her character is not enough to meet this burden. Wis. Stat. § 9.10(2)(b).

The absence of any factual specificity in the recall petition is not enough to meet the statutory standard. Mere dislike of a school board member for exposing public corruption is not adequate grounds for recall. Because the recall petition is impermissibly vague and does not establish a legally sufficient cause for removal, the recall petition must be rejected.

Substantial compliance with Wis. Stat. § 8.40 requires the Petition to be circulated in a manner that protects against fraud and that assures the signers knew the contents of the petition. And substantial compliance with recall procedures is necessary because of the significant interest of the office holder in retaining her position. *In re: Petition for Recall of Jensen*, 360 N.W.2d 535 (Wis. Ct. App. 1984). It is the law in Wisconsin that: There must be substantial compliance with legally required recall procedures. But substantial compliance is all that is necessary. Nevertheless, it has been ruled that noncompliance with a statutory provision intended to safeguard the operation of constitutional recall procedures is fatal to the validity of a recall petition. *Beckstrom v. Kornsi*, 63 Wis. 2d 375; 217 N.W.2d 283 (1974).

As such, the Petition should be ruled insufficient on its face for lack of substantial compliance with the statutory requirement to set forth a statement of a reason for the recall which is related to the official responsibilities of the official for whom removal is sought.

II. The Recall Petition Signatures contain numerous false and fraudulent address information and show fraudulent edits of signatory information by the circulators without the electors apparent consent.

It is the exclusive duty and obligation of the signers of the Petition to complete the required information themselves unless allowed by statute to have assistance due to physical disability.

Wis. Stat. § 8.40(1).

*“Each signer of such a petition shall affix his or her signature to the petition accompanied by **his or her municipality of residence for voting purposes**, the street and number, if any, on which the signer resides, and the date of signing... No*

signature is valid under this subsection unless the signer satisfies the requirements under this subsection.” Emphasis added. Wis. Stat. §8.40 (1).

It is clear from the plain language of the statute that the signer of the Petition **shall** accompany his or her signature with disclosure of his or her **municipality of residence** for purposes of voting. It is the duty of the signer to write the required information on the Petition when deciding to participate in the process. Electors capable of signing the Petition are presumed to have, at minimum, some cognitive understanding of the municipality in which they reside and vote. The law assumes that the signer personally and intentionally fills in his or her correct address and municipality when signing an official election form. In short, the law assumes signers of the Petition know where they live when they signed the Petition.

An examination of the Petition signatures reveals that in over 258 instances (over 80% of the signature sheets presented as the Petition, the municipality data has been modified by persons other than the signers. As the Petition has been edited to create two or more municipalities of residence, the Clerk cannot, on its face, determine which residence is the accurate residential address of the voter. As such, the signatures cannot be counted.

The signers’ disclosure of their actual municipality was edited or changed by either the circulators or other unknown persons, thus making the signatures void. Only the signer has the right to fill in the Petition and neither the circulator nor other people have any right to edit or change the information given by the signer.

If someone other than the elector signed for the elector, the signature may not be counted. Wis. Stat. § 9.10(2)(em)(j). Here, we have over 258 examples of someone other than the signer changing and manipulating the signature information AFTER the signer signed the Petition. As such, none of these signatures can be counted. They were altered by the circulators or others and are void.

While technical defects in the Petition alone may not warrant dismissal of a recall petition, defects that rise to the level of facilitating misrepresentation can be grounds for rejection of the Petition. See: *Matter of Recall of Redner*, 153 Wis2d 383 (1989). Similarly, in *Stahovic v. Rajchel*, 122 Wis.2d 370 (1984), the court implied fraud can be a reason for a clerk to reject recall signatures. In *Friends of Scott Walker v. Brennan*, the court determined that recall petitions containing patently fictitious names or illegible addresses may be challenged and the clerk may be directed to eliminate such signatures during their review of the recall petition. 340 Wis.2d 499 (2012).

The perpetrators of these edits have not only denied the signer their constitutional right to recall but have attempted to harm Angela, the electorate, and the District by fraudulent abuse of the process. The persons editing or modifying information given by the Petition signers have committed election fraud under Wis. Stat. § 12.13(1)(b) by making a false statement to an election official. Manipulation of over 258 signers' information in an attempt to trigger a statutory recall is a criminal offence.

The circulators have no authority under state law to edit or change any information on the Petition inscribed by the signer. Yet, here, multiple circulators edited the Petition in an attempt to mislead the Clerk into believing the Petition signatures are accurate. All of these edited signatures must be excluded because, on its face, the Clerk cannot determine the correct address of the signer.

The obligations of Petition circulators are clearly set forth in statute. Wis. Stat. § 8.40(2). Circulators are required to know that petition signers are electors of the jurisdiction or district in which the petition is circulated and that they signed the Petition with full knowledge of its content. The circulator must know "their respective residence given" and the circulator is aware that falsifying the certification is punishable under wis. Stat. §12.13(3)(a). Wis. Stat. § 8.40(2).

It is long-settled law in Wisconsin that circulators are obligated to know the respective residences of electors signing the Petition. *State v. Beckley*, 192 Wis. 367 (1927). In the instant matter, over 258 municipality entries made by signers were changed by the circulators without the consent or permission of the signers. At minimum, and in the best light, the circulators failed in the duty to know the signers' respective residence as is required by law. One can be wrong about a street address but wrong about a municipality is not credible. All such signatures that have been manipulated and now show two or more Municipalities of Residence must not be counted and the Clerk has no capacity to determine from the face of the Petition which municipality is correct.

As such, circulators have no authority to "correct" or "edit" any information recorded by the signers. In over 258 instances, Petition signature information was edited by the circulators or other parties to change the municipality of the signer – creating confusion as more than one municipality now exists for these signers. On its face, the Petition is ambiguous so these signatures may not be counted. *In re Jensen*, 121 Wis.2d 467 (1984).

Wisconsin courts have ruled that persons circulating recall petitions be circulated in the absence of fraud. "Nevertheless, substantial compliance with recall procedures is necessary because of the significant interest of the officeholder in retaining his position. See *Beckstrom v. Kornsi*, 63 Wis.2d 375, 387, 217 N.W.2d 283, 290 (1974). Substantial compliance requires that petitions be circulated in a manner that protects against fraud and that assures that signers know the content of the petition. See *Montoya v. Lopez*, 659 P.2d 900, 901-02 (N.M. 1983). Therefore, it is imperative that the circulation of recall petitions be done in the absence of fraud. A review of the Petitions has uncovered widespread **improper alterations** made by circulators. Specifically:

- Signers' addresses and municipalities of residence were pre-filled, **rewritten or changed** by circulators without the signer's consent or knowledge.

- Municipality names were **changed** by circulators to make it appear that signers resided in the district when, in fact, they did not. Circulators are obligated to know the municipality of each signer at the time the signer signs the petition. Wis. Stat. §8.40(2).
- Some circulators **crossed out information and replaced it in clearly different handwriting**, which violates Wis. Sta. § 8.40(1) and (2).

Under **Wis. Stat. § 9.10(2)(e)(4)**, all such modified signatures are invalid if the residency of the signer cannot be determined. Because circulators altered the municipal information and because over 258 signatures now reflect two or more residence locations, the Clerk cannot determine from the FACE of the Petition where the signers actually live. All such signatures that have been modified by the circulators or others must be **stricken**. As this number exceeds 258 signatures, the Petition falls short of the 1,206 signatures necessary to order a recall election.

Next, many circulators, including *current board member* Tiffany Van Vreede also crossed out address information on multiple signature pages and filled in new information herself in her own handwriting without the signatory's knowledge or consent. This is patently illegal. Wis. Stat. §8.40(1) requires the signer and the signer alone to sign the Petition and fill in the requisite data. Here, Van Vreede modified the signer's municipal data without any authority to do so and, in some examples, actually pre-filled Municipality and other data on signature sheets in gross violation of law. All required information must be written on the Petition by the actual signer. No other person is authorized by law to edit, add or delete ANY information provided by the signer (except as allowed under Wis. Stat. § 9.10 (2)(j) for disability accommodation.) All signatures where portions of the address are crossed out must be stricken from the Petition as fraudulent and may not be counted. Wis. Stat. §9.10((2)(m).

As over 258 signers now have multiple addresses and municipalities listed on the Petition signature sheets, the Petition - on its face - is insufficient. As the Clerk cannot tell the exact municipality of residence of these signers, the signatures cannot be counted and the recall effort

fails for lack of valid, unaltered signatures. *See* Exhibit A. The following table contains the Recall Pages and rows where a circulator or clearly different handwriting has altered, stricken, or otherwise edited information about an elector without their knowledge or consent. Given elector concerns about falsifying information without an elector’s consent or otherwise filling in information without the elector’s consent, the District must reject these signatures set forth below:

<u>Recall Petition</u> <u>PAGE</u>	<u>Row(s)</u>	<u>Recall Petition</u> <u>PAGE</u>	<u>Row(s)</u>
7	1,2,4	68	9, 10
10	7	70	9,10 (entire street address written by circulator – not elector)
11	4,7,8	71	4,3,2
12	8,9	75	7
14	6	81	3,4
17	2,6	83	1,2
25	2,3	85	9,10
28	10	88	10
32	10	91	7 (appears that signature of elector was crossed out)
38	3	92	2,3 (address does not exist)
39	5,6	93	2,5,7,9
40	2,6,7,8,9,10		
41	2,3 (no cross out but different signature than the elector)	101	3,4,5,6
42	4,7,8,9	103	5
44	9	110	8
45	8,9	118	2,3
47	8,9	121	8
48	1 (cross and date)	125	1,2
49	3,4	126	1,2
51	2 (cross address), 3	127	2,3,4
52	9	128	1,2
53	8	129	8,9
59	10	132	6
61	3, 4	133	1,2,4,5,6

63	1	137	3, 4, 5
65	1,2	145	3,4 (unknown handwriting – likely other circulator)
66	9	146	4,5,7,9
67	2 (strike w/ different pen)	147	4,7,8

Next, as recently as February 19, 2025, circulator Nicole Gerend sent an email to Petitioner’s personal attorney using a fake pseudonym “Nicole Better” in efforts to obtain information about evidence Petitioner had and demanding to know what Petitioner was going to do. *See* Ex. B. Additionally, a citizen created a website for concerned electors that had been misled to cross out their signatures (and Petitioner linked to this on her website). But, on February 7, 2025, one of the circulators contacted that website under the pseudonym “Dingleberry McDicklicker.” In an odd twist, Dingleberry proceeded to accuse the Petitioner and her supporters of “acting like children” because Petitioner was helping electors who were misled or coerced into signing the Petition. *See* Ex. C.

Petitioner is uncertain whether Dingleberry McDicklicker is another pseudonym for Ms. Gerend or another Recall Petition circulator. However, such blatant fraudulent identifications to induce information from Angela’s legal counsel or taint the electoral process by threatening those who would deign to “escape” from their fraudulent inducement of signatures is concerning. In fact, these bullying and harassing tactics to electors, especially to the extent they are from current City official circulators, should also be considered by the District in its necessary rejection of this petition.

All of this only demands the District reject this insufficient petition even more. These antics, along with the litany of other policy and law violations addressed herein regarding the circulators’ conduct in using false representations to coerce information relating to this Recall

Petition proves that certain circulators are not above using false identifications or pseudonyms to induce signatures, information, and otherwise blemish the sacred election process.

There is ample precedent and statutory justification that permits and requires the District to reject the Recall Petition based solely on the foregoing. Indeed, the Wisconsin Election Commission rejected a recall petition against Wisconsin State Assembly speaker Robin Vos and nullified 188 names that either had crossed out addresses, insufficient addresses, names and address information added without the elector’s consent, and other implications of fraudulent and violative circulation measures.¹

Next, the District should reject page 107 of the petition because the circulator failed to provide a street address as required by state law and just stated County Hwy UU. Ex. A at p. 107. Finally, the law requires that each signer “*shall LEGIBLY print his or her name in a space provided next to his or her signature. No signature is valid... unless the signer satisfies the requirements under this subsection.*” Wis. Stat. § 8.40(1) (emphasis added). Certain signatories have names that cannot be reasonably read so Angela has no way of knowing the identity of the signer. As such, she cannot verify the signer’s identity, signature, name, or address of the signatory. These seventeen (17) entries may not be counted. Petitioner is unable to decipher the following elector signatories sufficient to assess their information and, thus, challenges these signatures on the petition because it is unfair and Petitioner did not have sufficient information to assess whether these electors were valid or otherwise forged:

<u>Recall Petition</u> <u>PAGE</u>	<u>Row(s)</u>	<u>Recall Petition</u> <u>PAGE</u>	<u>Row(s)</u>
3	6, 7	33	10
4	2	36	2, 3, 4 (there are arrows, marks, diff

¹ <https://apnews.com/article/wisconsin-speaker-recall-robin-vos-election-2b0678771b4ef4317bee76f88a6a9600>.

			handwriting, unclear whether elector signed)
5	10	40	8
34	3	52	4
57	3	77	10
141	1	84	5
122	1 (name)	94	2

III. Recall Petition Signatures were circulated and induced in violation of multiple policies, rules, and laws, and, on that basis, should be stricken.

Using **district logos and branding** on recall-related websites, Facebook page, and materials to create an **appearance of official** endorsement by the school district is an egregious violation of Wrightstown School District Policy. This tactic has been a consistent and ongoing practice used solely to gather signatures from the electorate.

The recall petition was circulated **multiple times at school events and functions** on school property in direct violation of school **district policies**. As examples, the week of January 8, 2025, Board members Tiffany Van Vreede and Jonathan Curtis were seen circulating recall petitions to electors on school property at school activities—solely to solicit recall signatures. *See e.g. D.* These actions violated po2430 (regulating political activity in school settings) and the school district staff handbook, which expressly prohibits the use of district resources for political campaigns. Circulators have passed around the Petition at school games and functions while on school district property. Because these policies were violated, all signatures collected under these circumstances must be **invalidated**.

Circulators of the recall petition herein publicly, and blatantly, violated other sections of school district policy in the circulation of the Petition, including:

- **po2430** (regulating political activity in school settings).
- **po9700** (prohibiting unauthorized use of district materials for political purposes/relations with non-school affiliated groups).
- **po3210** (governing ethical conduct of district employees).
- **po0144.5** (regulating board members' political involvement).
- **Page 29 of the school district staff handbook**, which expressly prohibits the use of district resources for political campaigns.

To the extent that any teachers, staff, or officials with the District violated these policies in order to induce signatures, all signatures collected by circulators under these circumstances must be **invalidated and rejected**.

Promoters of the Petition have also used the school district logo on a private website – Residents for Wrightstown Community School District (r4wcsd.com) that was created to promote the recall and the Petition in an effort to gain more signatures. This is a blatant violation of the use of the school district logo by a political group and was misleading to the public. *See* Exhibit E. Persons who signed the Petition as a result of reading the content of this website were led by the recall promoters to falsely believe the school board had endorsed or supported the recall. Statements on the website and the Facebook page (or regarding the Facebook page) were intentionally made to appear to the public as if the Wrightstown School District was authorizing, sponsoring, or otherwise “involved” in “getting this information to the public” about the Petitioner and the recall. *See id.* This misappropriation of the logo, in direct violation of school board policy, was a fraudulent attempt to gain signatures in violation of Wis. Stat. §12.05. The District should reject *all* petition signatures that were induced or otherwise coerced as a result of the flagrant and fraudulent misuse of the Wrightstown Community School District logo. Indeed, the circulators misappropriations *did, in fact*, confuse and make electors think that the recall petition was being done officially by the District. *Id.*

Outrageously, multiple circulators induced signatures at local bars after electors had been

drinking and were otherwise unaware of what they were signing. The circulators knew this and made concerted and repeated efforts to obtain signatures from bars from people that were under the influence of alcohol and unaware of their actions. Witnesses showed this was done by circulators Tricia Vande Hay on December 21, Rayn Warner on December 28, Carrie Van Vreede on January 5, and either Kyle or Jason Gerend on December 28, at a minimum. *See* Ex. F. The District must immediately reject all petition pages from the above circulators on the dates above because electors may, to this day, not even know they signed.

Tricia Vander Hey brought petitions late at night to a bar, and in one example, elector DeCleeese was concerned about this and requested the removal of his name because he was approached by Tricia Vander Hey late at night at a bar on December 21, 2024, after a few drinks and was not fully aware what he was signing. *Id.* See also Ex. A at p. 130. Given the recall circulators' use of the Wrightstown School District official logo, as well as circulators, including a current board member, inducing signatures while inebriated from Bar patrons, the District must reject this Petition—or, at a minimum, all signatures obtained from the above persons on December 18, 28, and January 5. As one example of the amount obtained from persons drinking at a bar, Tricia Vande Hay alone got total **21 signatures** on the date she engaged in this conduct all on December 21:

- Recall Petition page 137 (Rows 9 and 10).
- Recall Petition page 130 (in full – 10 signatures).
- Recall Petition page 129 (Rows 6 and 7).
- Recall Petition page 93 (Rows 1, 2, 3, and 4).
- Recall Petition page 47 (Rows 5, 6, and 7).

All of these signatures should be rejected—specifically because the electors did not, and in many cases, still may not know that they signed the petition nor even what they were signing.

More serious, however, are allegations Petitioner has received that the promoters of the recall offered bribes to electors and food gifts to teachers to persuade them to sign the Petition. To

the extent that the District has any information about teachers or staff being bribed or otherwise induced to sign the petition, the District should reject those signatures. In one alleged instance, to Petitioner's knowledge, a Circulator brought the recall petition to electors saying they would have to pay her \$10 if they did not sign the petition. See Ex. G. Wis. Stat. § 12.11 (1)(m) prohibits any consideration or thing of value paid or given to another to participate in the election process.

Here, the promoters of the Petition offered monetary and pecuniary compensation to electors to sign the Petition in violation of Wisconsin's election bribery law. A violation of this law is a Class I felony. Although the elector who raised this concern is very afraid of retaliation because of the bullying and harassment by the circulators, (and thus did not want to come forward in any way), the circulator was willing to identify the Petition page that resulted from this conduct as page 25. The District should reject this page and contact law enforcement.

It is clear under Wisconsin election law that signatures may be stricken from the Petition when the purpose of a recall petition was misrepresented by the circulator. Wis. Stat. §9.10(2)(m). Here, circulators openly and intentionally misrepresented the nature and purpose of the Petition to entice signatures. The use of school property and events in violation of anti-political activity prohibitions is a fraudulent act that allows all such signatures gathered to be stricken. These actions were a gross misuse of public resources and are clearly prohibited by school board policy.

Also, the use of the school board logo to promote the recall created the misleading appearance of endorsement from the Wrightstown Community School District which, by law is not allowed to take sides in any recall effort. This abuse of the school board facilities, events and logo are illegal under 12.05 and are a Class I felony. All signatures so obtained should be stricken from the count. Petitioner estimates that nearly all signatures were induced from the website,

Facebook page and postings, and school events using Wrightstown logos and carefully crafted language to create an appearance of District sponsorship. These should be rejected.

IV. The Recall Petition Signatures were fraudulently induced by knowing and intentional false statements and representations by current School Board Members.

Evidence has emerged that circulators knowingly misrepresented Angela's positions and actions. False claims included:

- Making provably (and proven) false statements about Angela using the district's legal counsel for personal matters, including, but not limited to, an email Angela personally wrote to Rayn Warner on her own time, and the investigation of Mr. Space.

In Wisconsin, recall petitions must be circulated **in a manner that protects against fraud and assures that signers know the contents of the petition.** *Matter of Recall of Redner*, 153 Wis. 2d 383, 450 N.W.2d 808 (1989). Because these signatures were **fraudulently induced**, they may not be counted.

A. Board Members and Circulators coerced signatures using knowing and intentional false statements due to the vague and undefined nature of the Petition allegations.

Angela was forced to issue a **public press release** to correct false statements made about her by the circulators and other school board members long after the Petition had already started being circulated for signatures and published on websites and private Facebook pages with the District's logo. However, despite this **publicly available clarification**, circulators and school board members **continued to knowingly spread falsehoods** to secure additional signatures without referencing Angela's press release. Notwithstanding that the Recall Petition itself contained overly vague allegations that were wholly insufficient for any elector to know the purpose of the recall, Angela could only defend herself from the false statement's on the "intent to circulate the petition" which was mirrored on the website and Facebook pages and posts of the circulators. Even there,

the only allegation sufficient for a recall would be Angela's used of district legal counsel for personal purposes. But this was, and remains, unequivocally false.

Circulators told the public, parents, and teachers that Angela was using district legal counsel and resources for personal gain which was knowingly false information. This was stated by Angela as false and further verified by the Board's legal counsel on February 13, 2025 at a public school board meeting confirming that Angela never used the school district's legal counsel for any personal matter. *See Wrightstown Community School District Board, Special Meeting, February 13, 2025, available at <https://youtu.be/MGOUzexwnE0>.*

Circulators also told electors that Angela started an investigation of the former superintendent without board knowledge or out of spite. This statement was untrue. *Id.*

Of vital importance, however, is that Recall Petitioner, School District Board Member Rayn Warner, as well as Board Member Tiffany Van Vreede, were *well aware that these allegations against Petitioner were false* far before the February 13 special Board meeting. In fact, Warner and Van Vreede (as well as Melinda Lemke who echoed the allegations to the Green Bay Press Gazette) received direct notification and evidence that Angela never used any legal counsel for any personal matters on September 26, 2024. Despite having this information, not only did Warner commence the recall with his intent form, but he and Van Vreede circulated multiple petitions for signatures using their official status as current board members to fraudulently induce the electorate to sign. These are knowing and intentional false statements relating to an election in violation of Wis. Stat. § 12.13 and many other policies including collecting signatures at school events and using District logos on recall-related platforms that they published official Board matters about (also in violation of Wisconsin open records laws and the First Amendment). Warner and Van Vreede appear to have been fully aware of their false statements that they quickly rushed

to file the Recall Petition signatures *before* the special Board meeting to prohibit any unwitting elector victims from asking that they be removed from the petition.

Not only must the district wholly reject every Petition page that was circulated by both Warner and Van Vreede, but these repeated and intentional false statements about Ms. Winker from current board members, using their official status about official board matters, should be provided to law enforcement. These actions and false statements by circulators show **intentional, knowing misrepresentation**. Because signers of the Petition were **deceived and manipulated**, their signatures must be **removed and every page they circulated rejected**. Wis. Stat. §9.10(2)(m). The Recall Petition pages that were circulated by Van Vreede and Warner are:

- Warner:
 - o 3, 4, 6, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 23, 26, 38, 79, 94, 95, 98, 114, 117.
- Van Vreede:
 - o 10, 13, 17, 28, 29, 30, 32, 39, 41, 49, 58, 59, 60, 65, 66, 81, 118, 136, 139.

The District rightfully rejecting these pages renders the total signature count to well below 700 total. Further, because of the vague and improper reasons for the recall set forth in the text of the Petition, signatories had no solid or factual information to make a decision - which allowed circulators to provide false and misleading information to electors outside of the official stated reasons for the recall.

B. Due to the fraudulent and misleading information from past and current Board Members, multiple electors were forced to request their signatures be removed.

Petition signatures can be stricken by the Clerk if the purpose of the Petition was misrepresented by the circulator. Wis. Stat. 9.10(2)(m). It is clear from the facts and documents

available that many, *if not nearly all*, electors' signatures were gained through misrepresentation and the fraudulent action of the circulators.

Numerous electors have come forward with affidavits and statements saying that they were **deceived** about the purpose of the recall petition or solicited for their signatures under false pretext or while under the influence of alcohol at social events. *See Ex. C.* Some were led to believe they were signing a general support petition for local education initiatives, while others were falsely told their signatures would support nonpartisan school policies. Several individuals formally requested that their signatures be removed upon discovering the **true intent** of the recall petition. However, these requests were ignored by the circulators, rendering those signatures **fraudulently obtained and void**.

Angela tried to communicate these fraudulent activities with the public and tried to permit signers to strike out their name based on false information from circulators Mr. Warner, Van Vreede, and other circulators, but many signers did not see Angela's statements or website because Angela did not have sufficient information from the recall petition to object to the dozens of (largely impermissible) allegations against her. And Angela did not have enough time nor were signatories watching websites or articles nor aware of how to sign.

Petitioner has been made aware that some of the electors who had signed the Petition asked the circulators if they could unsign their name prior to the signatures being turned in to the Clerk, but they were told by the circulators they could not unsign their name. This was false information. Signatures can be removed from recall petitions prior to the time they are filed with the Clerk. Wis. Stat. §9.10(2)(d). Additionally, Rayn Warner threatened to complain to the Wisconsin Elections Commission because electors wanted to strike out their names prior to the Petition filing. Some persons supporting the elector's choices to remove themselves prior to the filing deadline

were accused of “election interference” and bullied by the circulators. (See e.g. “Dingleberry” information above).

Many signatories are frightened of retaliation because the main circulators, Tiffany Van Vreede and Rayn Warner, are current government officials serving on the school board. Far worse, members of the public strongly fear retribution from the circulators because they have maintained a campaign of fear, intimidation, bribery, coercion, threats, bullying, cyber harassing, petty accusations, and other highly inappropriate conduct. This coercion and undue influence by public officials makes the Petition, on its face, insufficient. *See Ex. G.*

On February 12, 2025, the District Superintendent and the Board called a special meeting to address concerns of the community about the recall matter herein. The current Board member circulators, Rayn Warner and Tiffany Van Vreede, potentially believed that their knowing and intentional false statements about Angela Hansen-Winker would be published based on the public’s concern about their exclusive statements of legal misconduct by the District and Angela. In light of their fears that such intentional fraud would be disclosed to the public, Mr. Warner and/or Ms. Van Vreede ensured the Recall Petition signatures were submitted several days prior to the deadline presumably to ensure that electors would be unable to cross off their names under statutory requirements. This suggests that the circulators knowingly and intentionally induced elector signatures by fraud including, but not limited to, their use of the Wrightstown School District logos and likeness on their recall pages and their false and misleading material statements about Angela.

- V. The District must reject this Recall Petition because the implications undermine the First Amendment, state laws and policies, and will be highly costly to the District.**

Signatures were obtained through practices that violated Wisconsin's Open Records Laws and First Amendment that refused access to the electorate of official school board matters from Board Members Warner and Van Vreede, with substantial support from Melinda Lemke through her family members. Several known circulators are current government officials. These individuals restricted public comment by silencing debate about the recall effort, violating open meeting laws, and restricting access to their communications about official board matters. Violations include:

- **Closed and private Facebook page that demanded citizen** “beliefs and opinions” prior to entry but included discussions of official policy and School board matters by current Board Members Warner, Van Vreede, and Lemke, and former School District officers Nicole Gerend and Carla Buboltz. Many citizens, including Petitioner, were never “invited” nor permitted to attend these discussions and posts.
- **Withholding or destroying information** about the recall allegations from open records requests.
- **Restricting discussions** at public meetings, preventing informed debate on the merits of the recall. This includes discussions from Board members Rayn Warner, Tiffany Van Vreede, Melinda Lemke, Carla Buboltz, and Nicole Gerend – all discussing official board matters (the latter two former district officials discussing official matters) on a Facebook page that members of public, including Petitioner, were not allowed to enter or comment on.
- **Coordinating recall efforts using government resources**, raising ethical and legal concerns. This includes the use of the School district's logo on a website supporting the Recall against Angela in violation of numerous policies. And this website had no language at any point discussing that the School District did not condone nor support or have any role in the recall – making citizens falsely believe the School District by its logo usage on the website were funding or supporting the recall.

These actions violate **Wisconsin Open Records Laws** and **First Amendment protections** against government suppression of speech. Any signatures collected under these conditions must be **invalidated**. This includes all signatures by electors that are current members of the Residents for Wrightstown Facebook page as of the date of this Petition. Further, Warner and Van Vreede's use of their official status to discuss official Board and District matters relating to this recall in such closed avenues, with Melinda Lemke, violates the First Amendment on multiple levels.

Public officials cannot restrict comment or engage in viewpoint discrimination in public forums when the discussion is about district or board matters—the entirety of the false recall allegations at issue here.

Because of the many public policy, constitutional and other legal considerations implicated in the circulators’ numerous violations of law, approving the Petition will cost the District and taxpayers potentially hundreds of thousands of dollars, potentially millions, not only to conduct a special election, but relating to the recall, and multiple potential lawsuits due to violations of law by Board Members Warner, Van Vreede, and Lemke all in their official and individual capacities—for which the District may be liable. Further, those who did choose to sign affidavits or come forward about their concerns may still fear retaliation from the recall circulators. This too will open the district to liability to the extent Warner, Van Vreede, and Lemke, officially and individually agree to target those who oppose them—just as they have done to Petitioner. All of this has cost the taxpayers and injured the electors in the Wrightstown Community.

A special election will cost the students, taxpayers, and district potentially 5 or 6 figures in expenditures with election staff, arrangements, training, advising, printing and election administration. On top of this, because the recall was commenced, perpetuated and published by *current board members* Rayn Warner, Melinda Lemke, and Tiffany Van Vreede, their knowing and intentional disregard of Wisconsin’s open records laws, the First Amendment, and false information may open the District to liability in their official and individual capacities because they used confidential and otherwise official school board matters, to the public, for political purposes while compelling and restriction protected speech. Indeed, many citizens were either induced into signing from current government officials who “Certainly” would know, but they were approached by these government officials at school events or on school property. In some

cases, citizens were prohibited from accessing public forums with these officials to discuss school matters without any dissent or other viewpoints.

Where the Board Member Circulators' violations of law now may have a negative effect on voters and electors that they induced through their fraudulent representations of district endorsement and materially false statements as well as First Amendment violations and open records violations, the District must reject this recall petition because of the high volume of litigation that may substantially injure the district due the violations of law by its current Board Members Warner and Van Vreede.

Further, in addition to the current legal vulnerabilities the District faces because of the official acts of Board Members Warner, Van Vreede, and Lemke, several witnesses willing to verify additional information in this challenge were afraid to come forward for fear of retribution. The blatant Chilling Effect that the threats, fraud, and coercion the Circulator officials have perpetuated further opens the district to liability. Indeed, if the District fails to reject the Recall Petition outright for its numerous violations, it should reject the Petition because of the implications for continued law violations, legal vulnerabilities to the students and community, and reward such egregious bullying tactics and violations with the fraudulent political retribution they seek.

Notably, at least one of the circulators and proponents of the Recall Petition, Nicole Gerend, is a former School Board member. The implications of, what seems like, retribution targeted at Angela Hansen-Winker—who replaced Ms. Gerend as School Board President—should be considered in honoring the will of the electorate who resoundingly voted Ms. Gerend out of office. Former officials who the voters *replace in elections* should not be rewarded for using

false and confidential board matters to mislead the public even if they are angry about the outcome of an election.

CONCLUSION

The recall efforts against Angela Hansen-Winker are permeated with fraudulent activity, policy violations, and misleading statements made by circulators and public officials that have fatally tainted the Petition. The conduct of the recall circulators has, and will continue to, open the district to liability and heavy costs due to the harassment, bullying, and fraudulent representations by certain current public officials. On its face, the Petition lacks the requisite number of qualified signatures to allow the recall effort against Angela to move forward. The District should carefully examine the face of the Petition and reject the Petition as **insufficient** and should state the particulars creating the insufficiency which include the lack of a sufficient number of legitimate signatures, the number of defective signatures, the fraudulent and misleading statements made by circulators in the solicitation of signatures and the payment of bribes and misuse of school board property, facilities and events all used to induce electors to sign the Petition. Wis. Stat. §9.10(4)(a).

Based on the **above-documented violations**, the District must:

1. Reject the recall petition as impermissibly vague under Wis. Stat. § 9.10(2)(b).
2. Remove all signatures obtained through fraudulent misrepresentation.
3. Invalidate all signatures that contain addresses which were altered by circulators in violation of Wis. Stat. § 9.10(2)(e).
4. Strike all signatures collected in violation of district policies and other laws and public policy. This includes all signatures collected at bars or from intoxicated persons.
5. Reject all signatures from electors who requested removal and those that are unintelligible.
6. Invalidate all petition pages from current board members Rayn Warner and Tiffany Van Vreede who had prior evidence that the allegations about Angela regarding an internal investigation and district legal resources were unequivocally false. And used that false

information in their official capacities to fraudulently induce elector signatures—using their official status.

7. Decline to certify the recall petition in its entirety.

For these reasons set forth herein, the Wrightstown Community School District must find, on its face, the Petition to be insufficient and **reject the Petition** in accordance with Wisconsin election law.

Dated: February 21, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Electronically signed by: /s/ Jennifer DeMaster

Jennifer T. DeMaster

Wis. Bar No. 1124201

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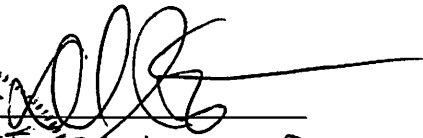
VERIFICATION


I, Angela Hansen-Winker, being first duly sworn under oath, states that I personally read the Verified Challenge to the Recall Petition herein, and that the information contained therein is true and correct based on my personal knowledge. Where not based upon personal knowledge, I believe the information to be true based upon information and belief. I reserve the right to supplement or change any information provided in the Verified Challenge to the Recall Petition based upon new information or evidence that becomes available to me.



Angela Hansen-Winker

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this date: February, 21, 2025

Notary Public 
Daniel N. Eastman, Esq.
Commission Expiration Date: is permanent





WRIGHTSTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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351 High Street

Wrightstown WI 54180-0128

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February 12, 2025

Wrightstown Community School District has received 156 pages of recall petitions, totaling 1,308 signatures for the recall of School Board President Angela Hansen-Winker. These petitions were received on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 8:43 am.

Respectfully,

Hillary Sweeje

District Administrative Assistant

WCSD BOARD CLERK 2/12/2025

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Jen DeMaster

From: Nicole Better <bettergirl_80@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2025 12:27 PM
To: Jen DeMaster; Jen DeMaster
Subject: Affidavits

Good afternoon -

In Angela's post down below, she indicates that affidavits must be submitted by Tuesday, February 18, **2024**. Clearly she does not have the correct date in her post, however, I would like to find out the status of her contesting the recall petition. How many signed affidavits has she received thus far? How many does she need to continue to move forward with this? Can you please explain this process in detail to me?

Thank you!



Angela Hansen-Winker for School Board, Wrightstown

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CALL TO ACTION: I have formally contested the recall petition through my personal attorney Jen DeMaster LLC., based on the following:

1. People witnessed recall petition being circulated in violation of policies (games, school events, etc.)
2. People felt bribed or thought recall was an official school thing because use of school logo, school hashtag, or gifts offered. (e.g. they thought the school district was sponsoring the recall)
3. People were told specific false facts about angela regarding the petition in person or in email, text, or Facebook messenger/posts (even if people did not sign or signed).

If you were a witness and want to sign an affidavit to contest the recall petition. We just need general dates, times, and details and your signature.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO HAVE EVER SIGNED THE RECALL PETITION TO SIGN AN AFFIDAVIT.

My husband Aaron Winker is available to meet with you in person to sign an affidavit or speak with you over the phone to explain the process and answer any questions. His cell phone number is 715-499-0712. Call or text.

Affidavits must be submitted by this Tuesday Feb 18th, 2024 to support our challenge against the falsehoods and deceptive practices regarding the recall petition.

If you know of anyone that you think would like to sign and make a statement, please share.

Thank you, Angela Hansen-Winker



12

5 shares

Jen DeMaster

From: ANTHONY DECKER <decker@wrightstown.k12.wi.us>
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2025 11:32 AM
To: Jen DeMaster; RONALD SAARI
Subject: Fwd: Remove Jacob Heezen from the recall petition for Angela Hansen-Winker

Hi Jen,

This is the last one. Let me know if you have any questions.
Take care and have a great day and weekend!
Very respectfully,

Tony Decker
WCSD Board Clerk

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From: Jacob Heezen <postmaster@attention.wrightstowninsight.com>
Date: Tue, Feb 11, 2025 at 7:32 PM
Subject: Remove Jacob Heezen from the recall petition for Angela Hansen-Winker
To: <decker@wrightstown.k12.wi.us>

Remove Jacob Heezen from the recall petition for Angela Hansen-Winker

First Name
Jacob
Last Name
Heezen
Email
jacobheezen@gmail.com
Address
3202 Golden Glow Road - -, De Pere WI Map It
Approximate date I signed the petition.
12/21/2024
Approximate time I signed the petition.
06:30 pm
Reason For Removal
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I feel I was misled about the reason for the recall.• I feel I was coerced or pressured.

Jen DeMaster

From: ANTHONY DECKER <decker@wrightstown.k12.wi.us>
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2025 11:30 AM
To: Jen DeMaster; RONALD SAARI
Subject: Fwd: recall petition

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From: richard geurts <irvgeurts@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Feb 11, 2025 at 3:31 PM
Subject: recall petition
To: decker@wrightstown.k12.wi.us <decker@wrightstown.k12.wi.us>

I am a citizen of the Wrightstown Community School District. About a week ago a schoolboard member, accompanied by a neighbor, came to our door asking my wife and me to sign a recall petition for Board President Angela Hansen-Winker. I did sign that petition, but I now wish to have my signature crossed off the petition. I feel that we were not given complete information regarding the reasons for the recall of Angela Hansen-Winker.

I am emailing you to ask you to cross my name and information off the recall petition for Angela Hansen-Winker. I understand that, as board clerk, you can do this.

Thank you very much,

Richard I. Geurts
1563 Old School Pl
Greenleaf, Wi 54126

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Jen DeMaster

From: ANTHONY DECKER <decker@wrightstown.k12.wi.us>
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2025 11:30 AM
To: Jen DeMaster; RONALD SAARI
Subject: Fwd: recall petition

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From: **Mary Geurts** <megeurts46@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Feb 10, 2025 at 4:00 PM
Subject: recall petition
To: decker@wrightstown.k12.wi.us <decker@wrightstown.k12.wi.us>

I live in the Wrightstown

I live in the Wrightstown Community School District. My husband and I were recently approached by a schoolboard member and a neighbor. They asked us to sign a recall petition for Angela Hansen-Winker, which I did, after receiving what I now believe to be incomplete information about the reasons for the recall petition.

I am contacting you to ask you to please cross my name and information off the recall petition for Angela Hansen-Winker. I understand from articles I've read in The Wrightstown Spirit newspaper that you can do this for me.

Please let me know that you are able to do this.

Thank you very much
Mary E. Geurts
1563 Old School Pl
Greenleaf, WI 54126

Jen DeMaster

From: ANTHONY DECKER <decker@wrightstown.k12.wi.us>
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2025 11:29 AM
To: Jen DeMaster; RONALD SAARI
Subject: Fwd: Remove allan lamers from the recall petition for Angela Hansen-Winker

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From: allan lamers <postmaster@attention.wrightstowninsight.com>
Date: Mon, Feb 10, 2025 at 9:24 AM
Subject: Remove allan lamers from the recall petition for Angela Hansen-Winker
To: <decker@wrightstown.k12.wi.us>

Remove allan lamers from the recall petition for Angela Hansen-Winker

First Name
allan
Last Name
lamers
Email
adl56@hotmail.com
Address
828 park street wrightstown, wisconsin 54180 Map It
Approximate date I signed the petition.
01/24/2025
Approximate time I signed the petition.
09:00 pm
Reason For Removal
<ul style="list-style-type: none">I feel I was misled about the reason for the recall.

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From: ANTHONY DECKER <decker@wrightstown.k12.wi.us>
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2025 11:28 AM
To: Jen DeMaster; RONALD SAARI
Subject: Fwd: Remove Matt DeCleene from the recall petition for Angela Hansen-Winker

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From: Matt DeCleene <postmaster@attention.wrightstowninsight.com>
Date: Fri, Feb 7, 2025 at 10:53 PM
Subject: Remove Matt DeCleene from the recall petition for Angela Hansen-Winker
To: <decker@wrightstown.k12.wi.us>

Remove Matt DeCleene from the recall petition for Angela Hansen-Winker

First Name
Matt
Last Name
DeCleene
Email
mattdecleene@yahoo.com
Phone
9203711482
Address
6802 Lidgetop Dr Greenleaf, WI 54126 Map It
Approximate date I signed the petition.
12/21/2024
Approximate time I signed the petition.
10:30 pm
Reason For Removal
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Other
Please specify reason. (Simply changing your mind is not a valid reason to have your name removed.)
I was drinking when I signed it, and did not know enough about the it. As I'm learning more, I do not want to get involved

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From: **Dingleberry McDicklicker** <postmaster@attention.wrightstowninsight.com>

Date: Fri, Feb 7, 2025 at 9:07 PM

Subject: Remove Dingleberry McDicklicker from the recall petition for Angela Hansen-Winker

To: <decker@wrightstown.k12.wi.us>

Remove Dingleberry McDicklicker from the recall petition for Angela Hansen-Winker

First Name
Dingleberry
Last Name
McDicklicker
Email
dmdicklicker@gmail.com
Address
69 Janice ct Non, Wrightstown Wi Map It
Approximate date I signed the petition.
02/07/2025
Approximate time I signed the petition.
12:12 am
Reason For Removal
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other
Please specify reason. (Simply changing your mind is not a valid reason to have your name removed.)
You are all acting like children

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From: **Ellen Uebele** <postmaster@attention.wrightstowninsight.com>

Date: Fri, Feb 7, 2025 at 8:58 PM

Subject: Remove Ellen Uebele from the recall petition for Angela Hansen-Winker

To: <decker@wrightstown.k12.wi.us>

Remove Ellen Uebele from the recall petition for Angela Hansen-Winker

First Name
Ellen
Last Name
Uebele
Email
ellenuebele@gmail.com
Phone
9203668047
Address
2206 Birch Creek Road 2206 Birch Creek Road DePere, DePere WI. 54115 Map It
Approximate date I signed the petition.
02/08/2025
Approximate time I signed the petition.
08:00 pm
Reason For Removal
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• My signature was added without my consent.• The petitioners changed information that I was not aware of when I signed.

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From: ANTHONY DECKER <decker@wrightstown.k12.wi.us>
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2025 11:22 AM
To: Jen DeMaster; RONALD SAARI
Subject: Fwd: Remove Gunnar Hansen from the recall petition for Angela Hansen-Winker

This one came from a "remove your name from the recall" website / form.

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From: Gunnar Hansen <postmaster@attention.wrightstowninsight.com>
Date: Fri, Feb 7, 2025 at 8:50 PM
Subject: Remove Gunnar Hansen from the recall petition for Angela Hansen-Winker
To: <decker@wrightstown.k12.wi.us>

Remove Gunnar Hansen from the recall petition for Angela Hansen-Winker

First Name
Gunnar
Last Name
Hansen
Email
gunnar.hansen444@gmail.com
Phone
9206643891
Address
2140 School Rd Greenleaf, WI 54126 Map It
Approximate date I signed the petition.
02/01/2025
Approximate time I signed the petition.
12:00 am
Reason For Removal
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• My signature was added without my consent.

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From: ANTHONY DECKER <decker@wrightstown.k12.wi.us>
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2025 11:20 AM
To: Jen DeMaster; RONALD SAARI
Subject: Fwd: Remove Mary Olbrich from the recall petition for Angela Hansen-Winker

This one came from a "remove your name from the recall" form.

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From: Mary Olbrich <postmaster@attention.wrightstowninsight.com>
Date: Thu, Feb 6, 2025 at 9:45 PM
Subject: Remove Mary Olbrich from the recall petition for Angela Hansen-Winker
To: <decker@wrightstown.k12.wi.us>

Remove Mary Olbrich from the recall petition for Angela Hansen-Winker

First Name
Mary
Last Name
Olbrich
Email
olbrich1942@gmail.com
Address
897 County Rd U Wrightstown, Wisconsin 54115 Map It
Approximate date I signed the petition.
01/08/2025
Approximate time I signed the petition.
06:15 pm
Reason For Removal
<ul style="list-style-type: none">I was asked to sign on school property.

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Jen DeMaster

From: ANTHONY DECKER <decker@wrightstown.k12.wi.us>
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2025 11:19 AM
To: Jen DeMaster; RONALD SAARI
Subject: Fwd: Recall Petition

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From: Jean Brandt <brandt.jean@hotmail.com>

Date: Thu, Feb 6, 2025 at 11:29 AM

Subject: Recall Petition

To: warner@wrightstown.k12.wi.us <warner@wrightstown.k12.wi.us>, decker@wrightstown.k12.wi.us <decker@wrightstown.k12.wi.us>

Good Morning -

Please remove the names of Gary Brandt and Jean A Brandt from the Recall Petition that we signed this past Monday (?) night at our home at 259 Alison Ct. After further discussion between us, there are still many more questions that need answers. Thus, we would prefer to have our names removed at this time. Thank you.

Jean A Brandt

920-609-7651

brandt.jean@hotmail.com

Gary Brandt

920-609-7650

259 Alison Ct

Wrightstown, WI 54180

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Jen DeMaster

From: ANTHONY DECKER <decker@wrightstown.k12.wi.us>
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2025 11:18 AM
To: Jen DeMaster; RONALD SAARI
Subject: Fwd: Recall Petition - Remove my signature/name from the list

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From: Jeni Olson <Jeni.Olson@greenstonefcs.com>
Date: Thu, Feb 6, 2025 at 10:13 AM
Subject: RE: Recall Petition - Remove my signature/name from the list
To: ANTHONY DECKER <decker@wrightstown.k12.wi.us>, Rayn Warner <raynw@yahoo.com>

I don't feel I was fully informed of both sides at the time I signed the petition. I heard one side and when I dug into this further, I can't find sufficient information to warrant a recall election.

Jeni Olson

From: ANTHONY DECKER <decker@wrightstown.k12.wi.us>
Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2025 9:23 AM
To: Rayn Warner <raynw@yahoo.com>; Jeni Olson <Jeni.Olson@greenstonefcs.com>
Subject: Re: Recall Petition - Remove my signature/name from the list

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Good morning, Jeni,

Thank you for reaching out to Rayn and I and supplying your information, but there is one other bit of required information we will need to process your request and that has to do with the "reason" for your name removal request.

Can you do me a favor and supply the reason for removing your name?

Typically, an acceptable reason may be something like or similar to "I felt I was misinformed/misled in some way shape or form."

BTW - Just changing your mind is not a valid reason to have your name removed.

Thank you again, Jeni.

Very respectfully,

Tony Decker

WCSD Board Clerk

On Thu, Feb 6, 2025 at 9:04 AM Jeni Olson <Jeni.Olson@greenstonefcs.com> wrote:

Mr. Warner & Mr. Decker,

This is formal notice that I want my name, signature, address, and phone number crossed off the petition for recalling board President Angela Hansen-Winker. My information is below.

Jeni Olson

577 Windywood Lane

Wrightstown, WI 54180

920-634-8573

Jen DeMaster

From: ANTHONY DECKER <decker@wrightstown.k12.wi.us>
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2025 11:17 AM
To: Jen DeMaster; RONALD SAARI
Subject: Fwd: Remove my name from petition

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From: Victoria Ropson <naavropson@yahoo.com>
Date: Thu, Feb 6, 2025 at 9:06 AM
Subject: Re: Remove my name from petition
To: ANTHONY DECKER <decker@wrightstown.k12.wi.us>

423 Washington St, Wrightstown

Thank You

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

On Thursday, February 6, 2025, 5:53 AM, ANTHONY DECKER <decker@wrightstown.k12.wi.us> wrote:

Good morning, Victoria,

Thank you for reaching out to me. We will make sure your name is removed from the recall petition.

Can you do me a favor and reply to this message with your address? We will need that. Not certain if Rayn was notified, so I am copying him for his awareness.

Respectfully,

Tony Decker
WCSD Board Clerk

On Wed, Feb 5, 2025 at 8:10 PM Victoria Ropson <naavropson@yahoo.com> wrote:

I feel I was misled about the reason for the recall reasons. Please remove my name from the petition.

Vickey (Victoria) Ropson

Thank you

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Jen DeMaster

From: ANTHONY DECKER <decker@wrightstown.k12.wi.us>
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2025 11:16 AM
To: Jen DeMaster; RONALD SAARI
Subject: Fwd: Recall Petition - Remove my signature/name from the list

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From: Jeni Olson <Jeni.Olson@greenstonefcs.com>
Date: Thu, Feb 6, 2025 at 10:13 AM
Subject: RE: Recall Petition - Remove my signature/name from the list
To: ANTHONY DECKER <decker@wrightstown.k12.wi.us>, Rayn Warner <raynw@yahoo.com>

I don't feel I was fully informed of both sides at the time I signed the petition. I heard one side and when I dug into this further, I can't find sufficient information to warrant a recall election.

Jeni Olson

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Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2025 9:23 AM
To: Rayn Warner <raynw@yahoo.com>; Jeni Olson <Jeni.Olson@greenstonefcs.com>
Subject: Re: Recall Petition - Remove my signature/name from the list

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Good morning, Jeni,

Thank you for reaching out to Rayn and I and supplying your information, but there is one other bit of required information we will need to process your request and that has to do with the "reason" for your name removal request.

Can you do me a favor and supply the reason for removing your name?

Typically, an acceptable reason may be something like or similar to "I felt I was misinformed/misled in some way shape or form."

BTW - Just changing your mind is not a valid reason to have your name removed.

Thank you again, Jeni.

Very respectfully,

Tony Decker

WCSD Board Clerk

On Thu, Feb 6, 2025 at 9:04 AM Jeni Olson <Jeni.Olson@greenstonefcs.com> wrote:

Mr. Warner & Mr. Decker,

This is formal notice that I want my name, signature, address, and phone number crossed off the petition for recalling board President Angela Hansen-Winker. My information is below.

Jeni Olson

577 Windywood Lane

Wrightstown, WI 54180

920-634-8573

Jen DeMaster

From: ANTHONY DECKER <decker@wrightstown.k12.wi.us>
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2025 11:15 AM
To: Jen DeMaster; RONALD SAARI
Subject: Fwd: Recall Petition - Remove my signature/name from the list

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From: Jeni Olson <Jeni.Olson@greenstonefcs.com>
Date: Thu, Feb 6, 2025 at 9:04 AM
Subject: Recall Petition - Remove my signature/name from the list
To: warner@wrightstown.k12.wi.us <warner@wrightstown.k12.wi.us>, decker@wrightstown.k12.wi.us <decker@wrightstown.k12.wi.us>

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Sent: Friday, February 14, 2025 11:14 AM
To: Jen DeMaster; RONALD SAARI
Subject: Fwd: Remove my name from petition

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From: **Victoria Ropson** <naavropson@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, Feb 5, 2025 at 8:10 PM
Subject: Remove my name from petition
To: <decker@wrightstown.k12.wi.us>

I feel I was misled about the reason for the recall reasons. Please remove my name from the petition.
Vickey (Victoria) Ropson

Thank you

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Sent: Friday, February 14, 2025 11:13 AM
To: Jen DeMaster; RONALD SAARI
Subject: Fwd: Recall

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From: ANTHONY DECKER <decker@wrightstown.k12.wi.us>
Date: Mon, Feb 3, 2025 at 10:14 AM
Subject: Re: Recall
To: Nicole Franz <nicolefranz8813@gmail.com>

Good morning, Nicole,

Thank you for reaching out to us. I will make sure your name is removed from the petition.

Thank you and have a wonderful day!

Tony Decker
WCSD Board Clerk

On Mon, Feb 3, 2025 at 5:38 AM Nicole Franz <nicolefranz8813@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello,
I am Nicole Franz at 366 Longwood Ln wrightstown wi 54180. I would like my name taken off the recall petition. I felt I was misled about the recall reasons and didn't have enough fact at the time of signing.

Thank you

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Subject: Fwd: Recall

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To: Jen DeMaster; RONALD SAARI
Subject: Fwd: Recall Petition Removal

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From: Rayn Warner <raynw@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, Jan 31, 2025 at 10:14 AM
Subject: Re: Recall Petition Removal
To: <candy_gb@hotmail.com>, ANTHONY DECKER <decker@wrightstown.k12.wi.us>
Cc: c_theunis@icloud.com <c_theunis@icloud.com>

Sorry you feel that way. I will make sure your request is completed.

Thanks
Rayn Warner

[Yahoo Mail: Search, Organize, Conquer](#)

On Thu, Jan 30, 2025 at 11:10 PM, Crystal Theunis
<candy_gb@hotmail.com> wrote:

Crystal Theunis
My address is 2950 Autumn Blaze Ct, Wrightstown WI 54180
I feel misled and misinformed by the recall reason I was given.

Sent from my iPhone

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I truly apologize for this extra step.

Thank you again.

Very respectfully,

Tony Decker
WCSD Board Clerk

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Thank you,
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Date: Fri, Jan 31, 2025 at 7:19 AM
Subject: Re: Recall Petition Removal
To: Crystal Theunis <candy_gb@hotmail.com>
Cc: c_theunis@icloud.com <c_theunis@icloud.com>, Rayn Warner <raynw@yahoo.com>

Good morning, Crystal,

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Respectfully,

Tony Decker
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Very respectfully,

AFFIDAVIT

State of Wisconsin

County of Brown

I, Amber Fern Cox, being duly sworn to hereby swear and affirm the following under penalty of perjury:

1. My full legal name is Amber Fern Cox and I reside at 218 Burning Tree Ct, Wrightstown, WI 54180.

2. On or around approximately Wed Jan 8, 2025 I witnessed or learned of the following conduct:

While attending a wrestling practice at Wrightstown Senior High wrestling facility my husband (Jonathan Cox) and I witnessed Jonathan Curtis sitting with a petition on his lap, speaking to a fellow parent. My husband (Jonathan Cox) and I overheard Jonathan Curtis describing reasons that our current board president (Angela Winker-Hansen) should be recalled. I also witnessed Jonathan Curtis handing the petition to the other parent. At that point, I approached Jonathan Curtis to confirm that it was the recall petition and Jonathan Curtis confirmed that it was.

3. The above information is based on and to the best of my personal knowledge.

[Signature] 2-17-2025

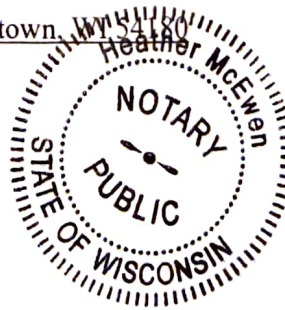
Affiant's name: Amber Fern Cox

Affiant's address: 218 Burning Tree Ct, Wrightstown, WI 54180

Signed and sworn to before me
on February 17, 2025
by Heather McEwen

[Signature]

Notary Public, State of Wisconsin
My commission 4/17/2028



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State of Wisconsin

County of Brown

I, Jonathan David Cox, being duly sworn to hereby swear and affirm the following under penalty of perjury:

1. My full legal name is Jonathan David Cox and I reside at 218 Burning Tree Ct, Wrightstown, WI 54180.

2. On or around approximately Wed Jan 8, 2025 I witnessed or learned of the following conduct:

While attending a wrestling practice at Wrightstown Senior High wrestling facility my wife (Amber Fern Cox) and I witnessed Jonathan Curtis sitting with a petition on his lap, speaking to a fellow parent. My wife and I overheard Jonathan Curtis describing reasons that our current board president (Angela Winker-Hansen) should be recalled. I also witnessed Jonathan Curtis handing the petition to the other parent.

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[Handwritten Signature] 2/17/25

Affiant's name: Jonathan David Cox

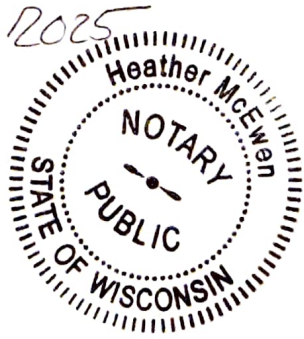
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Nicole Christine



★ Rising contributor 20m · 

I just wanted to extend a very sincere THANK YOU to Jon Curtis, and **Melinda Menting Lemke!** They brought in donuts and muffins for the staff at the middle school today, and had all sorts of fun stickers, and pins to go with it. (I apologize for the crappy photo- most of the donuts and muffins were gone by the time I got in there 🤪 🍩 🧁).

To say we appreciate your kindness would be an understatement. Little acts of kindness like this go a long way, and made our days a little brighter. Thank you both, as well as everyone else who is fighting for this recall around the clock. #TLC 🐕 ❤️



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7:52



To BOB CAELWAERTS
caelwaerts@wrightstown.k12.wi.us

Scott Thompson
thompsons@wrightstown.k12.wi.us

Sarah Nelson nelson@wrightstown.k12.wi.us

CRAIG HAESE haesec@wrightstown.k12.wi.us

Cc James R. Macy james.macy@vonbriesen.com

RAYN WARNER warner@wrightstown.k12.wi.us

Bcc ANTHONY DECKER
decker@wrightstown.k12.wi.us

Date Jan 11, 2025 at 7:52 PM

Hello Admin,

I want to make you aware of a situation occurring during sports events, particularly wrestling. Individuals, including Jon Curtis, have been seen on school property soliciting signatures for a recall petition. Additionally, pictures of parents being asked to sign the petition are being taken and shared on social media. This has led to complaints from parents who do not want their images used or associated with the recall effort.

Legal counsel has advised that our district should not allow individuals to solicit recall petition signatures on school grounds.

Please ensure staff and parents, school related events are informed of this. I have also communicated this to the recall petitioner, Rayn Warner, who is leading this effort.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best regards,

7:05 25°

LTE 73%

Wrightstown Parent Advocacy ...

Anonymous member · 18m

Meet Jonathan Curtis. Jonathan is running for school board. Jonathan is on school grounds asking people to sign the recall petition for Angela Winker for allegedly breaking school policies. Yet Jonathan is blatantly breaking board policies by having people sign the petition on school grounds.



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State of Wisconsin

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I, Daniel Vandewalle, hereby swear and affirm the following

under penalty of perjury:

1. My full legal name is Daniel Earl Vandewalle.

2. On or around approximately [date] December 2024 I was informed by [name/occupation] Jeff Nelson/business owner that Recall petitions were being circulated in violation of multiple policies by [names of circulators] multiple persons under direction of

3. Specifically, I learned the following detailed information that raised significant concerns about violations of school and state policies by the persons herein that circulated the

*Rayn Warner,
I can provide
a list if
needed.*

Recall Petition against Angela Hansen-Winker in the following paragraph:

4.

① The website that was dedicated & created to inform the public of wrongdoings originally stated that it was "dedicated to informing the public what was going on behind closed doors at the school board"

- with 3 board members and 1 ex board member supporting this it seems to be official especially because the website was using the school logo on the top of every single page of the website at the time.

I later looked at it and those things were removed but they were there for quite a while through this campaign.

② Also there was a Facebook community page that they had set up, that community members could not access and/or find on Facebook. It appeared to be by invitation only. They filtered who they didn't want in the group. They made the same claim on this site: telling people what was actually going on behind closed doors at the school board.

I was blocked from seeing their posts or from offering an opinion of agreement or disagreement

As a citizen, I feel my rights were violated because I was silenced, blocked out of a facebook page that was created by 2 school board members and the ex school board president? Again because they claimed to tell everyone what was going on behind schools doors. It seemed legitimate because of founding members and school logos. Why can some people participate and not others? If they are saying these are the "facts" and posting on facebook to come and sign the petition why was I not allowed to participate in the conversation?

(3) There were Facebook posts and the website used the school logo. Definitely it looked official, especially because Rayn Warner was the person initiating the recall, Melinda Lentke and Tiffany VanVreede set up the Facebook page that blocked community members, and Carla Bublitz, the previous superintendant was advocating for everyone to sign the petition. The involvement of these persons ^{and logos} made it appear to have support of the school

(4) There are facebook posts of one of their members getting signatures at a basketball game while taking tickets. A teacher posted, how grateful she was for this group to give them ^{donuts} ^(over)

5. Based on the foregoing, I have personal knowledge that electors were misled about the Recall Petition against Angela Hansen-Winker because information about the recall was provided to many electors on school grounds, at school events, and/or disseminated using school logos indicating that the Wrightstown Schools or School District was sponsoring and supporting the Recall against Angela Hansen-Winker.

Signed and dated on this 18th day of February 2025.

Affiant's Daniel E. Vandewalle name

(Print): Daniel E. Vandewalle

Affiant's

Address: 5799 Goldust Dr
De Pere WI 54115

Signed and sworn to before me
on 2/18/2025

... with a picture and a thank you card from the recall group. All of this sounds pretty official. It sounds like this school district was 100% on board with the recall petition.

Is there any doubt that this is 100% driven by School Board members, the districts, and teachers and board members were breaking policy. This is absolutely disgusting. I'm glad I did not sign the petition.

by Cameo Houle
CMH

Notary Public, State of Wisconsin

My commission expires 11/27/2026

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State of Wisconsin

County of Brown

I, Jessica Vandewalle, hereby swear and affirm the following under penalty of perjury:

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2. On or around approximately [date] December 2024, I was informed by [name/occupation] Jeffrey Nelson / Business Owner that Recall petitions were being circulated in violation of multiple policies by [names of circulators] Rayn Warner.

3. Specifically, I learned the following detailed information that raised significant concerns about violations of school and state policies by the persons herein that circulated the Recall Petition against Angela Hansen-Winker in the following paragraph:

4. _____

i. r4wiscd.com was a website created by the recall petitioners. It is a members only site and you had to be invited to join the group in order to see the information being shared. The information being shared with the public was one sided. Community members requested records from the schools in regards to investigations and allegations. These records requests were delayed and incomplete and ultimately resulted in our community not getting the information needed to make an informed decision as recall signatures were handed in on February 12th 2025.

2. petitioning to sign the recall was done on school property.
There is a picture of Jonathan Curtis with a clipboard, petition
and pen speaking to community members in school.
3. False allegations against Angela include accusing Angela of opening
an internal investigation without school board knowledge. As president, Angela
acted within her authority, so as to avoid any interference with the investigations.
4. During a meeting held in July 2024 with Andy Spoo, Angela Hansen Winker,
and Kayn Warner present, Angela was verbally attacked as police statements
reflect.

5. Based on the foregoing, I have personal knowledge that electors were misled about the Recall Petition against Angela Hansen-Winker because information about the recall was provided to many electors on school grounds, at school events, and/or disseminated using school logos indicating that the Wrightstown Schools or School District was sponsoring and supporting the Recall against Angela Hansen-Winker.

Signed and dated on this 18 day of February 2025.

Jessica M. Vandewalle

Affiant's name (Print): Jessica M. Vandewalle

Affiant's Address: 5799 Goldust Dr.
DePue, WI 54115

Signed and sworn to before me

on 2/18/2025

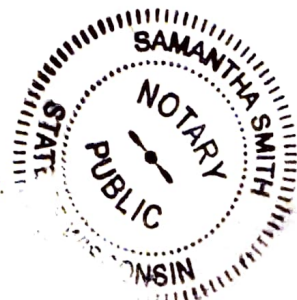
by Jessica M. Vandewalle

Samantha Smith

Notary Public, State of Wisconsin

My commission 2/18/2028

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... the an official Wrightstown Center Board page where ALL information will be shared? Meeting minutes? Closed sessions? Dates of meetings? Upcoming agenda item... **See more**

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Nicole Gerend updated the description. ...

👑 Admin Nov 14 · 

Above all, we want nothing but success for our students and staff within Wrightstown Community School District.

The Residents for Wrightstown Community School District Facebook page is being set up to enable community members to get accurate information shared and allow people to ask questions and get truthful answers, or post about personal experiences from board workshops and meetings. We want to have good people on our school board so that we can continue to keep our schools great.

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Nicole Gerend

Admin

Kimberly High School



Kimberly Denkins

Admin

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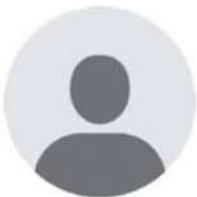
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Jourdan Buechler



Stephanie Tilkens



Rayn Charles



Tara Verbeten





Residents For Wrightstown Community School District



Roland Schmidt · Nov 14 ·

Is this an official Wrightstown School Board page where ALL information will be shared? Meeting minutes? Closed sessions? Dates of meetings? Upcoming agenda items? Why is it a closed/private group?



Kimberly Denkins Admin

Great questions, Roland.

This is not an official school board page. This page is not administered or put out by the school district. It's a page created by and for the residents of our school district.

Meeting minutes, dates of meetings and agenda items can all be found on the school website, therefore, we will not be duplicating those efforts. Unfortunately, no closed session information can be shared.

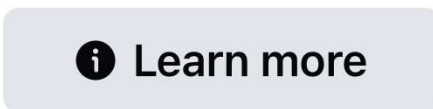
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Wrightstown Community School District

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Welcome to the official Facebook page for the Wrightstown Community School District.
#WCSDStrong



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Kimberly Denkins



 Admin

Nov 14 · 

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The group is private at this time to create more discussion and share internally what is happening within our board. This page has been created to allow folks to share their personal experiences. It seems that only some of the information, that is being talked about or happening at the school board meetings, is being reported to the community. It's important that we're all aware of what's actually going on, not just what's being reported in the paper or told to us by our neighbor.

Questions are encouraged. Our hope is that this will be an interactive page with open communication where we can share our experiences. Feedback is definitely welcomed. We do ask that you please avoid posting or commenting on hearsay.

On Tue, Dec 31, 2024 at 1:21PM Susan Byers

<sbyers@new.rr.com> wrote:

Good afternoon, Angela. I am sorry to bring this to you at the end of a difficult year, but I have had enough and am writing to you as a resident and taxpayer.

Over the course of a couple of weeks, I received some screen shots of a private Facebook group that you had to have an invitation to join. Needless to say, I was not invited. But the matter is troubling as it involves three current board members, one former board president and her husband, as well as the former district administrator weighing in on the district. So initially, you had to be invited to join and if you tried to look up the FB page, it was not available. I think the group found out that a number of us had screen shots and knew what they are doing so now they have come out in the open and have a FB page everyone can see - link below.

http://r4wcsd.com/?fbclid=IwY2xjawHg05tleHRuA2FlbQlxMAABHZ-IsJ1WkYNDZE4MPwvVVhTtS9ucEXqDsFNQqT68TRO-Q9LN-uREZgKjrA_aem_uBV_RkOWiY3_xadz7MgRJw

This page now has Contacts as Kimberly Denkins and Nicole Gerend...not current board members. But the issues they bring up relate to grievances the three board members have and they have pdf's on the page listed above that talk about the transgressions of the board, specifically the President. If I had the time, I would be happy to dig through all of the pdf's to check their facts, but one stood out and needs to be corrected.

http://r4wcsd.com/documents/General_Expectations_of_All_Board_Members.pdf

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So what I am asking for is a review of the information provided here regarding a policy and if it is deemed to violate policy, a statement can be issued regarding the false information. I am also asking that the pdf's they include be checked for inaccurate information. This page is up and running now and if there are additional misstatements, the public needs to know.

Angela, I know this is detailed and it's end of the year and this is an ugly mess...not of your making. But they have said you should reply to emails within 24-48 hours, which is not noted anywhere on this policy. Beyond that, my taxes pay for these people to create chaos!

I am attaching the screen shots I received so you can understand my level of concern. You are doing a wonderful job and you have three really committed partners. As I said before, you just need the people in the boat all rowing in the same direction. I understand difference of opinion in a group setting. This is not that...this is mean girls and board members.

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Happy New Year!

Sue

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Gmail
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Carla Buboltz

Jan 27 · 🌐

Together we can make a difference for our students, staff, families, and community! Please help spread the word! The website is r4wcsd.com for the recall if you want more information or if your friends, family, and neighbors are looking for information. ❤️ 🐅



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Nicole Gerend · 9m · 🗨️

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Carla Buboltz

Jan 3 · 🌐



Please take a moment to learn more about what is happening in our school district. [r4wcsd.com](https://www.r4wcsd.com) We are [#wcsdstrong](#) and our students, staff, families, and community deserve better! ❤️ 🐅



Residents For Wrightstown Co...

Rayn Charles · 6m · 🗨️



🇨🇭 Signature Collection for School Board Recall Petition 🇨🇭

Collectors will be out and about tomorrow gathering signatures to recall Angela Hansen-Winker. If you'd like to ensure someone stops by your neighborhood to collect your signature, feel free to private message:

👉 Rayn Warner [Rayn Charles](#)

👉 Tiffany Van Vreede [Tiffany Kocian Van Vreede](#)

Your support can make a huge difference! Let's work together for the change our schools deserve. Our kids deserve better. ✍️

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Melinda Menting Lemke



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Melinda, I noticed you are the admin for the residents for Wrightstown community school district Facebook page , can you please invite to this page . I can't get into the fb page. Thanks Angela

6:24 AM



I'm not sure where you got this. I am not an admin. It's a community run page.

8:39 AM

On, thanks. Who runs the page so I can ask them to join?



Aa



8:43



Melinda Menting Lemke



Melinda Menting Lemke

Admin
1 recent post

University of Wisconsin-Green Bay



Nicole Gerend

Admin

Kimberly High School



Kimberly Denkins

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Owner at C Squared Investments LLC



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Admin

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Rayn Charles



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You're not friends on Facebook

New Facebook Account

1 mutual friend: Melinda Menting Lemke

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JAN 9 AT 9:31 AM

Can you invite me to the residents for Wrightstown community school district Facebook page? Thanks

JAN 11 AT 1:09 PM

Rayn
This is Angela Winker can you invite me to your recall fb that you have on me?
Thanks
Angela

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Tiffany Kocian Van Vreede



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You're not friends on Facebook

1 mutual friend: Amy Wall VandeHey

Also member of De Pere, Wrightstown and Greenleaf Buy & Sell and 2 other groups

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Tiffany

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Tiffany

This is Angela Winker can you invite me to your recall fb that you were admin on?
Thanks
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MAJOR REASONS FOR RECALL

How much do we want her to continue costing our district?

Excess use of legal resources

Historically, \$15,000 was budgeted per year. In July 2024, the budget was increased to \$25,000. Due to a projected increase in legal fees, the budget was increased again in Fall 2024 to \$40,000. Legal fees have **SURPASSED \$38,000** since Angela Winker-Hansen became President of the Wrightstown Community School District Board of Education.

Mishandling of retirement/severance agreements related to Mr. Andy Space

Mr. Space was never informed of why he was being investigated, nor given the chance to correct any wrongdoing. The investigation was started **two full months** before the entire Board knew.

The school district is paying Andy Space a severance package which is costing the district.

In addition to that, we are now paying Mr. Ron Saari a salary for his contract period of January 20, 2025 – June 30, 2025, totaling \$90,000.

Lack of Transparency/Failure to Communicate

On January 15, 2025, it was announced in the Wrightstown Spirit, that Ron Saari would be the district's new Interim Superintendent. Our District Administrative Staff, Teachers, and Support Staff were not made aware of this until **AFTER** it was published in the paper and **BEFORE** Mr. Saari had a signed contract. The contract was not signed until the evening of January 15, 2025.

To sign the recall petition, please contact:

Tina Gitzlaff (920) 412-0184

or

Ashley Wallenfana (920) 393-0758

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State of Wisconsin

County of Brown

I, Carl Huss, hereby swear and affirm the following and would testify under oath if called:

1. My full legal name is Mr. Carl Lee Huss and my position with the Wrightstown School District is Parent. I have held this position for _____.

2. On or around approximately [date] 1-5-2025, I was informed by [name/occupation] Carrie Van Vreede that Recall petitions were being circulated in violation of multiple policies by [names of circulators].

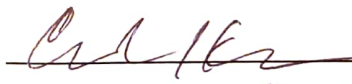
3. Specifically, I learned the following detailed information that raised significant concerns about violations of school and state policies by the persons herein that circulated the Recall Petition against Angela Hansen-Winker in the following paragraph:

4. There was a lack of information
givin to me at the time I signed plus
the signing was during a Parker game
so alcohol was a contributing factor
If I was sober and had more clear
knowledge of the situation
I would of never signed
that petition !!!

_____.

5. Based on the foregoing, I have personal knowledge that electors felt coerced or threatened or otherwise bribed to sign the Recall Petition against Angela Hansen-Winker because Lack of information and being not sober.

Signed and dated on this 18 day of February 2025.



Affiant's name (Print): Carl Huss

Affiant's Address: 246 Patricia LN
Wrightstown WI 54180

Signed and sworn to before me
on _____
by _____.

Notary Public, State of Wisconsin
My commission _____.

This notarial act involved the use of communication technology.

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I, Michael Mollen, being duly sworn to hereby swear and affirm the following under penalty of perjury:

1. My full legal name is Michael Patrick Mollen.

2. On or around approximately [date] Jan 1st 2025, I witnessed or learned that Rayn Warner and one of the Gerend brothers (Kyle or Jason) were in the local River inn bar December 28th, pushing for recall signatures, while under the influence of alcohol. On the 1st of January, a friend informed me of these actions, his real concern though was that he was told that, Mike and Tony are next on the recall list, they started this whole problems.

3. The above information is based on and to the best of my personal knowledge.

[Signature]

Affiant's name (Print) Michael Mollen

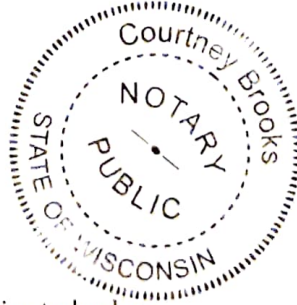
Affiant's Address: 344 Main St. Wrightstown WI 54180

Signed and sworn to before me on 02/18/2025 by Michael Mollen

[Signature]

Notary Public, State of Wisconsin My commission 09/20/2027.

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Christy Pavlik

Can you also provide information for people that were approached in the bar that signed but were NOT explained that need to have their names removed. What is the process to follow.

21m Like Reply



Can we get someone to comment on this with link to Tony's school email and the process

Jen DeMaster

From: ANTHONY DECKER <decker@wrightstown.k12.wi.us>
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2025 11:28 AM
To: Jen DeMaster; RONALD SAARI
Subject: Fwd: Remove Matt DeCleene from the recall petition for Angela Hansen-Winker

fyi...

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

From: **Matt DeCleene** <postmaster@attention.wrightstowninsight.com>
Date: Fri, Feb 7, 2025 at 10:53 PM
Subject: Remove Matt DeCleene from the recall petition for Angela Hansen-Winker
To: <decker@wrightstown.k12.wi.us>

Remove Matt DeCleene from the recall petition for Angela Hansen-Winker

First Name
Matt
Last Name
DeCleene
Email
mattdecleene@yahoo.com
Phone
9203711482
Address
6802 Lidgetop Dr Greenleaf, WI 54126 Map It
Approximate date I signed the petition.
12/21/2024
Approximate time I signed the petition.
10:30 pm
Reason For Removal
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other
Please specify reason. (Simply changing your mind is not a valid reason to have your name removed.)
I was drinking when I signed it, and did not know enough about the it. As I'm learning more, I do not want to get involved

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One of my contacts who is 21 went through the list and she called one of her friends to ask her why and when she signed it, etc.

She was at a friend's house, and the mom approached them all and said if you guys wanna stay here, you can sign this or you can pay \$10 if you don't sign

The group all signed, [REDACTED] is afraid to come forward with an affidavit because [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

My contact is reaching out to this person and telling her her name can be redacted and nobody would ever find out

She was also told her name could not be taken off the list