

Public Comment:

Josh Rist needs to be fired immediately. The Administration responsible for placing this admitted groomer into another school in the district need to be dismissed. There must be harsher penalties for sexual misconduct,.

Kari Zohner

Parent / Padre de familia

Salem

Josh Rist admitted to sexually explicit behavior and grooming behavior. He admitted to this behavior. The district knowingly moved him, after a slap on the wrist, to a grade school where he could continue to groom children. This is REPREHENSIBLE. He should immediately be removed and should never be allowed to be around children. There needs to be harsher punishments for sexual misconduct in the district.

Furthermore, the Union and the school Administration who knowingly placed this man at Kalapuya should be removed and reprimanded for placing children in danger.

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Public Comment:

7a. Appoint 3 Community Members to Budget Committee/Nombramiento de 3 miembros comunitarios en el Comité Presupuestario

Martha Eslinger

Parent / Padre de familia

Salem

Please vote for Ricky Falardeau and Phillip Gerstner for the budget committee! It has been said by the Superintendent that we are going to have budget cuts but I believe enough money is there, it's just not being spent on the correct things for our children's education.

Phil will definitely know what to look for on budget committee. He has been a huge voice among the business community.

Also, very disgusted with what happened at the West Salem Elementary school, Mr. Rist does not need to be in position to be with young kids and the fact that it was hidden from parents tells me we need to be even more vigilant on other teachers that might be in the same situation, just not caught yet. It's an embarrassment that adults in the room can't see this and aren't there to protect our vulnerable children. Please do better!

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Public Comment:

Removal of Josh Rist

Rachael Winters

Parent / Padre de familia

Salem

@everyone not trying to be redundant but please sign up for this if you can. At the very least please submit written comment. A few talking points can be

I urge that Josh Rist be permanently dismissed from Salem Keizer in any capacity.

Please apply harsher zero tolerance policies to sexually inappropriate behavior from students and staff.

Submitted: 10/9/2023 14:07:45

Public Comment:

Admin staff placement

Mara Arnold

Parent / Padre de familia

Salem

Dear School Board Members of Salem-Keizer,

I am a parent in this district. I am absolutely shocked upon hearing that a staff member was working at Kalapuya elementary school who was found to have and also admitted to having inappropriate sexual relations with two students. The superintendent has admitted that he was placed at Kalapuya by an “administrative” process. This has me deeply worried. Please respond how this process works. How is it decided and why was it decided that he should work in a building with students? How is he still employed at all? His license was suspended (conveniently over the summer) and then allowed to go back to work.

Also why was this information not made clear to families at Kalapuya elementary school? As presents we should feel completely safe sending our students to school and knowing that staff members don't have a troubled history with other students. Teachers AND volunteers in the district have to go through extensive background checks. How did this teacher pass a background check with a history of misconduct with students? There are processes and procedures in place for a reason. That doesn't mean we can choose who they apply to. They must be consistent for the safety of all our students in this district.

Submitted: 10/6/2023 18:40:20

Public Comment:

School safety

Amanda Green

Parent / Padre de familia

Salem

I am a parent of a 7th grader who attends Judson Middle School and rides bus route #603. I attempted to bring attention to this issue last year with multiple emails and inquired on why this route is habitually late.

This district seems very involved in equity. How is it equitable to have some students consistently late for instruction time or late getting home (by over an hour on Thursday, October 5th) while other riders are not?

This is not a student problem. This is a district problem that adults in charge cannot seem to solve, which is negligible and completely unacceptable. This is not a new issue. I sent emails last year to TJ Crocker, Director of Transportation for Salem-Keizer schools, Alicia Kruska- Principal of Judson Middle School and then superintendent, Christy Perry. I heard from TJ this week that they are still dealing with understaffing. There have been 11 notices sent this year already through the district provided ParentSquare app that notifies parents via text or email about the late buses. What district staff may not realize is that when those text messages or emails come in at 6:30am/12:45pm, as working parents, we move our schedule to ensure the safety of our child. My husband and I have left work early or arrived to work late while waiting for buses. The understaffing issue I'm sure is affecting many families routines, as it is ours.

When the bus picks up my son at 9:15am, and his first period class begins at 9:20am- this isn't working.

I heard a student was hit by a car near Judson Middle School on Oct 5th after the student was tired of waiting for the bus {which was an hour late} and opted to walk instead. Maybe something will be done now??

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Jane Herb

Parent / Padre de familia

Keizer

I recommend Ricky Falardeau and Phillip Gerstner for Budget Committee. I strongly object to having Josh Rist be employed in any school capacity; clearly he is a sexual predator and should not be around young people.

Submitted: 10/9/2023 14:30:11