Appeal to the Beaufort County School Board

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Book Review Committee Review

Michael E Covert, Appellant

Beaufort County School Board

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Beaufort, SC 29902

Current Books Appealed: All books from the November 8, 2023 Review Committee Meeting

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Chairwoman Gwodz, School Board Members, Superintendent Rodriguez;

I thank you all for hopefully taking the time to read my Appeal in its entirety and ask for your relief in proper ruling of overturning the committee's review for the book's mentioned herein.

This process continues to be an embarrassing mark on the face of the Beaufort County School District and moreover, the School Board itself, and MOST importantly, this is damaging our children and you are complicit. Period.

The Appeal could be trimmed down to this—"***These books are lewd and vulgar; they denigrate females and life as a respectable society. Children have NO BUSINESS being able to reach these books in a publicly funded library."***

While I am appealing to ALL of the books reviewed, I specifically want to address "*Lucky",* by Alice Seibold. It is absolutely appalling that this would be in ANY public school. This is one of the most disturbing books that I have EVER read. Rape, sodomy, gang rape, oral "how-to", fisting—THIS is what you call educationally sound material for children? If this book were raised in the setting of public forum, this would be a crime. There is no difference in this school district. You are committing a crime by allowing this to continue to be in our schools. I am also appealing to the 14th Circuit Solicitor's Office and the Attorney General due to this particular book being allowed into public schools.

It is now nationally known and being talked about in many circles across this country that Beaufort County School Board and the School District is in the business of continuing to allow the prostitution of children's minds and lives in our public schools…..because of the, again the term fits, "embarrassing loud and obnoxious crowd who has chosen to make this political."

It is also worth noting that you should be proactive and take the recent address by the SC Superintendent of Education and the changes that are coming from the State-to the Districts regarding things such as this. Rather than wasting public time as you have been doing, why not meet this "head-on" and take a proactive approach? The Superintendent of Education has actually given you "an out", with this loud and obnoxious vile crowd opposing what Mrs. Szalai and I have led over the past 12 to 13 months.

I have copied our 14th Circuit Solicitor's Office on this email and Appeal, as not on ly that office, but multiple offices around that State have begun to inundated by people

saying, “enough is enough”. What school boards have been doing around SC for the past year on this is nothing short of criminal, as I said earlier.

The School Board, sans three of you, is actually promoting the inclusion of lewd and vulgar materials in front of the children of taxpayers. You, by the words straight out of Dick Geier’s mouth, are advocating for “people who don’t like this should just take their kids out of public school”. My question to you now, and again soon in public will be, “If you agree with Mr. Geier’s own words, does that then constitute your promotion of porn, drag shows, public use of drug paraphernalia, the medical seduction of the illusion of changing genders”? Is that what the public’s tax dollars are going towards? You will be asked these things in public--- if you do not answer them now. This is not a threat; this is the community not allowing you to continue the prostitution of our children.

I know several of you, personally, that are on the side of the loud and obnoxious, lewd and vulgar crowd and it is embarrassing. It is also shameful. To sit there in front of children, parents, grandparents and community members must be hard when you have to go home and look in the mirror and realize what side of history you are choosing to be on. THAT will be your legacy for those that have profited from, or as a result of, the pandering of the most precious thing on earth…..our children.

Respectfully;



Michael E Covert
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****To the media of which this has been given a copy of: It is time the media in the South Carolina Low Country and Coastal Georgia markets begin to <u>also</u> share in the news of this subject, as “the rest of the story”. There are people on “the other side” making false claims, political attacks and claims for their own edification. There are people on the School Board who think this is a “joke”, “not their responsibility”, and would rather “cow-tow” to those that are loud and oppressive in lieu of talking with both sides for fear of their political legacy ending abruptly.****