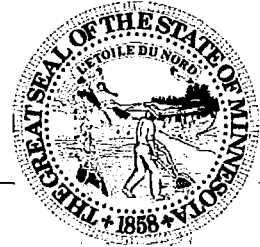


Campaign Finance & Public Disclosure Board



190 Centennial Office Building, 658 Cedar St, St Paul, MN 55155 www.cfboard.state.mn.us

Complaint for Violation of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Act

All information on this form is confidential until a decision is issued by the Board.
A photocopy of the entire complaint, however, will be sent to the respondent.

Information about complaint filer

Name of complaint filer <i>Kathy LaFond</i>	
Address <i>14658 Trotters Trl. NE</i>	Email address <i>kflafond@gmail.com</i>
City, state, and zip <i>Prior Lake MN 55372</i>	Telephone (Daytime) <i>952 440-7548</i>

Identify person/entity you are complaining about

Name of person/entity being complained about <i>Stacey Ruelle, Michael Nelson, Jonathan Drewes</i>
Address <i>Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools 4540 Tower Street SE</i>
City, state, zip <i>Prior Lake MN 55372</i>
Title of respondent (If applicable) <i>School board members</i>
Board/Department/Agency/District # (If legislator)

Kathy LaFond
Signature of person filing complaint

4-9-19
Date

Send completed form to:

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If you have questions:

Call 651-539-1190, 800-657-3889, or for TTY/TDD communication contact us through the Minnesota Relay Service at 800-627-3529. Board staff may also be reached by email at cf.board@state.mn.us.

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Give the statutory cite to the section of Chapter 10A, Chapter 211B, or Minnesota Rules you believe has been violated:

211 B. 04

You will find the complete text of Chapter 10A, Chapter 211B, and Minnesota Rules chapters 4501 - 4525 on the Board's website at www.cfboard.state.mn.us.

Nature of complaint

Explain in detail why you believe the respondent has violated the campaign finance and public disclosure laws. Attach an extra sheet of paper if necessary. Attach any documents, materials, minutes, resolutions, or other evidence to support your allegations.

These 3 people ran for our school board. Their campaign literature/materials contained all 3 names together. They were endorsed by the Prior Lake Savage Education Association. There was no disclaimer on the campaign materials documenting this endorsement.
all three were elected to the board.

PS Another individual who ran was also endorsed by this assn. He was also elected to the board.

Minnesota Statutes section 10A.022, subdivision 3, describes the procedures required for investigating complaints. A full description of the complaint process is available on the Board's website.

Briefly, the Board will notify you when it has received your complaint. The Board must send a copy of the complaint to the respondent. Complaints and investigations are confidential. Board members and staff cannot talk about an investigation except as required to carry out the investigation or to take action in the matter. After the Board issues a decision, the record of the investigation is public.

The law requires a complaint to go through two stages before the Board can begin an investigation: a prima facie determination and a probable cause decision. If the complaint does not pass one of the stages, it must be dismissed.

The Board has 10 business days after receiving your complaint to determine whether the complaint is sufficient to allege a prima facie violation of the campaign finance laws. If the Board determines that the complaint does allege a prima facie violation, the Board has 45 days to decide whether probable cause exists to believe a violation that warrants a formal investigation has occurred. Both you and the respondent have the right to be heard on the issue of probable cause before the Board makes this decision. The Board will notify you if the complaint moves to the probable cause stage.

If the Board determines that probable cause does not exist, the Board will dismiss the complaint. If the Board determines that probable cause exists, the Board will start an investigation. The Board will send you monthly updates regarding the status of the investigation. At the end of the investigation, the Board will offer you and the respondent the opportunity to be heard before the Board makes a final decision.

In most cases, the Board will issue findings, conclusions, and an order as its decision. For a spending or contribution limits violation, the Board can enter into a conciliation agreement with the respondent instead of issuing findings, conclusions, and an order. The Board's final decision will be sent to you and posted on the Board's website.