

Yolo County Comm. on School
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Re: Legal Opinion - Trustee Matt Taylor

Dear Sir,

I am writing to inform you of a very important matter and to request your immediate intervention. I am a constituent of Trustee Taylor and live in West Sacramento.

Prior to the February 17, 2015, Yolo County Board of Education meeting that I attended, Legal Counsel had provided an opinion indicating Trustee Matt Taylor could not participate in a vote on charter schools matters because he was engaged in incompatible activities and possibly Conflict of Interest. The legal opinion is attached. The attorneys concluded that Mr. Taylor is in violation of Government Code 1126(a) which provides in relevant part:

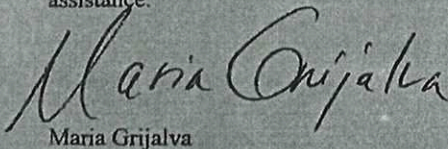
"1126. (a) Except as provided in Sections 1128 and 1129, a local agency officer or employee shall not engage in any employment, activity, or enterprise for compensation which is inconsistent, incompatible, in conflict with, or inimical to his or her duties as a local agency officer or employee or with the duties, functions, or responsibilities of his or her appointing power or the agency by which he or she is employed."

At the February 17, 2015 meeting, I objected to Trustee Taylor participating in any matters relating to charter schools. Mr. Taylor is employed as the Director of the California Charter School Association's Research and Development Department. However, as a member of the Yolo County Board of Education, Mr. Taylor voted on February 17, 2015, to overturn the determination of our locally elected school board who denied a charter to the Epic Charter School. This is both a conflict of interest and an incompatible activity. Mr. Taylor also participated in debate of the charter school appeal.

I am concerned that four other members of the Board also participated in this incompatible activity.

Mr. Taylor should have determined for himself long ago that he is not eligible for the office due to the incompatibility of his employment and his elected position. Mr. Taylor will not rectify himself and threatens to continue his violation of Government Code 1126(a).

Your immediate intervention is necessary. I beg you take appropriate action in this matter. I am available directly at 916.214.2961. Thank you in advance for your immediate assistance.



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