

March 3, 1994  
Lakota Junior High

I Micky K. Osburn, make the following statement concerning an interview with Mrs. Karin Stevens, Principal LAKOTA Junior High, on the afternoon of 3/3/94.

At approximately 1:26 p.m., on this date, I contacted Mrs. Karin Stevens, principal, Lakota, to obtain the names of two students which she had told me had complained to her about Mr. Paul Jensen touching them in an inappropriate manner. At this time Mrs. Stevens and I went into her office and she stated that she did not have or remember the names of the two girls, that she had not taken down the names of the students or written any information down at the time she was first contacted, approximately 2/22/94. Mrs. Stevens stated that when the girls first approached her, she had brought them into her office and explained the procedure that had to be followed and the types of things that would go on after making their complaint. She also stated that the girls had talked to her that morning, 3/3/94 and she reminded them that she had asked them to write a statement to her concerning their complaints.

I asked her to look through last years annual to find the girls. Mrs. Stevens stated that she believed one of the students to be [REDACTED] although she wasn't positive.

Mrs. Stevens then changed the subject, discussing my particular case. Here I will attempt to quote her verbatim from my notes. "You will be barraged by the legal formalities. The teachers in this building will be after you. They will rally around him (Mr. Jensen) and you are going to be the enemy, you know that. Mr. Burrows (not sure of the name) the attorney for the WEA is going to be down your throat just like he was when I tried to get rid of Mr. Olsen." (Counselor who retired three years ago.) "If you do this you might as well give up your writing career, your family, everything for a couple of years because you won't have time, you'll be caught up in a legal battle. And for what? He won't be fired."

My response to this was: "I don't want him to be fired."

Mrs. Stevens: "It doesn't matter what you want."

My response: "So are you saying I should what? Forget this?"

Mrs. Stevens: "What I'm saying is I have to be neutral, but I want you to understand this will eat you alive. How big is your

attorney? I can tell you now that the WEA and national will bring in all the big guns and you won't stand a chance. This will ruin you. Unless somebody can prove that Paul took some little girls panties down or fondled her breasts, there will be no case. Nothing is going to happen to him."

Mrs. Stevens then stated that she had been through this before and had a good understanding of the sexual harassment laws and that I didn't have anything. Mrs. Stevens talked for several minutes about case studies of sexual deviants, and that the actions of a suspected sexual predators.

Mrs. Stevens stated that she had talked to Paul Jensen on several occasions during the time she had been principal of Lakota, re: hitting his girls, (students), on the bottom when they were going in or out doors, or on the court as a volleyball coach, and his inappropriate touching of female students. She stated that a Mrs. Austin had filed a complaint with her regarding her daughter. Mrs. Austin had complained that her daughter did not get to play volleyball because she would not allow Mr. Jensen to touch her. Mrs. Stevens stated that Mrs. Austin's complaints were denied by Mr. Jensen, and he had responded that she only complained because the daughter hadn't gotten to play volleyball more often.

Mrs. Stevens also stated that she had several complaints from other students and parents over the last two years, besides the concerns that I had raised over Mr. Jensen's behavior. We discussed Mr. Jensen's walking up to a female student in the commons area and embracing her from behind, crossing his arms over the girls body and bringing her backside into contact with his front. This incident was observed by myself and immediately reported to Mrs. Stevens. I had called out to Mr. Jensen, he looked at me, released the girl and walked out of the commons area, and to my knowledge, returned to his classroom. She asked if I had said anything else to him. I said that I had not. I had then approached the young girl, an eighth grader, and asked if she were all right. She replied that she was okay and had left the commons area. I did not solicit a complaint from the child. This incident occurred on either the 22 or 23 of February and was immediately reported to Mrs. Stevens.

The following week, the two students approached Mrs. Stevens and stated they wished to make a complaint regarding Mr. Jensen touching them inappropriately. Mrs. Stevens stated that she had brought them into her office and explained to them the same thing that she was telling me, making them aware that if this was a matter of just touching them on the arm, shoulder, there was really nothing she could do and that they didn't have a case.

On several occasions last year, school year 92/93, I reported incidents of what I felt to be inappropriate behavior on the part

of Mr. Jensen to Mrs. Stevens. No action was taken. In the Spring of 1993, I approached Mr. Rich Bernave, counselor, and ask him to contact Mr. Jensen regarding his conduct and contact with students. Mr. Bernave stated that he had called Mr. Jensen to his office and they had had a conference and discussed Mr. Jensen's touching of female students.

It has not and is not my intent to harm, sue, or otherwise cause anyone injury in this matter, but it is my job to insure the safety of the students of Lakota and I feel that I would be doing myself and the students of Lakota an injustice by not reporting what has happened. The above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.