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Dear Dr. Walker;

I am writing on behalf of Mr. Randy Sheriff to raise some concerns about the information you have requested from him. At our initial meeting regarding the issues raised about Mr. Sheriff in your letter of December 6, 1994, my notes show we agreed to the following:

1. The concerns raised about Mr. Sheriff's contact with a particular female student athlete was to be considered closed.
2. The concerns about Mr. Sheriff's conduct toward female student athletes in general was to be considered closed.
3. Mr. Sheriff would accept a letter of reprimand outlining his failure to comply with District announced procedures regarding fund-raising issues by the District in the Spring of 1994.
4. Mr. Sheriff would supply you with an accounting of his activity on the bank account that he used to raise and spend funds that eventually resulted in the purchase of girls volleyball uniforms.

We agreed that upon Mr. Sheriff producing this documentation the letter would be issued and the matter closed. In your letter of December 19, 1994, you indicated that you require even more documentation—specifically, items 1-5 listed in your December 19 letter.

You closed your letter by indicating that you reserve the District's right to continue the investigation until there is a satisfactory resolution to the issue. My point is, Dr. Walker, that each time Mr. Sheriff produces more documentation, the District asks for still more documentation. It is my understanding that Mr. Sheriff produced a copy of the bank statements for the account. I further understand that now you have asked for copies of the checks themselves. If that is in fact correct, it is—in my opinion—counter to the agreement we made at the time of the initial meeting.

The account you refer to is a private account; it is not connected with the Cle-Elum Roslyn School District in any fashion, other than Mr. Sheriff spent money from that account to purchase uniforms for a school team. He has agreed he was wrong and that settlement would result in a letter of reprimand. He agreed to show the District his bank records as it related to that purchase. He has no obligation under our agreement with you to show you any records from that account other than those we agreed recorded the funds expended on school teams. He has already shown you the opening deposit records and the closing deposit records on that account, the specific invoice related to the volleyball purchase—which was the subject of the initial meeting, and he has now submitted copies of bank statements.

If this account was a Cle-Elum Roslyn School account, the District might have a better argument to see these records. It is, however, a private account wherein moneys were raised and, in fact, donated to the Cle-Elum Roslyn's School District. It was not a school account from which money was taken. The only impropriety the District has shown committed is that Mr. Sheriff spent money on volleyball uniforms without District permission. I repeat, it was money raised outside of any school function on a private account not connected with the school. The District could, of course, return the uniforms to Mr. Sheriff who could then return them to the AAU.

The position of the Association, Dr. Walker, is; Mr. Sheriff has not been guilty of anything more than very poor record keeping and an over abundance of zeal. I would like to discuss this issue with you so we can finally call this issue closed and write the letter of reprimand—so both the District and Mr. Sheriff can move on.

I would appreciate a return letter or contact by telephone as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Jeff Wahlquist