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MINNESOTA CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD

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	Teresa (Teri) Ballweber		
Address	14759 50th St NE	Email address	teriballweber@gmail.com
City, state, and zip	St Michael	Telephone (Daytime)	763-227-1353

Identify person/entity you are complaining about

Name of person/entity being complained about	Sharon Knip		
Address	P.O Box 101		
City, state, zip	Rogers, MN 55374-0101		
Title of respondent (If applicable)			
Board/Department/Agency/District # (If legislator)	School Board ISD#728		

Teresa Ballweber

Signature of person filing complaint

11/21/2024

Date

Send completed form to:

Campaign Finance & Public Disclosure Board
190 Centennial Office Building
658 Cedar Street
St. Paul, MN 55155

If you have questions call 651-539-1189, 800-657-3889, or for TTY/TDD communication contact us via the Minnesota Relay Service at 800-627-3529. Board staff may 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:

211A.02

You will find links to the complete text of Chapter 10A, Chapter 211B, and Minnesota Rules chapters 4501 - 4525 on the Board's website at cfb.mn.gov.

Nature of complaint

Explain in detail why you believe the respondent has violated the campaign finance and public disclosure laws. Attach extra sheet(s) of paper if necessary. Attach any documents, photographs, or other evidence needed to support your allegations. Electronic files may be provided to the Board by email or via a file transfer service.

Sharon Knip violated campaign reporting law 211A.02 Subdivision 1 that states a candidate who receives contributions or makes disbursements of more than \$750 in a calendar year shall submit an initial report to the filing officer within 14 days....

Per report Knip filed dated 10/25/24, she received in excess of \$750 dollars on 5/11/24. This report was received well outside the required 14 day

Minnesota Statutes section 10A.022 and Minnesota Rules Chapter 4525 describe 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 chair or their designee has 10 business days after receiving your complaint to determine whether the complaint alleges a prima facie violation. If the complaint alleges a prima facie violation, the Board has 60 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 may start an investigation. In some cases the Board will issue findings, conclusions, and an order as its decision. In other cases the Board will instead enter into a conciliation agreement with the respondent. The Board's final decision will be posted on the Board's website.

CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL REPORT

(All of the information in this report is public information)

Name of candidate, committee or corporation Sharon M Knip

Office sought or ballot question School Board District 728

Type of report: Candidate report
 Campaign committee report
 Association or corporation report
 Final report

Period of time covered by report:
 from 7/1/2024 to 10/25/2024

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

Give the total for all contributions received during the period of time covered by this report. Contributions should be listed by type (money or in-kind) rather than contributor. See note on contribution limits on the back of this form. Use a separate sheet to itemize all contributions from a single source that exceeded \$100 during the calendar year. This itemization must include name, address, employer or occupation if self-employed, amount and date for these contributions.

CASH \$ 6,975.07 TOTAL CASH-ON-HAND \$ 2,251.90
 IN-KIND + \$ 94.01
 TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED = \$ 7,069.08

DISBURSEMENTS

Include the amount, date and purpose for all disbursements made during the period of time covered by report. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Date	Purpose	Amount
	See Attached	
	TOTAL	<u>3036.72</u>

CORPORATE PROJECT EXPENDITURES

Corporations must list any media project or corporate message project for which contribution(s) or expenditure(s) total more than \$200. Submit a separate report for each project. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Project title or description _____

Date	Purpose	Name and Address of Recipient	Expenditure or Contribution Amount
		TOTAL	

I certify that this is a full and true statement. Sharon M Knip 10/25/2024
 Signature Date

Printed Name Sharon M Knip Telephone 763 1415 9559 Email (if available) _____

Address PO Box 101, Rogers Mn 55374-0101

Shari.Knip.728schools@gmail.com

Report
Office
Name
For Office Use Only:

Contributions

Date	Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Profession	Amount
5/6/24	Shari Knip	8713 Parking Ave NE	Otsego	MN	55330	Banking	\$ 250.00
5/11/24	loan - Shari Knip	8713 Parking Ave NE	Otsego	MN	55330	Banking	\$ 1,250.00
6/24/24	loan - Shari Knip	8713 Parking Ave NE	Otsego	MN	55330	Banking	\$ 2,750.00
5/28/24	Brian O'Dell	26253 6th St W	Zimmerman	MN	55398	Machinist/Programmer	\$ 100.00
8/9/24	Brian O'Dell	26253 6th St W	Zimmerman	MN	55398	Machinist/Programmer	\$ 30.00
6/15/24	Daniel & Catherine Walter	13677 80th St NE	Otsego	MN	55330	Electrician	\$ 100.00
8/13/24	Daniel & Catherine Walter	13677 80th St NE	Otsego	MN	55330		\$ 100.00
7/31/24	Barry & Barbara Fluth	19577 180th Ave	Big Lake	MN	55309	Real Estate	\$ 600.00
8/26/24	Richard Foster	19230 Evans St NW	Elk River	MN	55330	Farming/Real Estate	\$ 600.00
9/23/24	Edward & Diane Kolenda	7401 Large Ave NE	Otsego	MN	55301	Retired	\$ 150.00
10/10/24	Benjamin and Rachel Minks	17024 Barlum ST NW	Andover	MN	55304	Construction	\$ 250.00
10/24/24	Monica Madsen, Reimburse 1/3 Flyers	9382 Ochoa Ave NE	Otsego	MN	55330	Teachers on Call	\$ 500.00
							<u>\$ 6,680.00</u>

Disbursements

Date	Vendor	Expense type	Amount
7/23/24	Jennie Lodien	Flyer Design	\$ 100.00
8/2/24	Midwest VolleyBall Warehouse	T Shirts	\$ 91.20
8/3/24	Minuteman Press	Flyers	\$ 78.68
8/3/24	Target	printer ink	\$ 118.80
8/9/24	Monica Madsen	reimburse 1/3 large signs	\$ 817.00
8/26/24	Minuteman Press	Flyers	\$ 677.20
8/29/24	MPA	Campaign Consulting Fee	\$ 50.00
8/31/24	Vista Print	bumper stickers	\$ 48.46
9/4/24	Minuteman Press	Flyers	\$ 465.57
9/18/24	Vista Print	Small Yard Signs	\$ 492.80
10/8/24	Wings Financial	Bank Fee	\$ 3.00
9/9/24	Uline	bags	\$ 94.01
			<u>\$ 3,036.72</u>