

Your KOMA-KORA Complaint Form has been submitted to the Kansas Attorney General's office!

Thank you for filing with our office. A copy of your complaint is included below for your records.

General Information

* Your Name: Sandra Cullens

* Street Address: [REDACTED]

* City: Sharon Springs

* State: Kansas

* Zip Code: 67758

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Alternate Phone Number:

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Background Information

* Have you complained about this matter to any other office? No

Have you filed a private lawsuit related to this matter? No

Violation Details

* Type of violation: Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA)

* Name of public agency/entity/official you are requesting we investigate: School Board for USD #241 in Wallace County

* Public Agency/Entity/Official Address: 521 Main Street Sharon Springs, KS 67758

Public Agency/Entity/Official Phone Number: 785-852-4252

* Date of alleged violation: 02/16/2024

* Location of alleged violation: USD #241 School Building in Sharon Springs, KS, Wallace County

* Please describe the alleged violation in chronological order and identify any supporting documents: A special board meeting notice for USD #241 was sent out for February 16th and listed student issue as the reason. President Cox called the meeting in session dealing with student handbook policy and stated he thinks that everyone knows why we are here. I stated I did not know. President Cox stated it was about senior night and allowing home schoolers to participate in senior night. President Cox said that he thought that out of respect of some of the students involved with this he felt we need to go into executive session for a board discussion and with Administration including all three and then come back and you guys will know where we are at. I, at this time, tried to clarify that there was more than one student because the notice said student issue and the president said students. It never was clearly stated but seemed to mean more than one student. Executive session was entered into after a vote and right away there was discussion addressing home schoolers. I pointed out the board that they could not be talking about the home schoolers as they were not students. I asked about what issues there were with the students on the topic and President Cox stated that he did not care what their issues were, he did not want the home schoolers to participate. Principal Brown talked about what other schools were doing to keep home schoolers from participating in any extra activities that KSHSAA did not have listed on the statute. Brown introduced a policy from Tribune school and I shared that this could not be talked about in executive session and I was shut down very rudely. They continued to discuss the policy and decided to adopt it with a minor change from Tribune's policy. Executive session was over and the motion was made to adopt Tribune's policy. There was no discussion and no explanation to the people present.

* What remedy would you like to see to resolve this matter: Other - The board is made accountable for the choices that they made in the situation.

Supporting Documentation

Signature & Verification

I have read and understand this complaint form. I understand a copy of my complaint will be provided to the public agency/entity/official that is the subject of my complaint. I also understand my complaint may be open to the public under the Kansas Open Records Act.

By typing my name below, I declare under penalty of perjury that the information I have provided is true and correct. Executed on May 21, 2024.

Sandra Cullens