



WPSD RE-2
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District Judge Denies the Motion to Hold WPSD Board in Contempt

Woodland Park, CO – 09/16/22 – The Woodland Park School District (WPSD) Board of Education is pleased to announce that on September 16th, Teller County District Judge Scott Sells denied Erin O’Connell’s Motion for Contempt filed last Spring against the Board. Judge Sells ruled that the Board “did not violate Open Meeting Laws” and was not in contempt of the court’s order.

In receiving the news, Board President David Rusterholtz stated, “I am humbly pleased that the court agreed we followed the law, which we will always work to do honestly and transparently. With this and the recall efforts now behind us, I believe we can move forward again as a Board with the support of our amazing school leaders, educators, and the community of Teller County.”

Board Vice President David Illingworth II stated, “I am grateful for the excellent legal representation attorney Bryce Carlson, and the team at Miller & Farmer provided in defending the Board in this meritless litigation. This Board will not be deterred in its mission to improve the school choices, academic performance, and transparency promised to the people of WPSD. We look forward to our entire community coming together, putting aside any political grievances, and pouring their energy into helping our school district and our kids have their best year ever.”

Sue Patterson voiced her “Gratitude that justice was served” and looks forward to “continuing to humbly serve the community.”

The next Board of Education meeting is on Wednesday, September 28th, at 6:00 p.m., where Directors plan to update the District Purpose Statement and begin reviewing Board Governance Processes. Directors look forward to uniting the community and building an exemplary school system for Woodland Park School District residents.

About the Woodland Park School District Re-2

A Place of Becoming. Mission: Together, we embrace a culture where all learners are empowered to pursue intellectual, personal, and collective excellence.

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