

Addendum to Memorandum

Date: January 25, 2024
To: School District Boundary Appeal Board (SDBAB)
From: Office of Legal Services (OLS)
Subject: Request for Resolution filed by School District of Oakfield

BRIEF BACKGROUND

This is an Addendum to the Memorandum dated January 18, 2024, to the SDBAB. After the January 24, 2024, meeting of the SDBAB, it was brought to DPI's attention that certain written testimony that had been timely provided by the Landowski Family had not been included in the previous Memorandum to the Board. I have updated the Table of Contents below and attached hereto is that additional testimony.

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CONCLUSION

Thank you for your service on the SDBAB. Please direct any questions to Attorney Kari Race, 608-264-6711, kari.race@dpi.wi.gov; and/or Ms. Kathleen Fry, Consultant - School Finance and Secretary, SDBAB, 608-224-5343, kathleen.fry@dpi.wi.gov.

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Subject: Re: Oakfield request for resolution
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Kathleen Fry,

I would also like this email from Jeff Breselow added to the Landowski families written Testimony and to be read to DPI when making the decision regarding the Landowski and Ott properties as well as the one from Tim Wiese.

Prior to this land dispute, I have never spoken with Jeff or Tim but they have listened to our families entire story from beginning to end and truly care about the well being of my children. It amazes me in a world so torn apart in so many ways that an Oakfield School Board member and a supervisor from Dodge county can both care and have concerns for my own children who they don't know more so than either of the school districts combined.

To think my children (10 and 17) don't see any of this would be a lie. I try my very best as a mom to hide all the research I've been doing by staying later at work, using my lunch hour, staying up late at nights and I don't even sleep anymore as I awake multiple times a night thinking of possible outcomes, emails to send myself and just researching. I have so much more to all of this but it doesn't pertain to why I wish to remain in the Lomira School District so that will be brought up at a later time. My concern right now is keeping our home and family as part of the Lomira School District.

Again, we look forward to finding out the date, time and location of when DPI will make the decision on the properties.

Thank You,

Maggie Landowski

On Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 11:11:18 PM CST, Breselow, Jeff <district6@co.dodge.wi.us> wrote:

Greetings Ms. Fry

I am contacting you in regard to the request for resolution by Oakfield school district in relation to the Landowski property located in Dodge county (PIN#028-1316-0114-001). I am supervisor for district 6 of Dodge County and would like to speak on behalf of the Landowski family as they reside in my district.

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I have been in contact with David Addison at Dodge County several time regarding this issue and it does not seem exactly clear if an error was made or not when switching from paper to computer system. It seems that there may have been an error but to my understanding it can not be stated decisively. It seems that many districting concerns back forty plus years ago were settled on "handshake or verbal" agreements which could quite possibly be the case with this property which could be the cause for the confusion. I also understand that at the time of the "change" upon completion of data transfer to the computer system correspondence was sent out from Dodge County to all involved municipalities and school districts requesting response on any discrepancies and no record of dispute can be found in regard to the Landowski property.

The Landowski family when looking for their home were only looking at properties that were in the Lomira school district this was one of their top priorities in choosing their home and they found a home in the district or so they and everyone else thought. Their property today is listed as being in Lomira school district and has been for the better part of forty years.

I have concerns with the district of Oakfield's true concerns in this situation I was in attendance at the November 27th school board meeting and spoke on behalf the Landowski family at that meeting . I came away from that meeting really feeling disappointed for one the board seemed unwilling to put the issue to rest and leave things as they have been for quite some time ,but also because at no time did the board leadership seem to take into account the situation at hand was actually about people, a stressed mom and dad and two students one who by the time this is all settled will have one year of school left and another who is in the fourth grade both of whom have been in their schools with their friends all their lives. The board president responded with "well just school choice and stay in Lomira " as a solution. This hardly seems like the response one would expect from a person entrusted to care and be concerned with the students best interest at heart .By no means am I making any effort to disparage the quality of education a student can receive in Oakfield they seem to be doing quite well by their students. What I am saying is with the willingness to just have the Landowski children "choiced" out to another district not knowing anything about them not asking one question about the students this seems to me to be about money for Oakfield. One member of the school board showed concern for the kids and their happiness and well being and being able to stay where they call "home" with their life long friends and staff they have come to know . Thank you to Mr. Tim Wiese for trying to remind us all what the school system is for, the children. While I have no negative concerns about school choice in general I do not feel relying on it in this situation is the best solution.

I also have concerns for voting issues as well. As Mrs. Landowski stated it would not take much effort to figure out who voted and how they voted on school district related things given there are so few people in their township in the Oakfield school district they could easily be singled out.

In closing I thank You for your time and I respectfully request that the SDBAB find in favor of keeping the Landowski family in the Lomira school district. There may or may not have been a mistake made forty some years ago please do not make the Landowski family "pay" for that possible mistake by uprooting them from where they belong.

Best Regards
Jeff A Breselow
Dodge County Supervisor District 6

The preceding letter is speaking on behalf of my constituents and should by no means be considered me representing Dodge County