

Robert Redditt Response:

I have been serving on the school board for six (6) years. Having served these years I have an understanding of the laws we have no choice but to follow. I am a police officer for the City of Millington and have served there several years. Prior to that I worked in the City of Oakland as a police officer. I understand the procedures for the safety of our children. Under M. Wilson I was laughed at because they did not care about our children. I made the motion to have M. Wilson removed as director as the Fayette County Schools. That night I had to fight hard to get that passed so we could move the system forward. I fought hard enough that the chairman of the board resigned her seat as chair and walked out. During the first week the new director was in place I spoke with him on several occasions in regards to the budget. Between the two of us we were able to cut the budget (\$1,100,000.00) one million one hundred thousand and not affect the ability of the teachers in the classroom. Last but not least, as the chairman of the board I ran this school system until Louise Holloway could be named as Interim Director.

Plan #3 is a big problem, and other board members are still pushing for it. I do not support Plan #3, and I will not support busing in any form. The United States Supreme Court stated that it was unconstitutional. They ruled that way about busing and moving children because of race.

I am for increasing the achievements of our students. Under the new director I believe this will happen. I felt we had to make a change because just getting by was not good enough for me and for our students.

I do not believe the Federal Government should be in control of our school system. As I have learned from the Fayette County Tea Party this is unconstitutional. As you and I both know the more the Federal Government puts its finger in the pie the more it takes.

Ranking the problems set out by you would have to be regulations first, lack of accountability which we are working on with a new director, lack of parental choice to go to their local school, lack of focus on core subjects, and financing. Financing is not a problem at this time now that we have a new director. He is willing to make the cuts needed.

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