

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SOLANO Civil - Minutes

Matthew Shelton, Plaintiff/Petitioner v. Napa Valley Unified School District, etal, Defendant/Respondent Case Number: CU24-03170

Review Hearing - Re: Protective Order

in DPT 3, Fairfield Room 3 on 12/05/2024 at 2:00 PM

Clerk	Judge	Reporter/ER
S. Rivas	Stephen Gizzi	

Case called at 2:06 PM.

Appearances:

Plaintiff is represented by Kevin Gres - Present via remote video.

Defendant Napa Valley Unified School District, et al - Not Present.

Defendant Benicia Unified School District is represented by Josh Stevens - Present via Remote Video.

Intervenor, Holly McDede, is represented by David Loy - Present via Remote Video.

Court Reporter: Jane Hong (CSR # 11975) is present via remote video.

Minutes:

The Court notes that it announced its tentative ruling on the matter at the last hearing.

There have been no further filings since 11/20/24 so the Court is prepared to move forward with that.

Plaintiff submits.

Attorney Loy and Attorney Stevens have nothing further for the Court.

The Court advises that on 10/29/24, the Court set forth its priorities prior to reviewing the documents that would be presented by the school districts. In summary, the Court indicated that it respects the public's right to know under the CPRA and to review the appropriate documents, however, it was also stated that the Court's priority in this case is to preserve and protect the identities and privacy rights of the alleged minor victims and to assure that nothing in the civil case impedes what is happening in the criminal trial process, both from the standpoint of protecting due process rights and especially in ensuring that the jury remains untainted and that no mistrial occurs because of actions that take place in this civil matter.

After reviewing the documents produced, the Court presented a list of documents that the Court intended to release which included all of the Napa Valley Documents and four documents that were withheld from Benicia (14, 15, 62, and 65) on the basis that each had particular identifying characteristics that could be traced to individual minors.

In addition, parties were informed on 11/20/24 that the Court intended to lift the Protective Order because no alternative or modified Protective Order was proposed by the parties. At that hearing, Attorney Gres requested additional time to review the documents with his client's criminal attorney and to have that additional time to evaluate whether or not it would be necessary to either extend the Protective order or try to block the production of those documents.

As stated earlier, nothing has since been filed with the Court and Attorney Gres submitted on the matter.

The Court makes the following orders:

The Court lifts the Protective Order and releases the documents per the list that is provided (please see lists attached to this minute order).

Attorney Loy is instructed to prepare the order.

NAPA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

NUMBER	DATE	DESCRIPTION
001-0010	5/15/2008	Fax to Ani Kindall
0011	2007	Signature page for review of personnel file
0012	6/11/2007	Personnel Action Form-Notice of Change
0013	6/8/2007	Proof of Service by Personal Delivery
0014-0017	6/8/2007	Notice of Non-Reelection of First Year Prob. Employee
0018	5/10/2007	Offer of Employment School Year 2007-08
0019-0020	2/01/2007	Evaluation of Certificated Teaching Personnel
0021	10/11/2006	Evaluation of Certificated Teaching Personnel
0022-0023	12/06/2006	Evaluation of Certificated Teaching Personnel
0024-0025	11/15/2006	Evaluation of Certificated Teaching Personnel
0026-0027	8/11/2006	Personnel Action Form
0028	8/15/2006	Form #79 - Request to Hire
0029	6/13/2006	Recommendation of Interview Panel
0030	7/12/2006	Letter to Matt Shelton from Kathleen McClure
0031	7/7/2006	Email from Debbie Brown to Sharyn Lindsey
0032-0033	8/11/2006	Offer of Employment School Year 2006-07
0034-0035	8/17/2006	Checklist for Newly Hired Certificated Employees
0036-0038	8/11/2006	Employee Orientation and Safe Work Practices Handbook
0039	4/17/2006	Letter to Matthew Shelton from Kathleen McClure
0040-0043	3/13/2006	Application for Certificated Employment

0044	7/25/2008	Letter to Mr. Shelton from Mary Armstrong
0045-0050	6/25/2008	Confidential Investigative Report
0051	8/25/2008	Letter to the Superintendent from Mary Armstrong
0052-0053	n/a	Print outs regarding -Matthew Shelton CSU Sacramento
0054-0056	1/3/2005	CSU, Sacramento Transcript of Record (3)
0057	4/10/2008	Notice of Reinstatement of Credentials Pending Action
0058	10/15/2007	Notice of Suspension and Demand for Surrender of Credentials
0059	11/7/2007	CA Commission on Teacher Credentialing- Matthew Shelton
0060-0061	6/9/2007	Employee Attributes
0062	n/a	Preliminary Multiple Subject Teaching Credential
0063	2/21/2004	CA Basic Educational Skills Test
0064	6/17/2006	Reading Instruction Competence Assessment
0065-0066	9/13/2007	Email from John Glasser to Sharyn Lindsey
0067	9/13/2007	Napa Police Department Press Release Information
0068-0070	9/14/2007	Article "Former Napa teacher arrested on sex abuse charges"
0071	9/13/2007	Email from John Glasser to Sharyn Lindsey
0072-0073	2/26/2008	Article "Teacher acquitted of sex charges"
0074	2/26/2008	Email from Debbie Brown to Sharyn Lindsey
0075	9/12/2007	Case Information
0076	8/17/2006	Checklist for Newly-Hired Certificated Employees
0077	9/13/2007	Absences By Employee Report
0078-0079	8/11/2006	Employment Eligibility Verification
0080	6/4/2007	Email from Debbie Brown to Sharyn Lindsey

0081	n/a	Statement regarding a teacher removed from a classroom
0082	5/24/2007	Email from Matthew Shelton to Debra Brown
0083	5/31/2007	Email from Debbie Brown to Sharyn Lindsey
0084-0085	5/24/2007	Email from Matthew Shelton to Debra Brown
0086	5/29/2007	Email from Debbie Brown to Sharyn Lindsey
0087	4/30/2007	Email from Debbie Brown to Kurt Schultz
0088	5/22/2007	Email from Debbie Brown to Sharyn Lindsey
0089	5/22/2007	Email from Debbie Brown to Sharyn Lindsey
0090	4/30/2007	Email from Kurt Schultz to S. Lindsey, D. Brown, R. Thompson
0091	5/4/2007	Email from Debbie Brown to Sharyn Lindsey
0092	5/17/2007	Email from Debbie Brown to Courtney Henderson, Sharyn Lindsey
0093	5/9/2007	Email from Debbie Brown to Sharyn Lindsey
0094	n/a	Statement regarding a teacher removed from as classroom
0095	n/a	Letter to Edison-Phillips Parents
0096	5/8/2007	Email from John Glaser to Sharyn Lindsey
0097	5/8/2007	Email from John Glaser to Redacted
0098	n/a	Statement regarding a teacher removed from a classroom
0099-0100	5/9/2007	Email from Debbie Brown to Sharyn Lindsey
0101-0102	5/9/2007	Email from John Glaser to Debra Brown
0103-0104	10/12/2006	Request for Leave-Certificated
0105	8/14/2007	Sick Leave Adjustments
0106	3/5/2007	Request for Leave-Certificated
0107	3/6/2007	Telephone Treatment/Advance Verification

0108	8/11/2006	Napa Valley Payroll Time Sheet
0109-0110	3/27/2007	Request for Leave-Certificated

NAPA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DOCUMENTS WITHHELD

NONE

BENICIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

NUMBER	DATE	DESCRIPTION
001	3/23/2023	Letter to Mr. Shelton from Khushwinder Gill, Ed. D.
002	3/23/2023	Letter to Matthew Shelton from Khushwinder Gill, Ed. D
003-008	3/2/2023	Barclays Official California Code of Regulations Title 5
009	2/8/2023	Typed statement from Robert Semple
010	9/29/2022	Superman Post-it from Mr. Shelton re: watching class
011-013	12/21/22	Email chain between Christina Moore and Matt Shelton
016-032	1/25/23	Additional interviews/ follow up re: internet in class
033-046	1/25/23	Information brought to Cristina's attention
047- 058	12/21/2022	Christina Moore's timeline of investigation
059-060	12/21/2022	Christina Moore's meeting with Matt
061	2022 Matt Shelto	on Eval documentation of coaching around sarcasm w/ students
063-069	n/a	Interviews (7 pages)
070-079	12/22/2022	Interviews (9 pages)
080-091	12/21/2022	Interviews (11 pages)
092-097	1/9/2023	Interviews (5 pages)
098-100	1/9/2023	Interviews (2 pages)
101-104	1/9/23	Interviews (3 pages)
105	n/a	Interviews (1 page)
106	1/18/23	Interviews (1 page)
107-110	1/24/22	Interviews (3 pages)
n/a	9/25/2024	Proof of case update to G. Horton and D. Johnsen

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NUMBER	DATE	DESCRIPTION
014	2/16/23	Interview Response with identifying characteristics
015	2/17/23	Interview Response with identifying characteristics
062	n/a	Interview Response with identifying characteristics
065	3/7/23	Interview Response with identifying characteristics