

GENERAL NEWS

Dear Editor: After reading the article in the Carlisle Mercury regarding the termination of Bascom Sorrell, we felt compelled to write to you the newspaper. We both have known Bascom Sorrell for many, many years and have always found him to be a fine Christian man. His wife has been very ill for a couple of years, but through many answered prayers and excellent medical care, she is on the road to recovery.

Apparently according to the article, Bascom was talked to by the mayor like he is a second class citizen. We will be seeking answers to our questions at the Site Based Council Meeting on Wednesday, June 4, 2008. Parents wishing to join us are urged to attend and bring children. We will be seeking answers to our questions at the Site Based Council Meeting on Wednesday, June 4, 2008.

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Sincerely, Nancy and Cleary Fichtmister

The preschool coming to

N.C.E.S. has left me very concerned as a parent of children currently enrolled. I have many questions along with other parents regarding the lack of attention being given to our children's education. We will be seeking answers to our questions at the Site Based Council Meeting on Wednesday, June 4, 2008.

How far will kindergarten have to travel for bathroom emergencies? (Some only 5, barley potty trained).

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How is more children and less space at the most significant years of their education the best interest for our children? Doubling the discipline, double the interruptions, double the

number of students being affected? How is 150 children in three classrooms a strategically a good move for the benefit of 70-80 (those with the CHOICE to attend, some PAY, only four days a week) of those who are currently being taught in the library, cafeteria, or at the stage, storage room and even closets?

How much thought has gone into the impact this will have on the current student population? How made these decisions without our votes? Did our board members receive all of the information they needed?

Right now this is not going to improve our school without being an expense to our children and teachers. These questions leave us wondering their intentions. David B. Hopkins Carlisle Kentucky

Editor, We should look closely at the agenda behind the removal of Bascom Sorrell from our local Industrial Development Authority Board. As plant manager for Jockey International in this area, there is anybody within the community that can speak

with more expertise to industrial prospects about the local workers? Can anyone in the community do a better job in speaking the language of industry? Can anyone in the community have a better working knowledge of the industry? The most Jockey property? We must currently being taught in the library, cafeteria, or at the stage, storage room and even closets?

What is it that they bring to the table that the local board, with its present makeup, cannot? Instead of appointing themselves they should look into the community for appointments that offer presentation and expertise not available from them.

The Judge and Mayor want out of this board by the appointment process. Just what is it that they bring to the table? I think we need only to look around at the devastation of areas of our local community and see that is not the kind of forward thinking we need as part of this important process. The local Industrial Authority has been given a difficult charge; Recruit industries to locate here where local governments are so dysfunctional that our best and brightest often move away the earliest opportunity and seldom return. Why are they failed to realize, as the leaders of their respective governments, in that many communities can offer for a willing workforce, ad- equate real estate, water and a local functioning infrastructure. What is lacking is a clean, vibrant, and welcoming community that offer a quality of life that

places it above other communities trying lure industry. What they refuse to consider is that few companies are willing to dump millions of dollars to locate here until they find a viable local government that views the future by looking at the next generation not just money. Our roadways are littered with trash, touring the county is virtually impossible because of non-existent road signs, and the negative attitude and reliability of local governments offend the many positives the local community has to offer.

We must wonder when visitors sit in local government meetings if they leave with a sense of some positive attitudes that look favorable to growth or they feel the sense of negative attitudes of those meeting where most sentences in open meeting begin with

"We can't...". "We don't have no...". and "We ain't got the money for...". Their sheer negative attitudes present at those meetings sweep out into the community where it tries to cripple everything from local education to local health care. If you want to raise the ire of local government just present ideas that might succeed or worse yet be a party to any group or organization that actually succeeds despite the opposing forces of local officials.

The local municipal governments now have in place a system that rewards the less productive and punishes, through taxes, those that work hard. We will soon see even higher taxes and fees to support their skewed priorities.

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SCHOOL NEWS

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Preschool classes moving to Nicholas County Elementary

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