

MINNESOTA

CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD



Complaint for Violation of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Act

All information on this form is confidential until a decision is issued by the Board.
A photocopy of the entire complaint, however, will be sent to the respondent.

Information about complaint filer

Name of complaint filer	Svitlana Karatsuba		
Address	15500 37th Ave. N. #115	Email address	
City, state, and zip	Plymouth, MN55446	Telephone (Daytime)	7634459855

Identify person/entity you are complaining about

Name of person/entity being complained about	Taunya Kolbinger		
Address	No address listed only email taunyaforschoolboard@gmail.com		
City, state, zip			
Title of respondent (If applicable)			
Board/Department/Agency/District # (If legislator)	Minnetonka School District School Board Candidate		

Signature of person filing complaint

Sep. 8, 2025

Date

Send completed form to:

Campaign Finance & Public Disclosure Board
190 Centennial Office Building
658 Cedar Street
St. Paul, MN 55155

If you have questions call 651-539-1189, 800-657-3889, or for TTY/TDD communication contact us via the Minnesota Relay Service at 800-627-3529. Board staff may be reached by email at cf.board@state.mn.us.

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Give the statutory cite to the section of Chapter 10A, Chapter 211B, 211B.02 "False Claim of Support", 211B.04 Subd.1 and Subd. 4 or Minnesota Rules you believe has been violated:

You will find links to the complete text of Chapter 10A, Chapter 211B, and Minnesota Rules chapters 4501 - 4525 on the Board's website at cfb.mn.gov.

Nature of complaint

Explain in detail why you believe the respondent has violated the campaign finance and public disclosure laws. Attach extra sheet(s) of paper if necessary. Attach any documents, photographs, or other evidence needed to support your allegations. Electronic files may be provided to the Board by email or via a file transfer service.

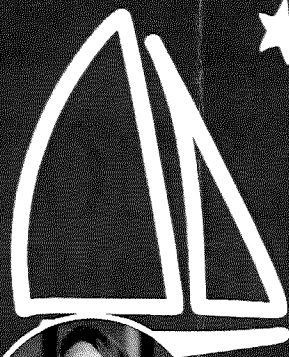
1) Taunya Kolbinger's website taunyakolbinger.com links to her Facebook account. On the Facebook account she uses the Minnetonka Public Schools Logo as the backdrop to her picture. (See screenshots attached) The Minnetonka Public School District does not and has not endorsed her, yet she is using the District's logo as a false claim of support. This is in violation of Minn. Stat 211B.02

2) Taunya Kolbinger's website taunyakolbinger.com, does not list an address as required by Minn. Stat 211B.04 Subd.1, and Subd. 4 anywhere on the website. it merely has the statement "prepared and paid for by The Campaign Fund for Taunya Kolbinger". Unlike what is required by law, no address is listed anywhere on the website.

Minnesota Statutes section 10A.022 and Minnesota Rules Chapter 4525 describe the procedures required for investigating complaints. A full description of the complaint process is available on the Board's website. Briefly, the Board will notify you when it has received your complaint. The Board must send a copy of the complaint to the respondent. Complaints and investigations are confidential. Board members and staff cannot talk about an investigation except as required to carry out the investigation or to take action in the matter. After the Board issues a decision, the record of the investigation is public.

The law requires a complaint to go through two stages before the Board can begin an investigation: a prima facie determination and a probable cause decision. If the complaint does not pass one of the stages, it must be dismissed. The Board chair or their designee has 10 business days after receiving your complaint to determine whether the complaint alleges a prima facie violation. If the complaint alleges a prima facie violation, the Board has 60 days to decide whether probable cause exists to believe a violation that warrants a formal investigation has occurred. Both you and the respondent have the right to be heard on the issue of probable cause before the Board makes this decision. The Board will notify you if the complaint moves to the probable cause stage.

If the Board determines that probable cause does not exist, the Board will dismiss the complaint. If the Board determines that probable cause exists, the Board may start an investigation. In some cases the Board will issue findings, conclusions, and an order as its decision. In other cases the Board will instead enter into a conciliation agreement with the respondent. The Board's final decision will be posted on the Board's website.



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Taunya Kolbinger



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School Board Candidate




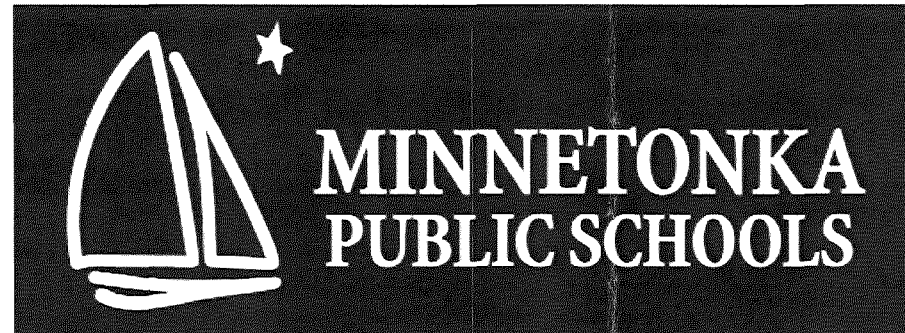
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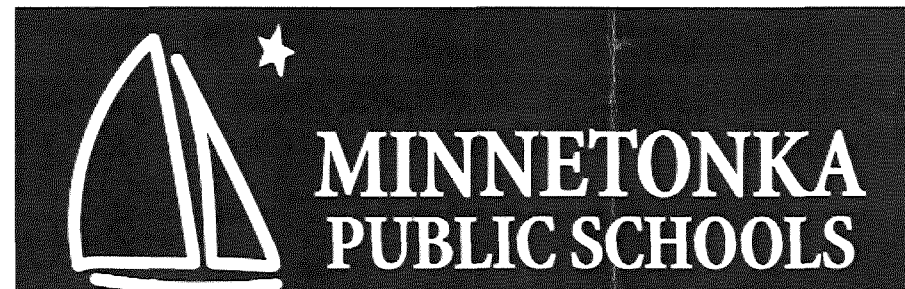


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Taunya Kolbinger updated her cover photo.

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Parent

Taunya is a parent of two elementary-aged children in the district. She and her family moved to the area in 2019 so that her children could benefit from Minnetonka's outstanding educational opportunities. Taunya contributes to the PTA by: helping to organize school events that bring families together, partnering with school leaders and educators to advance Board goals, and building connections among families. She aims to foster positive environments and experiences. When she's not involved in education-related efforts, you can find her hiking, reading, or attending a concert.

Educator

As a middle school Language Arts teacher for 14 years, Taunya has firsthand experience with what it means to ensure educational excellence and a safe learning environment for all. She focuses on centering learners and their needs while experiencing financial constraints and connecting policies to practices. She has served in various school leadership roles throughout her time as an educator. Raised in Mankato, MN, she earned her undergraduate degree in Teaching Communications Arts and Literature 5-12 from the University of Minnesota-Duluth. She went on to obtain her K-12 Reading License from the U of M-Twin Cities and her Master of Arts in Literacy Education from Hamline University.

Advocate

Taunya is passionate about ensuring students' well-being and is skilled in fostering strong partnerships between classrooms, students, and caregivers. She currently volunteers on the district's Mental Health Advisory Committee and the Teaching and Learning Advisory Committee, helping highlight issues that have a significant impact on our children. Taunya is familiar with the School Board's vision, annual board goals, and policies. She will advocate for student-centered decisions that result in excellence in student learning and support, and a robust public education system for all Minnetonka Public School families. She is dedicated to elevating perspectives from the community to make informed decisions.

Let's connect! E-mail me at: taunyaforschoolboard@gmail.com

