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1+15+22 NOTICE OF VACANCY ON SCHOOL BOARD

YANKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 63-3

The following school board position(s) will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office of the following school board members:

Kathy Greenway - Three (3) Year Term
Matthew Pietz - Three (3) Year Term

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 30, 2015 and petitions may be filed in the office of the Business Manager located at 2410 West City Limits Road, Yankton School District Administration Building, Yankton, South Dakota between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., central standard time not later than February 27, 2015, at 5:00 p.m., or mailed by registered mail not later than February 27, 2015, at 5:00 p.m.

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Sossan

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Committee when the hospital gave Sossan privileges.

The lawsuits have sent ripples through the state's medical community. Dr. Lars Aanning, a retired surgeon from Yankton who has aided Sossan in lawsuits against families as an expert witness, resigned from his post as a district representative to the State Medical Association after a confrontation with Milroy in November over Sossan. Meanwhile, former employees of Sossan have accused the doctor of fraudulent billing and performing unnecessary surgeries in order to boost his income, raising the specter of a possible criminal investigation. Both federal and state authorities said they could not confirm or deny the existence of a criminal investigation.

The cases in South Dakota could pave new legal ground here. The plaintiffs in many of the cases argue that the hospitals were negligent in giving Sossan credentials. Jonathan Van Patten, a law professor at the University of South Dakota School of Law, said the majority of jurisdictions that have considered negligent credentialing have found it a valid cause of action.

But suing the individuals who granted credentials goes a step further. At least one case, Van Patten said, backs the theory that the individuals connected with credentialing can be held responsible, which came in Maryland federal court in 2010.

"If the entity can be sued, then the individuals who act on behalf of the entity can be sued as well, unless they are given immunity for their activities by a specific state immunity statute," Van Patten said. "I'll leave it to the lawyers as to whether South Dakota's immunity statute does so in this case."

ADMISSIONS DECREASE

The latest documents filed in the Sossan cases include internal memos from Avera Sacred Heart administrators to staff members. Those memos show that Avera Sacred Heart had experienced a large decrease in patient admissions, according to the minutes of a medical staff meeting in October 2006.

According to the memo,

the decrease meant less money for doctors and the hospital.

"Each lost admissions [sic] represents a \$4,000 loss to physicians alone," the minutes read. "In total loss, this equates to a \$5 million loss to the medical community and a \$20 million loss to the community annually."

The plaintiffs in the Sossan cases have argued that the hospitals extended him privileges because spine surgeries are lucrative revenue streams.

In April 2008, Avera Sacred Heart President Pam Rezac sent a memo in which she said that recruiting an orthopedic surgeon "will be given the highest priority." At the same time, doctors at Lewis & Clark, who also practiced at Avera, were trying to get Sossan a medical license in South Dakota. Sossan had been practicing in Norfolk, Neb., at Faith Regional Hospital until his privileges were either terminated or rescinded, according to court documents. Sossan was an orthopedic surgeon.

Lewis & Clark extended Sossan privileges to perform surgeries, and Avera later followed. According to the lawsuits, Dr. Dan Johnson, a shareholder at the doctor-owned Lewis & Clark, asked Avera's Rezac to also have Avera extend privileges to Sossan.

Johnson, who is married to Milroy — the state medical association president — denies that he ever talked to Rezac about Sossan.

"It's just flat out untrue," he said in an interview earlier this month. "I would never hesitate to say it on a stack of Bibles in court."

Johnson says he went out of his way to block Sossan from getting privileges at Lewis & Clark. There were "red flags" about Sossan's past, and he said it's "absurd" that he tried to persuade Avera to grant Sossan privileges.

"When we were trying to check Sossan out, we called around," Johnson said. "From my sources I had, there were issues. I never wanted to see this guy come into the community."

PROBLEMS BY 2010

Regardless, Sossan eventually received privileges at Lewis & Clark and Avera Sacred Heart. According to Lewis & Clark board minutes, there already were problems with Sossan by January 2010.

Sossan was reprimanded following a board meeting which addressed numerous complaints from patients and family members of patients. During the meeting, Sossan referred to one female doctor as "honey" multiple times, and he called Yankton "fly over country." He also defended his relationship with a female saleswoman who sold him implants used in spine surgeries.

Seven months later, in July 2010, the Lewis & Clark board discussed the results of an employee survey. According to the board minutes, the employees, which included nurses and other staff members, were not happy with Sossan: "The employees feel as though the board has chosen profit over them by allowing Dr. Allen Sossan to become an owner in the facility."

By January 2012, Sossan's privileges at Avera Sacred Heart had been suspended, according to meeting minutes of Lewis & Clark's board. One month later, the doctor-owners at Lewis & Clark were debating what they should do with Sossan, and whether the facility might be liable for his conduct.

"Dr. Sossan currently has his privileges terminated at Sacred Heart Hospital with the chance for an appeal," the minutes read. "There was much discussion regarding the exposure to LCSH and should we seek a temporary privilege suspension." The Lewis & Clark doctors voted to allow a consultant to review Sossan's "history of disruptive behavior and seek their recommendation on how to best proceed in the matter."

Spokesmen for Avera Health and Lewis & Clark have declined comment on the lawsuits.

Milroy has unwittingly become part of the drama. An email she sent to Aanning in November following Aanning's resignation has been introduced as an exhibit in the cases. In the email, she said that Avera's medical executive committee granted Sossan privileges based on legal advice. Her account confirms the story of other Avera doctors who say they were persuaded by Avera lawyer Matt Michels, who also is the lieutenant governor of South Dakota, to give Sossan privileges out of fear that Sossan might sue the hospital if they didn't.

MILROY'S ROLE

In her email to Aanning,

Milroy wrote: "I was at the MEC meeting, and the idea that the money Sossan would bring to the hospital was ever discussed is repugnant and completely false. We were simply informed that there was no documentation in existence on which to base a denial of privileges and by legal opinion could not be done, so a reluctant yes was obtained."

In an interview, Milroy said she could not discuss Sossan and the process by which he obtained privileges at Avera Sacred Heart. But she did address Aanning's resignation as a representative for the South Dakota State Medical Association.

"I think he had lost the support of the members of the district who he represented, and he voluntarily resigned," Milroy said.

When asked whether she thought Aanning's role in helping the plaintiffs against Sossan played a part in his losing the support of other doctors, Milroy responded: "That may have been a part of it. He's not in active practice. I think he's a retired person who is out of step."

Aanning has received notes of support from other doctors. Even so, he said he feels like a pariah in the Yankton medical community.

"I feel like a man without a country," he said.

THE ALLEN SOSSAN STORY

Dr. Allen Sossan practiced in Yankton from 2008 to 2012 before losing his privileges at Avera Sacred Heart and Lewis & Clark Specialty Hospital. During his time in Yankton, he's accused of performing unnecessary surgeries and other medical procedures, including complex and dangerous spinal surgeries. Despite complaints to the South Dakota and Nebraska medical licensing boards from other doctors, patients and the loved ones of patients who died, Sossan continued to practice.

Evidence also showed that Sossan was convicted of a felony in the 1980s and changed his name to evade scrutiny of his criminal record.

Now, almost 40 lawsuits have been filed against him and the hospitals who allowed him to perform surgeries. And years after complaints were filed against him, the Nebraska Division of Public Health has scheduled a disciplinary hearing against Sossan on Feb. 9.

Riverboat Days Theme Sought

The Riverboat Days Board of Directors is looking for input on a theme as well as Captain and Belle nominations for this year. Anyone with ideas for a theme can submit them in an email and send to office@riverboatdays.com

Captain & Belle nominations should be a short paragraph explaining why the couple has been nominated and can also be submitted by email or mailed to PO Box 483, Yankton, SD, 57078.

Schild

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does a great job as an innovator as a teacher and always wants to do what is best for kids. He brings the work ethics and leadership to pass on to students and teachers, as well. I think those fit him perfectly and how we need to live in society, and it is just something that is a stand out quality of him and that he has worked to instill in the middle school."

Schild said the fact that someone went out of their way to nominate him for the award is something he will treasure.

"The cool part is, at first I thought it is because I am a veteran," Schild said. "It isn't. It is because I am a teacher. So, what a double whammy, I am a veteran, a member of the VFW, the American Legion and still I am given the opportunity to be a teacher. To be nominated and be chosen from the VFW is quite an honor, I don't know if I can receive a higher one, because a big part of me is that military side of me."

Schild currently serves as First Sergeant of Bravo Battery, 1/147th Battalion of the South Dakota National Guard based in Yankton. He has served two tours in Iraq and Kuwait as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Schild said that throughout his 27 year teaching career, he has developed a style that was influenced by past teachers, the military and his education. But most of all, he credits his family, specifically his wife Joan, for allowing him to be so involved with the school.

"I think that for sure the military has helped me on the style of teacher that I am — just being candid and being direct," he said. "I believe in little bit of discipline, but I am not a discipline maniac. I like to have fun with my kids in the class, but when it is time to work it is time to work and when things are due, they are due. I am a big stickler on stuff like that. ... They are young adults, not little kids, so they need to keep growing up and doing the right thing. If they make a mistake then they need to own up to it."

Schild said he is pretty animated in the classroom — his students would say he bounces around, he added.

"I got that maybe from some of my teachers growing up," he said. "Mr. (Bob) Medeck would bounce around the room, so I got that from him. Mr. (Tom) Merrill — I took over this position from him — he has just a desire to be a good science teacher, to know something about science and get it to the kids. I could go through from elementary on, about what I learned from different teachers that I had, that I like what they did. You put it all together and you get my style of teaching."

He also said sometimes in order to reach a student, they first have to know that you are not perfect.

"I tell them that I have a doctorate degree from the school of 'hard knocks' and that I am still going there," he said. "Once they get that, they understand that you are just there for them. Then anything you talk about in class, you can relate to their everyday life or how it is important to them."

He admits that anyone who says they remember everything they learned in middle school science is lying. Instead he said his goal is to teach his students to be critical thinkers and to understand what is right and wrong.

"I have these student ethos up here that I stole from the Army; I am not original at all," he joked. "But, I use the ethos to tell them about the fact that as a student, they should always place their studies first. Now, I don't mean ahead of family, but as a student. If you are going to go home at night and have a choice of Nintendo or science, do the science first. I will never accept defeat. If I fail a quiz or do poorly, I am going to go back and review it and re-study it. I will never quit. So, at no time will I give up on what I am doing, I am going to keep trying to get better as a person and as a student."

"The last thing, and some wonder about this one, is I will never leave a fallen comrade. That doesn't mean injury; that means if I am sitting next to someone who doesn't get it, then I can help them, because as a society that is what we do. That kind of stuff they get."

The moment where a student "gets it" is what Schild says is the greatest reward of teaching.

"It empowers me. I call it the 'ta-da' moment," he said.

He said that the ethos code also works for him as a teacher in that he will never leave a student behind.

"If I see a kid and he is not getting it, I need to find a better way to teach them," Schild said. "Sometimes you see a kid and they just drive you nuts, but you can't quit. You don't know their potential. Those kids, when they do well, they empower you and they challenge you when they don't do well. I tell them, 'I am way more stubborn than you are. We are going to spend a lot of time before or after school figuring it out, until you give me some effort.'"

Reflecting on his education career, Schild said if he were to give himself advice when first becoming a teacher, it would be to not worry.

"I think if you get the excitement and relate it to kids and their world and generally care about those students and the people you are working with, you are going to be all right," he said. "You have to challenge them. Don't accept no for an answer. Follow up on things. Don't always be Mr. Nice Guy, but don't always be the bad guy, either."

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1-15 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: WE ARE HERE ON EARTH TO DO GOOD FOR OTHERS. WHAT THE OTHERS ARE HERE FOR, I DO NOT KNOW. — JOHN FOSTER HALL

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