

February 7, 2022

Dear Custer County School Board Members,

I am writing to inform you that I, as a Custer County citizen and federal, state, and local taxpayer, am requesting specific information regarding an action item which was approved on a 6-3 vote (CC1 voting “no”) by the SCBOCES Board at the November 17, 2021, SCBOCES Board Meeting.

The action taken involved the Board’s approval of a \$17,000+ lump sum payout for alleged unused vacation days to the retiring Executive Director. I have requested, in writing to the board president and current executive director, the documentation which was used to justify the payout—number of days and per diem dollar amount—and have received no specific information. I requested and received the information which was sent out to board members prior to the board meeting regarding the payout. It appears that board members who voted to pass this action item did so without any written documentation. I also reviewed the minutes of the November 17, 2021, meeting and they do not include any dollar amount which was approved. I intend to continue to pursue this matter and assume the Custer County SCBOCES Board Representatives and the Board, as a whole, will support our co-ordinated effort to request the specific information as stated above in order to resolve this concern. Those responsible for allocating and spending our tax dollars must be held accountable.

**Dr. Terre Davis, Past President
Custer County C1 Board of Education and
SCBOCES Board of Directors**