

Ex-Bridgeport Schools Boss Protests Firing

BRIDGEPORT — Duane Miller of Bridgeport, fired May 28 as superintendent of schools, Wednesday filed a suit in U.S. District Court at Lincoln contesting the action of the Bridgeport Board of Education.

Miller's attorney, David Nuttleman of Gering, said the suit is based on the manner in which a May 28 public hearing was conducted and contends that the outcome was predetermined and the hearing had no bearing on the board's action.

THE BOARD voted unanimously to terminate Miller's contract immediately following the public hearing. Nuttleman said the suit was filed under the federal Civil Rights Act claiming violation of the 1st and 14th Amendments to the Constitution pertaining to due process of law.

The suit asks for an injunction to prevent the board from terminating Miller's contract and for a preliminary injunction pending the outcome of the trial. A hearing on the motion will be conducted July 7 at North Platte.

After the seven-hour May 28 public hearing, the board went into a brief executive session and then voted to fire Miller for reasons of unprofessional conduct, causing turmoil in the system and misrepresenting his past to the board at the time he was employed.

Miller was hired Jan. 1 and given a 2½-year contract.

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