

— Letters to the Editor —

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All letters must be signed, but names will be omitted, if requested. There is no charge for publication, but space is limited. Therefore, we preserve the right to cut parts of the letters.

May 17, 1975

Bridgeport News-Blade
Bridgeport, Nebraska 69336
Dear Editor,

It has come to my attention that Dr. Duane Miller is being or has been suspended. I would like to know for what? Asking for changes that should have been initiated 20 years ago or for not bowing and cowering to the so-called financial powers of our community that have used their power of credit to the public as a way to positions on the Board of Education and other influential places in our town.

How can it be that a man who has received a doctorate in education administration be questioned as to school administration? It would seem to me that there is a coverup of sorts by the school board concerning the thousands of dollars lost to the federal government by falsification of records which happened long before Dr. Miller came to our school. Why punish one man for the faults of prior school administrators?

I have questions and I believe answers should be provided. I want change! I want my children to be able to exercise their rights as citizens and I want most of all to be able to have faith in our school governors (the school board).

I am asking you to withhold my name because I am in financial indebtedness to two of the school board members and have children in the elementary school and fear this letter would be used against my children in school which has been the practice in the past for speaking out. Hopefully you will print this anyway.

Signed,
A TROUBLED TAXPAYER

May 14, 1975

Dear Editor:

I am a grandmother of six, three attend classes in the old "condemned" elementary school building. Thank you Dr. Miller for initiating a study to build new facilities for these children.

I recently read of your suspension and consider it a down right shame. Why is our illustrious school board taking this action? Who is behind this so called action on behalf of the taxpayers? Have they polled the taxpayers to determine the merit of their actions?

My grandchildren are in favor of your open system where students have their civil rights. After all students are entitled to their views too.

How can I as a concerned citizen, taxpayer and grandmother find the truth behind our elected school board actions.

Please withhold my name out of fear of retaliation upon my grandchildren.

May 20, 1975

Dear Editor,

I am a school employee and therefore did not wish my name to be printed with this letter as I realized what I might say could cause the powers that be to request my resignation.

I have tried to be open in my dealings with school personnel, but 90% of the time anything that is said is misconstrued to the point of ridiculousness. It is my personal opinion that there are too many "old" teachers who cannot nor will not accept the challenges of newer educational methods. They don't go back to school to learn new methods of teaching and they make it a point to be especially friendly and butter-up their principal.

I feel teachers that don't have the nerve nor perhaps desire to stand up for their beliefs should not be teaching our children. It seems the Board of Education has decided that 20th century open methods in school systems are too much for them and I would even go so far as to say they like the underhanded gossip way things have been run here prior to Dr. Miller's arival.

I feel it is not Dr. Miller who should have to be tried and clear his name. I feel other administrators should be the ones to be investigated. In my opin-

ion if school employers didn't have to be afraid of what their principals will do to make their lives miserable they would speak out against methods of operation in this school.

The people opposed to Dr. Miller are the people who have the most to lose by decent administration and are of the older age group of employees.

The hearing that is to be held against Dr. Miller will not answer our questions about our school system because people will be afraid to speak out due to the above mentioned processes in our system.

No one even questioned nor investigated what happened to the \$10,000 plus misappropriated from the lunch fund that happened in the three years prior to Dr. Miller even arriving. Why not? Why is he being blamed for prior administrative errors? I personally feel it is because of a cover up by close friends of prior administrators that are on the school board.

I beg of you all who read this to be at the hearing and demand to be heard.

Employee — Bridgeport
Public School —

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May 14, 1975

Dear Editor,

Because of the suspension of Dr. Miller I feel, as a teacher in the Bridgeport School System, that this same sort of underhanded incrimination could happen to me and how many others.

I like the idea of expressing myself without fear of retaliation (which does not happen in our present system).

I also dislike the idea of having Principal being our governing body. For heavens sake, our principals don't even have the slightest idea what due process and civil rights are.

Signed,
BRIDGEPORT SCHOOL
FACULTY MEMBER