More parents voice concerns over FMMS incidents

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Two more couples and a former student have come forward with allegations of abuse at the hands of a Fort Madison school official.

At Monday's regular meeting of the Fort Madison School Board, Brian Wright, Amy and Kevin Wellman, Melissa Boyd, and former student Seth Wright all spoke to the school board in the public comment period of the meeting about the alleged abuses.

As has been school board protocol, the board allowed each person three minutes to speak. Board President Tim Wondra also asked those addressing the board not use the names of any parties associated with the reported incidents due to confidentiality. However several of the speakers brought the names out in the public meeting, including the names of their children.

Weight then said Fort Madison Middle School Principal Todd Dirth had assaulted his daughter by grabbing her arm and leaving a bruise, when his daughter didn’t say good morning to school officials on the way in to school back in September.

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He pointed to several school policy codes that he believes the school violated in conducting the investigation.

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OBITUARIES

ROBERT E. “BOB” ROXLAU

Robert E. “Bob” Roxlau, 85, of Donnellson, passed away on Sunday, June 17, 2018 at 8:30 AM at Sunnybrook Assisted Living.

He was born on May 4, 1933 in Ft. Madison to Edward and Helen Fraune Roxlau. Bob was a 1951 graduate of Catholic Central High School and he received his Bachelor's Degree in Physics from St. Ambrose University in 1960.

Bob worked for Parker Hannifin Corporation for thirty four years in various management positions including eighteen years as a plant manager and the last eight years as General Manager of eight manufacturing plants. He was a member of Holy Family Parish, Knights of Columbus and Mississippi Valley Vintage Race Car Association.

Bob served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict as a Field Artillery Instructor.

Survivors include one brother, William Roxlau of Donnellson; one sister, Mary Van Pelt of Ft. Madison; eight nieces and nephews, Michael (Joanne) Bean, Don (Deb) Sylvester, Donni Sue (Dave Steward) Karczmarczyk, Pat Roxlau, Angela (Jerry) Cooper, David VanPelt, John VanPelt and Melissa VanPelt. A brother in law, Leo Rono. He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Doris; a niece, MaryAnn Roxlau; a nephew, Andy VanPelt; brother in law, Don VanPelt and a sister in law, Clarine Roxlau.

Friends may call after 2 PM on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at King-Lynk Funeral Home and Crematory where the family will meet with friends from 4-6 PM. A wake service will be held at 6 PM. The funeral mass will be held at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at Sacred Heart Church with Rev. Mark P. Spring officiating. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

A memorial has been established for the Southeast Area Special Olympics and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

Travel Show - June 19, 2018

Riverview Park Pavilion, Fort Madison
Doors open at 4:30pm

We’re excited to share a selection of some of the exciting tours we have scheduled for this summer into the fall season, as well as some that we’ve been busy planning for next year!

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RSVP's are not required, however they are greatly appreciated. Give us a call at 319-753-2864 x162 to save yourself a seat, it’s sure to be a great show!

We look forward to seeing you all there!

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Fort Madison Police report
06/16/18 - 10:37 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Samuel Joseph Johnson, 62, of Fort Madison in the 1400 block of 39th Street on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

06/15/18 - 6:15 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 5400 block of Avenue O. Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 600 block of Avenue F. Fort Madison Police arrested Eric Eugene Fortune, Jr., 25, of Fort Madison in the 2700 block of Avenue J on a charge of driving under suspension. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

06/16/18 - 4:49 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1900 block of Avenue M. Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 1400 block of Avenue L. Fort Madison Police responded to a report of gas drive off in the 2300 block of Avenue L. Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 600 block of 34th Street.

Lee County Sheriff's report
06/15/18 - 10:43 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1300 block of Avenue G. Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident at 28th Street and Avenue K.

06/16/18 - 10:44 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Ian Michael Brasfield, 35, of Fort Madison, in the 1100 block of Avenue E on charges of public intoxication, interference with official acts, and possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

06/16/18 - 3:51 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3400 block of Avenue L. Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1330 block of Avenue G. Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident at 28th Street and Avenue K. Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the 1200 block of 23rd Street.

06/15/18 - 10:43 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1900 block of Avenue M. 06/18/18 - 12:26 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 3000 block of Avenue E. 06/18/18 - 4:03 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 600 block of 34th Place.

Lee County Sheriff's report
06/15/18 - 3:02 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Matthew Kristin Smith, 21, of Donnellson, in the 3800 block of Avenue O, for driving under suspension.

06/15/18 - 9:20 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Eileen Marie Arch, 44, of Burlington, for interference with corrections officer. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 06/18/18 - 2:19 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested a 15-year-old male juvenile from Burlington for assault on a corrections officer. He was held at the Southeast Iowa juvenile detention center for a court hearing. Those listed above a presumptive innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report
06/18/18 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to three medical calls and one lift assist 06/17/18 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to two medical calls.
FMHS girls drop two games at Mt. Pleasant

BY PCC STAFF

MT. PLEASANT - The Fort Madison Lady Hounds were swept by Mt. Pleasant in a doubleheader Monday to highlight girls softball action.

Fort Madison’s Cassie Powers took the loss in game one giving up two runs, but that’s all the Panther’s would need as the game-winner in the bottom of the fifth inning, but Mount Pleasant put up three to cut the lead highlighted by Kedlyn McNamee’s two RBI single with one out. Glaha would follow with another single that plated McNamee before Powers could get out of the inning.

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Parents complain district not investigating incidents properly

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402.3-R-1, a Level 1 investigator, or the superintendent of the district, upon a report of alleged abuse, will file a report of which a copy is required to be provided to the parents of the student in addition to other parties. Then within five days an informal investigation is to take place including an interview with the student.

Wright said neither of those two requirements were met by the district.

The policy also states that, “Upon completion of the report, if the Level I investigator determines the allegations of physical abuse are founded and serious, the Level I investigator will notify law enforcement authorities. If the allegations are founded but the physical abuse is not of a serious nature, the Level I investigator will refer the case on to the Level II investigator.”

Wright contends that the district did not refer the incident to a Level II officer, which is the district’s school resource officer. Wright said he questioned the school’s resource officer seven months after the incident and was told the school never referred the issue to the SRO.

Heather Wellman also spoke to the board about her son who was slapped in the back of the head by Dirth. Wellman said Dirth admitted to slapping her son in the back of the head as he walked by.

“Obviously, if we had done more, more kids wouldn’t be getting assaulted by him,” she said.

Wellman said she went to the police and they told her it wasn’t an assault because there was no mark. Wellman said a whole class saw the alleged incident because her son had walked up to the school and had to walk back to the back of the class line.

Seth Wright, who went to the school years ago at the former middle school, said Dirth “plucked” a safety pin from his lip that he was wearing to keep a piercing closed while he was eating.

“I was approached by the person in question and was asked to take it out and I reminded him of a meeting my parents had with him two days before and he decided to pluck it out gouging my lip and then immediately had me restrained.”

Wright said to know this is still going on was ridiculous and if the district has a zero tolerance district, the issues need to be addressed and district officials aren’t doing their job if nothing is being done.

Melissa Boyd has a special needs child in the district who had gotten out of control in 2012 as a sixth grader. Boyd, a former employee of the district, admitted her son had behavioral issues.

She said her son was having a melt down in class and said her son was out of instructional support control and Dirth was called down to the class that had been cleared. Dirth held her son down on the floor to restrain him and had his face held into the cement floor. She said her son indicated he couldn’t breathe and Dirth wouldn’t relent. She said there was another issue the same day, where Dirth used a chair to restrain her son “as a lion tamer would”.

Dirth has not been charged with assault in any of the cases and law enforcement was notified in each of the case.

District officials have declined to comment on the issue citing confidentiality laws regarding personal and personnel information.

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McKay attracted to school district’s larger initiatives

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are wanting to land back closer to their hometown," he said.

“What was great for me was I kept up with what was going on in the district with regard to the initiatives that were going on. With (Superin-
tendents) Erin (Slater) and (Curriculum Director) Kim Harmon coming in and the large initiative of the Professional Learning Communities, I could just see again there was an effort of more alignment across the district K-12. I know they are making great here, but I’ve seen a springboard into even greater things.”

As a resident, McKay said he knows the physical challenges of Rich-
dardson, but is choosing to focus on the what he can influence.

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“I’m aware of the physical environment at Richardson and the challenges that imposes,” he said.

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“In what I consider to be my hometown now. What I’m most excited about is beginning my work serving students and their families and the staff at Richardson,” he said.

“I am overjoyed to be taking place. They’re doing well. They have the delivery on Satur-
day. We will be sending the property owner the invoice and how it improves the existing sidewalk. Extra consideration will be given for connection to an existing sidewalk.

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much smoother process with a longer result. With the transfer of the other former bargaining options to the district's certified employee handbook, which was also approved Monday night, the Fort Madison Education Association and the school district sat down and went to work on both documents.

Dravis said two years ago, before the scrapping of Chapter 20, the teachers' union and administration agreed to establish a labor-management committee, but she said it never got off the ground with the previous administration.

Superintendent Erin Slater said negotiations on the employee handbook were arduous at times, but she said it’s groundbreaking that two sides were able to work together to come up with a document that fits both sides.

"There is some relief in the room," Slater said directing her comments at Dravis. "This is a labor of love and a labor of just hard work. This has been a year-long process of the FMEA and the administration forming a two-year process of our labor management group. The first year we did labor management we didn't really know what we were doing and we sat around the table and became collaborative, initially about insurance, but it was part of the contract to have a labor management committee, but never got off the ground and we decided it needed to get off the ground."

The committee had monthly meetings with five members of FMEA and four from administration. "We combed through this book line-by-line, word-by-word, to make sure what we understood this to actually mean. This needs to be a document that makes sense to everyone. There were sessions where we sat for two or three hours working through two paragraphs because it was such intense language that we wanted to make sure everyone understood."

Slater said it was important that the handbook be a professional document that reflected the direction of the school district as a whole.

"We've got attention to detail and we've got some things we're gonna try different next year that's a little outside the box, that we think our members are really going to be excited about," she said. "We wanted this to be a professional document. Our employees are professional people and they needed to be treated as such and so we needed to make sure that language reflected that."

Dravis said the handbook and contract put Fort Madison front and center with state education officials.

"I want to make sure the board realizes this is a big deal. We were handed this thing down from the state and I am so just so proud to know that we worked with the hand that was dealt and we worked in such a positive way. The people in Des Moines and across the state are waiting on us. They want to know what it is we're doing and they want to know how we're doing it and how our labor-management committee is working. Fort Madison is being put on the map in such a positive way."

Board President Tim Wondra said it was important for the community to see the length of the contract. "This is just another new thing for us," he said.

Board member Gayla Young, who teaches in the Danville school district, said it was a very correct and handbook are huge accomplishments.

"Most people don't realize what a big deal this is, to take the hand the state gave us when they gutted everything, and you had to work together. Lots and lost of district can't do that and they still have the them-against-us mentality," she said.

Dianne Hope pointed out the district had the forethought to start the labor-management group two years ago, before the legislation changed.

"When you read in the newspapers, you read everything else that's going on in the state, this is a big deal," Hope said.

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