

Depositions from Sunshine Act lawsuit now posted on West Shore Unified website
Reveals a decision-making process gone off the rails

As a result of the recent settlement of the Sunshine Act lawsuit brought by 8 brave citizens of the school district, the West Shore School Board is now engaged in a Request for Proposals process to hire a Solicitor. This process is required by the order of the York County Court of Common.

West Shore Unified (WSU) has posted on its website for all to see the sworn deposition testimony of all 9 school board members in the Sunshine Act litigation.

The depositions tell the story of a school board decision-making process gone off the rails.

It is the story of how a single board member, on her own motion, cancelled the process which the entire 9-member board had established for the selection of a Solicitor.

It is the story of how this board member then settled on the Solicitor she wanted to hire and went about enlisting the support of 4 of her colleagues for that action while keeping the new Solicitor selection from the other 4 board members until the die was cast.

It is the story of how that project triggered broad public opposition and how the board majority ignored that outcry.

The story in all its detail is here. The truth behind this process is only available to all because of the action taken by the plaintiffs in the Sunshine Act litigation. They have been publicly vilified by the Board President, accused of “malicious lawfare” and worse. We all owe these plaintiffs a debt of gratitude for bringing this entire unfortunate episode to a conclusion.

The current RFP process is the very process which was derailed last April. Restoration of that process was only possible through the court litigation. WSU is making this information available to all in furtherance of its commitment to protecting and improving public education to ensure that students continue to receive a rich, complete, and high-quality education that prepares them to live a life of their choosing.