

Teacher seeks access to contract

A teacher in the Walled Lake School District has taken his campaign to secure a copy of Superintendent Don Sheldon's contract to the courts.

Arthur Stokus, a performing arts teacher at Walled Lake Western, has filed a complaint in Oakland County Circuit Court which seeks a writ of mandamus. The document would compel the district to release a copy of the superintendent's contract under the Freedom of Information Act.

"The court action filed by Stokus represents his latest attempt to secure copies of the superintendent's contract under the Freedom of Information Act," Stokus originally requested a copy of the contract from school administrators about two months ago. They refused the request on the basis that disclosure of the employment contract would constitute "a clearly unwarranted invasion of an individual's privacy."

THAT ADMINISTRATIVE decision was supported by the Walled Lake Board of Education at a meeting on Dec. 11 when its members voted unanimously not to release the contract.

That action was based in part on the advice of Dennis Pollard, the board attorney, who noted that Sheldon had entered into his contract with the Walled Lake Schools in 1971 - five years before the Freedom of Information Act went into effect.

Pollard stated that the agreement reached between the board and the superintendent in 1971 was that Sheldon had an expectation of confidentiality. "I don't believe the law would supersede the contract," commented the board attorney.

Pollard also suggested that the school board would face possible legal action from Sheldon if it were to disre-

gard the confidentiality of the original agreement and reveal the terms of the contract.

Support for the board's position was expressed by Nancy van Leeuwen, president of the Walled Lake Education Association (WLEA), at the Jan. 8 school board meeting. Mrs. van Leeuwen's statement also noted that efforts (by Stokus) to secure a copy of the contract should not be associated with the WLEA.

Stokus was vice-president of the WLEA at the time he first attempted to secure copies of the contract. He resigned that post last week, however, in an apparent dispute with the union leadership over his efforts.

STOKUS STATED that his efforts to secure a copy of the contract were made as a citizen of the school district, not as a WLEA officer or member.

The complaint filed in circuit court notes that the request for a copy of the contract was rejected by the Walled Lake School District on Dec. 1 because to do so would constitute "a clearly unwarranted invasion of an individual's privacy."

The complaint also states that: "The Walled Lake School Board is a public body within the definitions of the Freedom of Information Act;

"The document sought by Stokus is not exempt from disclosure as a public record under the Freedom of Information Act;

"That the Walled Lake School Board has 'arbitrarily and capriciously' violated the Freedom Act by refusing to disclose or provide a copy of the public document properly requested by the plaintiff; and

"That the Freedom of Information Act 'mandates the defendant to pro-

vide plaintiff with a copy of the employment contract" between the Walled Lake School Board and Sheldon.

Joseph Golden, the attorney representing Stokus, rejected the argument that the contract was not subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act because it had been negotiated prior to enactment of the law.

He stated that the Freedom of Information Act has no provision for a "grandfather clause" which would exclude the contract from public scrutiny.

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Golden stated further that individuals who choose to serve in the public sector "can't expect to hide the terms of their contracts with a public body from the people who pay their wages - the taxpayers."

School officials have 20 days in which to file an answer to the complaint with the court.

Golden said he would request an immediate hearing after the 20 day period.

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