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James Klahr
Executive Director

July 28, 2014

Donald Wilson
West Platte R-II School Board member
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Weston MO 64098

MEC No. 14E130

Dear Dr. Wilson:

The Missouri Ethics Commission considered the complaint filed against you at its July 28, 2014 meeting. The Commission reviewed the allegation of failure to file a Personal Financial Disclosure Statement with the Commission, alleged conflict of interest while serving as a Board member of the West Platte R-II school District while holding more than 10 percent interest in the Bank of Weston, the school district's depository and alleged failure to re-bid the depository contract. From the facts presented, the Commission found no reasonable grounds to support a violation of Chapter 105, RSMo, or Chapter 165, RSMo, and voted to dismiss the complaint against you.

While the investigation determined that you did not file a Personal Financial Disclosure Report for each year you served on the Board, the investigation further determined that the Board did not provide your name to the Ethics Commission designating you as required to file the Personal Financial Disclosure Report. Since the Board adopted a policy in June 2013 requiring Board members to file a Personal Financial Disclosure Report, you have filed that report as required by law.

Concerning the allegation of failing to timely re-bid the depository contract, district policy states depositories may be selected annually or the school district and depository may enter into a contract ranging from one to five years. The depository contract had not been re-bid since 2004. Your attorney provided the meeting minutes from 2004 showing you abstained from voting on the issue. When the board re-bid the depository contract on June 18, 2014, the draft minutes reflect you excused yourself from the meeting before the topic was discussed.

Regarding the allegation that you personally profited from your financial interest in the Bank of Weston, the facts developed do not establish that you personally benefitted as a result of the school board contract with the bank.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Klahr".

James Klahr
Executive Director