Respondent Names

Citizens for Ridgefield Schools

Complainant Name

Heidi Pozzo

Complaint Description

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Sun, 28 Apr 2024 at 3:17 PM

I inspected the books and records of the committee on April 19. The committee head spoke at the Nov. 28, 2023 Ridgefield School District Board meeting and indicated they were ready to get the bond across the finish line. Checks were issued to the committee between Dec. 15 and Dec. 22. Checks were deposited on January 16 and registration was completed on January 18, 2024. Facebook posts were made in late December/early January asking people to volunteer for the campaign and participate in the campaign kickoff. It appears checks were held beyond five days and the campaign registered late.

Based on my inspection, there are a number of issues with deposits on bank statements not agreeing with amounts reported on the C3s, especially in February. An invoice was missing, expenses not recorded in the C4, bank statements not agreeing to the C4.

Additionally, there were likely amounts that should have been included as in kind donations for the kickoff rally and work performed by people who are regularly paid for like work. The work was performed throughout the campaign between January and April.

Notes were not taken of issues during the meeting and CFRS asked me to email the issues I found. I did two weeks ago. I had hoped the committee would clean up these issues. Having heard nothing and seeing what appears to be final filings, I am submitting the issues I found here. See attached email with details.

What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?

People have the right to know when a campaign begins, how much money is being collected, how much is being spent and how much money is on hand.

List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found

The books and records of the committee

Ridgefield School District Board meeting minutes for November 28, 2023

Citizens for Ridgefield Schools Facebook account

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

Certification (Complainant)

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that information provided with this complaint is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.