



Vigo County School Board of Trustees
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Vigo County, Ind. - The Vigo County School Board of Trustees have formally issued a censure, involving school board member Ken Warner. During a public board meeting on Friday, October 2, 2026, Board President Carey LaBella read a formal statement from the board's six members, excluding Mr. Warner.

The resolution states Mr. Warner's comments on social media do not align with the Indiana School Board Association Code of Ethics expectation that "all is being done in the best interests of school children". Mrs. LaBella continued that the comments also do not align with the Vigo County School Board of Trustees, both as elected officials to the board and as individual citizens.

This is the first censure issued by the current school board. A censure by definition, is "an official reprimand" and is "to find fault with and criticize". In political terms a censure is a formal statement of disapproval in the form of a resolution that is adopted by majority vote. A censure does not remove a person from office nor does it deny an elected official his or her rights or privileges.

It is important for the Vigo County community to understand that Indiana law states an elected school board member cannot be fired or removed from office, unless done so through formal legal proceedings by a judge.

A judge may remove an elected official under strict statutory circumstances outlined in Indiana Code § 5-8-1, which include:

- Commission or conviction of a felony or specific crime
- Refusing or neglecting official duties.
- Charging or collecting illegal fees.
- Public intoxication.

Mr. Warner's elected term began in 2023. He currently serves District 4.



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