

July 13, 2005

**BY FAX**

Bob Andrews  
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Milwaukee County Court House

Dear Bob,

Attached are a letter to Shorewood Library Board President Jeff Hanewall and copies of correspondence regarding legal bills submitted from attorney Dennis Fisher, who was hired specifically to help establish a process for dealing with appeals of decisions under the library acquisition policy.

The Board approved \$2,000 to pay Fisher to help them develop the policy, and to guide the board through an appeal that was scheduled.

The board did not pass any motion to spend money on "litigation."

The appeal was a hearing before the library board in which there was no subpoena power, no cross-examination of witnesses and no rules of evidence. There was also to be no subsequent appeal of the board's decision. It was not a court or judicial matter.

However, after hiring a lawyer to help them develop an appeal process, the Board went into closed session to discuss "litigation or possible litigation."

Finally, in response to a demand to inspect legal bills, the Library president redacted every explanation of every billed item except costs.

I ask that you prosecute this matter according to the provisions of state law.

Very truly yours,

Geoff Davidian