

Oconee School System Comments Excerpts - John Osborn Issues 8-26-28-09

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*Odom thats a joke in itself, he is Jacksons boy and plays back ground politics better then perhaps his buddy Tom Brown, they with some other polically connected individuals call the shots, what do they both have in common, former leaders of the **Rotary**, which by the way is the school board and the chamber of comerce, until Oconee grows out of its incest type **leadership** it will go no where, make no mistake it is the students and parents that make the difference in Oconee, thier teachers and schools are no better or worse then anywhere else, the county leaders have just created a community that discourages diversity. Odom is the reason NOHS lacked behind in preparing athletically, he never supported any programs or ideas to increase opportunities outside of the classroom at MBMS. That was until the year Dohrmann gave all the middle and elementary principals \$13,000 raises. I'm sure he'll have a direct line to Jackson when filling in for JO. Odom has helped ruin and backdoor many a educator in OC, all in the desire to look good himself, just another self center individual.*

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While I understand the frustration of the NOHS crowd, somewhat.....the bottom line is that Mr. Osborne handled the situation completely wrong. It is obvious he didn't like "losing" to OCHS in the football game. And, by doing so, he is insulting his football players. The score was only 10-7 and the 4th quarter wasn't played. It is very possible that NOHS could have won that game. Various sports at OCHS plays teams that have better facilities than we do, but we don't whine about it. The OCHS baseball teams wants an indoor hitting facility. They are going about raising the money to build it. They aren't complaining to the BOE about needing the money. And, let everyone know that the great new weight room that the football team has is a result of the dedicated parents in the Touchdown Club PERSONALLY signing for a loan to build it.

NOHS was built too soon. The county didn't need a second high school. The county overspent on that high school. Teachers have complained that the design of the school makes it difficult to monitor all areas of the school. The architectural design, brick, etc.... was not cost effective. The "wealthy" citizens Oconee has inherited from other counties felt the need to have a school that looked "wealthy". So, don't complain that you don't have facilities when you were the one that wanted to start a new school and spend lots of unnecessary money. **Get off your butts and start raising the money you need for athletics. Maybe Mr. Osborne can take part of his lucrative salary to start the fund.**

While lots of county money was being spent to build new schools on the north side of Oconee, the "other side" was dealing with old schools that needed repairs. A child fell in the hallway of OCHS and injured herself because of water on the floor from a leaky roof. NOHS has had their share of money spent on their schools.

And, yes I am sure the BOE plays the politics role. Mark Channell should have been fired for his role in covering up the scandal of Brian Dickens. He knew about it long before "it broke" along with many citizens of Oconee County. I am ashamed that the citizens of Oconee didn't speak up and that the BOE only took action once the story broke and they were forced to do something.

But, in light of all this.....Mr. Osborne has taken a insignificant issue and blown it way out of proportion and addressed it in the completely wrong way! Isn't our school system supposed to be known for it's academics??? Now, we have just one more thing to be made fun of other than the "snotty" people in Oconee.

Keep it all in perspective, people!!!!