

Caldwell trustees mum on superintendent, assistant removal

CALDWELL, Idaho (AP) -- School trustees in Caldwell are remaining mum on details about the recent removal of their superintendent and his assistant, despite criticism from residents.

Caldwell school trustees refused to answer questions from the public regarding former Superintendent Tim Rosandick and Assistant Superintendent Luci Asumendi during a meeting Monday evening, the Idaho Press-Tribune reported (<http://bit.ly/1Nh2m52>).

The board unanimously voted to appoint Jodie Mills as the interim superintendent for the 2015-2016 school year.

The board removed Rosandick and Asumendi nearly a week ago, but officials have consistently refused to answer questions about what led to the decision. The two will remain as consultants to the board until their contracts expire in June 2016.

"There are times unfortunately in the management of affairs of either a school district or other entities where there can be circumstances where the cohesive, or unified, or mutual supportive management just does not exist or is in a struggling situation," said Bill Gigray, attorney for the school district. "There was a mutual agreement reached that there needed to be an action taken that all could agree to so this whole process could move on."

Rosandick's and Asumendi's contracts do not contain confidentiality clauses.

Rosandick has been Caldwell's superintendent since 2012; Asumendi was brought on a year later as an assistant and director of elementary and secondary services.

Caldwell parent Shelly McKee said she feels the board has stonewalled parents from learning the truth about the upheaval.

"You guys are elected officials, elected by us, so shouldn't your decisions be what the people want?" McKee said. "And if that's true, I'm not sure that's what went on here."

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