

June 18, 2019

Dr. Gary Jacobs and Adam Cook  
Principal – AIM  
Whitehouse ISD

Dear Dr. Jacobs,

Please accept this as my formal resignation from my teaching and coaching position at Whitehouse ISD, effective June 19, 2019. Dr. Jacobs thank you so very much for all of the amazing opportunities and support that you provided for me during my employment with the district. I will forever be grateful for the experience, memories, and friendship that I made the last 9 years.

Sincerely,



Derrick Jenkins

Accepted 6/20/19

Christopher R. Moran

accepted 6-19-19

Gary Jacobs

K. W. [unclear]  
6-20-19





## WHITEHOUSE ISD

June 20, 2019

Mr. Derrick Jenkins  
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Jenkins,

Your written notice of resignation from Whitehouse ISD was received and accepted by the Superintendent, Dr. Christopher Moran, on June 19, 2019. Your last day of employment was May 30, 2019.

Please contact your supervisor, Dr. Gary Jacobs, to complete an Exit Form. Also, please notify Kim Kersh in Payroll of any changes in your permanent address to avoid delays in receiving your final paycheck and tax-related paperwork.

Sincerely,

Monét Brown  
Director of Human Resources

Enclosure



Christopher Moran <moranc@whitehouseisd.org>

**Jenkins**

1 message

Sent via Facebook messenger / Date Printed

Christopher Moran <moranc@whitehouseisd.org>  
To: Christopher Moran <moranc@whitehouseisd.org>

MAY 18, 2019  
8:33pm

Thu, Jul 18, 2019 at 4:07 PM

Hello Mr. Moran, I hope you're doing well. You may not remember me but I graduated from WH in 2005. Anyways, the purpose of my message is to let you know how disappointed I am to hear Coach Jenkins (the biggest jerk in East Texas) turn away 6 kids and their parents from shelter during the tornado warning tonight.

There was a baseball tournament at WH this evening, the tornado sirens were going off, KLTV said to take cover, and players from the opposing team (██████████ was on one of the teams) tried to take cover inside the baseball facility and Jenkins told them "my team only, you need to leave." How this man has a job is beyond me. I'm not a parent at WH. I do not have kids that go to school here. But I played professionally, graduated from WH, and I can't figure out why the most hated man in all of east Texas has a job at one of the most prestigious schools in Texas. It's not enough that he's turned dozens of kids away from baseball at WH, humiliates himself (and the school) by acting like a belligerent idiot screaming, but now he's turning kids and families away from shelter during a potential tornado. Absolutely embarrassing.

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Christopher Moran, Ed.D.

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**Jason Henry**

11 hrs ·

We where at whitehouse high school today playing a baseball tournament when the storm hit. Starting our second game and we go in a thirty min lightning delay. We decide to go to the store and come back. By the time we get back and get parked the tornado siren is going off and the radio is saying seek cover. A gentleman made around through the parking lot and tells everyone to go to the locker room. So we get out of our vehicle and go that way. When we reached the door the whitehouse baseball coach was there. He tells us and about ten other kids and parents we gotta leave that only his team could go in there. By his team he means his sons team not the high school team. This is a 14 u tournament. There are teams as far as Louisiana in this thing so these people have no where to go or no nothing locally. I can't believe this guy would make women and children leave shelter for whatever reason. Not a very classy move for whitehouse high school I don't think what is y'all opinion

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17 Comments





Christopher Moran <moranc@whitehouseisd.org>

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## Ambassador for Whitehouse

3 messages

Henry, Dana <dana\_henry@uhc.com>

Mon, May 20, 2019 at 8:36 AM

To: "Moranc@whitehouseisd.org" <Moranc@whitehouseisd.org>, "cooka@whitehouseisd.org" <cooka@whitehouseisd.org>, "garredj@whitehouseisd.org" <garredj@whitehouseisd.org>, "vannattak@whitehouseisd.org" <vannattak@whitehouseisd.org>, "jenkinsd@whitehouseisd.org" <jenkinsd@whitehouseisd.org>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Hello Dr. Moran and Whitehouse ISD Administration,

I hope this email finds each of you well, unfortunately, I would like to share an ill-fated encounter that my family, as well as several other children and parents had with your baseball coach and sports facility administrator Derrick Jenkins on Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> 2019. We were attending a 14U baseball tournament that your ISD was hosting for Wes Hall. We were warming up for the second game when we were placed under a 30 min lightening delay. Since we were told we had to leave the facility completely, we ran to the store to grab some drinks for our 12 year old and our 14 year old. When we came back and parked the sirens started to sound and we heard on the radio to take cover immediately. We are not from the Whitehouse area, so we decided to try and find cover. A gentleman was running through the parking lot, stopped a woman leaving with two 14U boys and we saw her park, then he came to our Tahoe and asked us to come with him to the locker room. We were relieved as my 12 year old has severe storm anxiety and had begun to cry. There were young men from another team, as well as other parents standing around at the top of the hill. Including my family, there were 7 children and 5 parents that were asked to come to the locker room that would be joining the people that were already standing there. At that point Derrick Jenkins asked a coach from another team, "Do you need to use the restroom?" He responded, "No, I'm good." Then he looked at the newly joining group and said, "If you are not with my team, you need to leave and find you somewhere else to go". I was stunned. I said, I'm sorry, what? We were asked to come. He said, "Awe no, he didn't know, you need to leave you will not be coming into my locker room". Those 7 children were turned away from a seek shelter now warning, while sirens were blaring around your facility. I have spent 48 hours trying to wrap my head around how an educator, father, ambassador for your ISD could so arrogantly turn away children. How your school motto can be "Above all, students first" and he turn away 7 students from safety, how such a beautiful facility can have such an ugly characteristic. It has often been echoed that his callus personality is due to his strong determination to enforce the rules set to keep the facility in pristine shape, however; this act goes beyond the upkeep of the facility. In fact it goes against his code of conduct as an educator. As professionals, we have a code of conduct we agree to uphold as we serve others. In the Texas Administrative code for Education rule 247.2 under enforceable standards 1.4 it states: The educator shall not use institutional or professional privileges for personal or partisan advantage. As a baseball coach for your ISD, Derrick Jenkins has access to all things sports related and works as the onsite director for the tournaments you as a district agree to host, however; what would be the process for denying children use of shelter during a seek shelter now in a public school building? Would Derrick Jenkins have acted as an employee of Whitehouse ISD in his decision of limiting access to shelter, or would that have been a personal choice to use the institution to his personal advantage? Enforceable standard 1.10 states: The educator shall be of good moral character and be worthy to instruct or supervise the youth of this state. Good moral character, the definition given on [uslegal.com](http://uslegal.com) states good moral character refer to a personal history of honesty, fairness, and respect for the rights of others and for the state and federal law. As per this definition, Derrick Jenkins, does not have good moral character. He turned 7 children away from shelter during a seek shelter now alert, with sirens blaring at your facility, due to a rain wrapped tornado being spotted in the area. His fairness and respect for others is nonexistent, his compassion and integrity seek to exist. I would hope these would be qualities that Whitehouse ISD would seek to find in their staff. It is about much more than keeping a sports complex in order, its about protecting our youth and respecting those we interact with. This brings me to enforceable standards 3.2 and 3.5 which states: The educator shall not intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly treat a student or minor in a manner that adversely affects or endangers the learning, physical health, mental health, or safety of the student or minor. The educator shall not intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly engage in physical mistreatment, neglect or abuse of a student or minor. When Derrick Jenkins turned 7 minors, students, children, baseball players, away from your facility and told to "go somewhere else", he put their lives in danger, he knowingly, intentionally, and recklessly done that.

In closing, I encourage you to take a closer look into who you allow to represent Whitehouse ISD. A simply, don't do it again, is not enough, and frankly its insulting to those that Derrick Jenkins continues to commit offenses against. Due to his lack of good moral character, compassion and integrity, this is not the first time he has shown his true

colors, nor will it be his last. In the event that a slap on the wrist is the outcome, may I suggest that Whitehouse ISD no longer host tournaments for non-school related events, just to limit the use of his sports facility and decrease the chances of unfortunate outcomes. I would hate to see other children be placed at risk and have to endure what 11 individuals did during a storm on Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Dana Henry BSN, RN**

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**Christopher Moran** <[moranc@whitehouseisd.org](mailto:moranc@whitehouseisd.org)>

Mon, May 20, 2019 at 11:10 AM

To: "Henry, Dana" <[dana\\_henry@uhc.com](mailto:dana_henry@uhc.com)>

Cc: "cooka@whitehouseisd.org" <[cooka@whitehouseisd.org](mailto:cooka@whitehouseisd.org)>, "garredj@whitehouseisd.org" <[garredj@whitehouseisd.org](mailto:garredj@whitehouseisd.org)>, "vannattak@whitehouseisd.org" <[vannattak@whitehouseisd.org](mailto:vannattak@whitehouseisd.org)>

Dane,

First of all, thank you for passing this information along to us. I am disappointed to hear about this incident and we are investigating already today. The safety of every child is most important to me and I will personally be involved in this process. Thank you again for the thoughtfulness and feedback.

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Christopher Moran, Ed.D.

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**Henry, Dana** <dana\_henry@uhc.com>

Mon, May 20, 2019 at 12:46 PM

To: Christopher Moran <moranc@whitehouseisd.org>

Cc: "cooka@whitehouseisd.org" <cooka@whitehouseisd.org>, "garredj@whitehouseisd.org" <garredj@whitehouseisd.org>, "vannattak@whitehouseisd.org" <vannattak@whitehouseisd.org>

Thank you sir for your attention to this and your response. I appreciate your concern for the safety of other children and have faith you will have a resolution.

Dana Henry

Sent with BlackBerry Work  
([www.blackberry.com](http://www.blackberry.com))

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Christopher Moran <moranc@whitehouseisd.org>

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## Coach Jenkins

2 messages

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Telisa Killion <momma2574@icloud.com>

Wed, May 22, 2019 at 11:06 PM

To: moranc@whitehouseisd.org

Hello , I want to send this email to inform you of an incident that involved myself , my son and several other individuals including your High School baseball coach on Saturday May 18th at the yourh baseball tournament held at your Whitehouse ISD baseball field. At approximately 530 my son's team (Futures Elite) and any other teams playing were put on a 30 min wait for the next game due to lighting .. as the weather intensified the gate was closed and we were told our Game would start at 7...many cars I leaving until then ..shortly after the tornando sirens started and I'll tell you that was a very scary moment I'm looking at another parent in her car with two boys , our team Coach and her husband and I had two boys in my car .. we didn't know what to do or where to go .. or if we had time to find shelter. As well we started to steer out of the parking lot a gentleman yelled we could come into the locker room . I stopped and asked nervous as can be .. do those sirens mean a tornando is on the ground ? He said it's not on the ground yet but the clouds are forming , ma'am if I was you i would not leave and try to find a place y'all are welcomed to come in the locker room for safety and you should . I said ok thank you relieved .. torando sirens still blasting . I told him that other car was with me but he said I'll go tell them , he did and a few others that were in the lot , but not with our team . I pulled up , parked, called my father in law who had left minutes before to go home to Palestine to warn him he should seek shelter until the storm blew over and explained we were going into the locker room . I hung up and headed behind my group , but before I reached the stairs they all were coming back to the parking lot . I asked what was going on and they proceeded to tell me Mr. Jenkins your high school baseball coach stopped them at the door and said no one was allowed or coming in his locker room but his team (Canes) . My mouth fell open in shock thinking this isn't really happening , but in fact he told them pretty much they needed to leave the parking lot and go find some where else . The man who told us to go in the locker rooms for shelter said he was trying to be nice and help he was a parent on the team Canes . I wish I knew his name to thank him for being Human and offering to give those in need shelter from a life or death situation. Mr. Jenkins told them the guy who told us to go inside was trying to be nice but he made a mistake ! We had kids with us , Thank god nothing happened but what kind of person is your coach to be so uncaring to people stranded in a storm with tornando alarms going off at a tournament held at your school baseball field? He is a public servant , he has a code of ethics to abide by to students, the community and public . He did none of them, if a tornando had come and taken one or all of our lives was he just ? He is not authorized to do such a thing . He is a monster he should not be a coach to your school . He wore a school shirt but he represented your school in a horrible way . I hope we never have to play at his field again. We felt so afraid and angry someone could do such a thing . He deserves to be fired ! He isn't suppose to have a team outside of the school according to UIL but he said only his team was allowed in the locker room for shelter and we were to leave ... I was scared we were all scared s the alarms were sounding all over town . When I got to the field before our first game there was a man in the PA box he made a comment that due rain the field was leaning , there were 13 year old boys in a Game .. people laughed and I asked my friend did he just make fun of those kids in outfield and she was as shocked as I was that he was making fun of the boys implying the field must be the reason they were not fielding .. he then got out of the box . I later found out this was your Coach Jenkins .What an arrogant mean human being to represent himself and your school during a baseball tournament. Is this how you would have done people needing to seek shelter at your school ? I would be ashamed to have such a man leading your young community .. my husband and I are very supportive to our local schools and I have never in my life been so hurt and offended by a School official as I was from Mr Jenkins telling us in a life or death situation we in fact could not seek shelter in the locker room only his team was allowed .

Telisa Killion  
903-391-8504

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Christopher Moran <moranc@whitehouseisd.org>

Thu, May 23, 2019 at 10:00 AM

To: Telisa Killion <momma2574@icloud.com>

Mrs. Killion,

Thank you for sharing this information with me. It concerns me greatly that we would deny anyone safe haven during a storm. That certainly doesn't reflect the values of our district and community. I will follow up on this personally. Take care and be well.

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Christopher Moran, Ed.D.



Christopher Moran <moranc@whitehouseisd.org>

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## Jenkins concern

1 message

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Christopher Moran <moranc@whitehouseisd.org>

Thu, May 23, 2019 at 10:12 AM

To: Christopher Moran <moranc@whitehouseisd.org>

Bcc: Al Flanagan <al.flanagan@nm.com>, Greg Hood <gregory.hood@merck.com>, Holly Conaway <Holly@conawayhomes.com>, Joe Conflitti <jmconflitti@etmc.org>, Kevin Cashion <kevin@gmpcpa.com>, Todd Raabe <tombraabe@gmail.com>, Wade Weathers <Wadeweathers@gmail.com>

Board Team,

I will be meeting with Coach Jenkins, baseball coach, to discuss an event that occurred last weekend at the Wildcat Athletic Complex, specifically the baseball field. In short, a youth tournament was being played and the games were delayed as a result of lightening. During that delay, the tornado sirens sounded and we were placed under a tornado warning. Several families waiting in their vehicles claim they sought shelter in the dressing facility and were turned away by Coach Jenkins, who gave shelter to his team but not others.

We have received a number of complaints from different individuals claiming the same thing. Coach Cook and I are following up to visit with Coach Jenkins to provide "due process", but on its face, this doesn't look good at all and casts a disparaging shadow on the program and WISD.

I'll keep you posted.

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Christopher Moran, Ed.D.

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**Jenkins Tornado Warning**  
**May 24, 2019**  
**3:00 PM**

Derrick Jenkins  
Adam Cook  
Chris Moran

I've received numerous outcries from community members and visitors about an incident at our facility last Saturday evening, May 18th, 2019. Specifically, the incident revolved around a youth baseball tournament renting our facility and your involvement during a tornado warning.

- ❖ First of all describe your involvement in the tournament

Cleared the facility at 5PM, then the warning occurred about 5:30PM. [REDACTED] played on a team, but Jason Wilson was the guy that I had the issue with. Wes Hall was the guy that rented the facilities and hired Jenkins to be the admin on duty. Announcements made about 3:30 and continued while watching the rain. Protocol is to clear. Literally never thought there was an issue, but Wes called me on Sunday about the warning. In my mind there was not an issue. [REDACTED] and the team were outside throwing the football during the tornado siren. Jenkins was waiting to either cancel or wait out the storm. It wasn't a big deal in my mind. One of the parents, Troy, called the other parents from the parking lot and told them to come to the field house to seek cover.

**Why would you not allow people into the field house?** I really didn't believe there was a danger. I don't think I did anything wrong. I would do it differently because I'm in the office today. I want my kids to graduate from here. My youngest is 11.

- ❖ Summarize the evening and what happened from your perspective
- ❖ When I arrived in Whitehouse, we visited. Do you remember that conversation:
  - I didn't know you but I had heard plenty and most of it wasn't good.
  - I told you I expected your behavior to reflect the values of WISD and my office
- ❖ In my job, when I'm off the clock, the community doesn't see that. Our behavior is under scrutiny all of the time.
- ❖ I can't and won't defend your behavior
- ❖ Help me understand why you would deny anyone safe haven in a tornado warning
- ❖ If your wife and sons were those seeking shelter and the sulphur springs coach denied them safe haven, how would that make you feel?
- ❖ You've placed yourself in a very poor position

- ❖ Do you recognize the problem with the way this was handled?
- ❖ If you could do it again, how would you handle it?

Some decision can't be taken back

Perception is a powerful thing and is hard to change

This is an embarrassment for our baseball program, our district, and my office

You have demonstrated very poor decision making

I'm going to give you some really good advice. You should make career decisions for yourself before others do it for you.

Chris Moran:

- When you leave this office:
  - This is not a personal attack
  - You do not want others making career decisions for you. Control your own destiny
  - We will not make decisions based on emotion but facts
  - I cannot defend your actions
  - You are not the one to determine when there is or is not a weather emergency
  - If you continue to make decisions like this, you will not see your kids graduate from here

To: Whitehouse Independent School District  
Administration and School Board

From: Jamie Jenkins

Reference: Allegations made against Derrick Jenkins on the date of May 18, 2019

Date: June 4, 2019

I want to give a sworn statement on Derrick's behalf. This statement is true and correct. I am of sound mind and give this statement of my own free will. I was present and witnessed the said incident and believe all accounts of the matter should be documented. Derrick has not asked me to give this statement. I told him I wanted to provide a sworn statement based on my observations of the alleged allegations and the fact I believe he is being treated in an unfair, unjust manner. I do not see how anyone could be reassigned or punished in any way when absolutely nothing happened that warranted the actions that Whitehouse ISD has taken.

I know some may look at my last name and wonder if I am related to Derrick. I am not. I met Derrick for the first time in January of this year through our sons playing tournament baseball together on the same team. Derrick does not coach the team and his only involvement with the team is his son competes on it.

My information to help you determine if I am a credible and reliable person are as follows, I am employed as a Police Detective for the City of Lufkin. I have been a peace officer for the last 21 years with the City of Lufkin, and a Detective the last 17 years. My current duties are the investigations of all criminal cases with a primary focus on white collar crimes, computer forensics, and online child exploitation case's for the Texas Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. I am also a certified computer forensic examiner through the International Association of Computer Investigative Specialist. I am a credible and reliable person to testify in State and Federal Court systems. I reside in Lufkin ISD with my wife and two children. My children both have attended and will attend Lufkin ISD for the foreseeable future.

The following are my observations of the incident involving the allegations against Derrick Jenkins on May 18, 2019 at Whitehouse ISD's baseball facility. Our Son's baseball team was competing in an ASE 14u baseball tournament. The tournament involved games being played at Mike Carter Field, Faulkner Park, and Whitehouse ISD. Each venue had what was called an onsite director and the overall Tournament Director was Wes Hall. My understanding is Wes Hall runs the entire operation as far as schedules, and makes the determination of continuing to play or not play in inclement weather. Derrick Jenkins was the onsite director at Whitehouse. Everyone present knew the day had the potential to turn in to a severe weather day and possibly a cancelation of the tournament all together. Derrick made announcements over the public address system at the baseball complex so everyone present could hear. His first set of announcements came at least 30 minutes to an hour in advance of any actions that day. He announced that in the event of a lightning delay, everyone would have to clear the park, and I took that as seek shelter elsewhere. Derrick was very professional in his announcement. As we approached the time period of approximately 4:30pm to 5:00pm Derrick made the announcement that lightning was detected near the facility and asked that everyone

vacate the park. Everyone did so including my family and I. My 70 year old Father, David Jinkins, was present with us at that time as well as two other boys from Lufkin who was playing on our team that weekend. We went to our vehicles and drove out of the baseball parking lot and in to the school parking lot so we could talk and have a clear view of the approaching weather. We were notified by our team that Wes Hall was saying that we needed to wait until 6:30pm and he would make a determination at that time if we would continue to play or not. I was viewing the KTRE/KLTV weather app on my cellular device to try to determine what actions we needed to take next. Around that point the tornado sirens started going off. I immediately found the location of the possible rotation on the weather app and was comforted to know it was to the North of our current location and traveling in an Eastward direction meaning it was not heading in our direction. I also pulled up my Dish Network app and viewed KTRE/KLTV live to see what they were saying because in past experience they have been spot on of these storms and their tracks. I neither viewed nor observed anything that warranted us to panic. It was still not even raining at our location at that time. The siren's stopped going off and shortly after that, Derrick Jenkins messaged us to let us know if we didn't have anywhere to go we could come stay in the fieldhouse until the determination to continue the tournament or not was made by Wes Hall. We were an hour and a half from home and did not want to go stand/sit in a business for the amount of time we knew we had to wait, so we then drove from the school parking lot back to the baseball parking lot. It was still not raining at that point. We all exited our vehicle and started walking to the fieldhouse. I did not observe anything out of the ordinary. The parking lot was primarily empty other than members of our team and their respective family. As we were walking in you could tell it was about to start raining, so we were in a hurry. My Dad has a disability which causes him to walk slowly and I did not want him to get drenched with rain water. I observed Derrick and his son were throwing a football back and forth near the entry area and the other kids from the team were immediately joining in with throwing the football around. I did observe a set of adults I did not know who were also walking in near our team family members. I was not alarmed by it so I did not pay any extra attention as to what they were doing. I do not remember more than 4 people, but I am not certain as to an exact number. I am certain it was not a large group. I observed Derrick briefly talk to them and they turned around and left. I did not observe anything to indicate they had a bad exchange of words. They did not cause any type of disturbance and I did not observe anything to believe they were in any type of distress. There was no body language that alerted me to anything other than a normal conversation. We all continued to go to the fieldhouse. When we arrived at the fieldhouse we stood outside for a while talking. The rain started and we watched as the storm rolled in. We were standing at the covered walkway area near Derrick's office and the locker room area. We watched the storm and talked in general. At one point we walked to the opposite side of the building from Derrick's office to watch the storm, still under the covered safe area. At no point was there a time where I was in fear and I did not observe anyone there in fear. We were watching a normal East Texas severe thunderstorm come and go from a protected area under cover. We had to corral the kids in at one point and make them get inside as lightning was near and they wanted to be typical teenagers and continue playing outside of the protected area. Once inside the kids were playing on devices and listening to music. The adults were talking and passing time. The adults walked freely from the outside to the inside to sit as we wished to do. We were continuing to monitor the weather

and watching to see what decision we felt Wes Hall would make. We were sitting in Derrick's office and viewed the weather on his computer, and our own cellular devices. We determined that we believed he was going to cancel the tournament, but waited for that official announcement before we left. At no time after that initial re-entry in to the ball park did I see or observe anyone other than the people affiliated with our team. There was never anything alarming or dangerous that placed any human life in danger that I observed. If there were I can assure you Derrick Jenkins, myself, and the other adults present would have handled the situation in a safe, reasonable and responsible manner.

These are the facts surrounding the incident you have reassigned Derrick Jenkins for. From my past experience's working on cases with different ISD's across our area I have become accustomed to what seems to be their standard protocol's when dealing with allegations involving a staff member. In past experience I have seen them start with a suspension if they felt the allegation was serious enough, pending an internal/external investigation before taking any egregious actions. Had you done that you could have talked with everyone present and then taken action with an overall picture of the events rather than just the opinion and words of one. Based on my observations and knowledge of this incident, my opinion is that Whitehouse ISD has taken egregious actions without due process to a respected staff member.

Best Regards,

*Jamie Jenkins*  
Jamie Jenkins

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on the 5 day of JUNE, 2019.

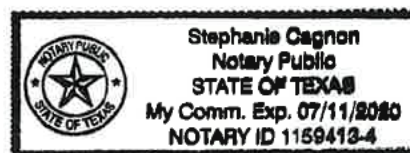
*Stephanie Cagnon*

Notary Public, State of Texas

STEPHANIE CAGNON

Notary's printed name

My Commission expires: 7/11/2020



**Dusty Spence Pittman** shared a post. 1 hr

This happened to Rustin's FE teammates yesterday while we were in Brookshire's meat locker during the storm!! There were kids crying, scared and this coach/dad/so called man STILL refused to let these people in!! It takes a heartless, Godless man to turn people away in a time of need!!!

**Jason Henry** 17 hrs

We where at whitehouse high school today playing a baseball tournament when the storm hit. Starting our second game and we go in a thirty min lightning delay. We decide to go to the store and come back. By the time we get back and get parked the tornado siren is going off and the radio is saying seek cover. A gentleman made around through the parking lot and tells everyone to go to the locker room. So we get out of our vehicle and go that way. When we reached the door the whitehouse baseball coach was there. He tells us and about ten other kids and parents we gotta leave that only his team could go in there. By his team he

Write a comment... GIF

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5/28/19

8:20 am

I spoke with Mrs. Henry with regards to a tournament at the Whitehouse Athletic Complex on May 18<sup>th</sup>. See stated that she was from Cayuga and was not able to return home during the lightning delay. She confirmed her email sent on May 20<sup>th</sup> and gave me Mrs. Killian's number. Mrs. Killian was also at the complex the night of the incident.

9:10 am

I contacted Mr. Josh Wilson concerning a text sent to Dr. Moran with regards to the tornado warning issued the evening of May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019. He was not in attendance, but wanted to share his concern and disgust with our baseball coach, Derrick Jenkins.

9:33

I spoke with Jason Wilson about the incident. He coaches Mrs. Henry's son's team. He stated that Wes Hall called at 5:15 and notified him that play would resume at 7:00 PM. Mr. Hall was the tournament director in which Coach Jenkins served our district administrator. Upon attempting to enter the locker room during the tornado warning, Coach Jenkins informed us "If you are not on my team, you will not be a part of this". This was after a parent from Whitehouse walked through the parking lot and told those there to join them in seeking shelter.

Mr. Wilson stated that he had caught Coach Jenkins cheating with an ineligible player several years ago. He stated he would not be bringing any of his teams back to Whitehouse.

10:50

I spoke with Mrs. Killian about the incident. She stated that the alarm went off and a parent told them they could go into the locker room. Upon attempting to enter the locker room Coach Jenkins stated, "He was mistaken only my team is allowed in." We were panicking and it was a morbid situation. It is just human nature to look out for the kids. Coach Jenkins said over the PA "The field is leaning to the right due to the rain". He said that as the team in the field made a few errors. "What kind of a guy does this?", she asked. She then recalled the tournament Coach Jenkins was caught cheating in and said the boys flipped the other team the bird and he saw it all and did nothing.

12:20

I called Mr. Jason Taylor to speak about the email he had sent. He then spoke of how his son [REDACTED] was mistreated during his time in the program.

Text from D. Jenkins in response to the Facebook post Barber sent to him and Cook. Received 6:15 PM on Sunday, May 19, 2019.

Don't know the lady either.

Told Wes today same as I will tell you guys. I feel like in the world we are in we are defending ourselves all the time when folks aren't doing the right thing themselves.

Yes i told them they can't be here. I don't know these people and sent them out a long time before the sirens went off. I closed the gate and everything. I feel like it was the right decision when i gave them a change to leave well before. I also in this business don't feel comfortable putting people that i don't know in our building. i feel like this post makes me feel even more that way.

3PM May 29th, 2019

Coach Jenkins, Mr. Garred, and myself met this afternoon in his office. In the meeting I informed Coach Jenkins that he would be reassigned to another coaching position within WISD that is yet to be determined. I also told him that he would no longer be serving as the Head Baseball Coach for Whitehouse High School.

He then asked what he would be reassigned to and Mr. Garred then told him that we did not know at this time and it would still be a dual contract which included coaching at the junior high or high school, we just do not know at this time.

I then told Coach Jenkins that this move was made to allow him and his family the opportunity to determine what would be best for them without prolonging the process.

He stated that he disagreed and that we had been waiting on "an opportunity" like this and that we were not concerned about him or his family. He then stated that five years ago, I had already reached out to another coach about his job. He also said that we (myself and Dr. Moran) had lied to him last Friday and that the timing of this was poor. He had to contact the freshman and tell them he was canceling tryouts since it would not be fair for them to be cut by a coach that wasn't going to be there. He stated that about half of our current coaching staff would have made the same decision he did in denying visitor access to our locker rooms during a tornado warning. He told me that I should work on my communication with our staff in situations such as this so that they knew what was expected of them.

I told him thank you and that I would do a better job at communicating with the coaching staff of what to do in the case that a tornado siren is going off.. Next, I read to him the memo attached at the bottom.

Mr. Garred communicated twice during this meeting that Coach Jenkins is in control of what happens next and that we do not wish to tarnish his career. He went on to say that we had no intention on destroying his career and the only people that knew about the re-assignment were in the room and we wanted to keep it that way.

Coach Jenkins then stated that we had in fact tarnished his career already and he would not be able to get another job in the next month. He also said that we wanted to keep his re-assignment quiet so that we would "not have to deal with it rather than to help him out"

Mr. Garred told him that the issue we did not want to deal with was the decision he made to not let the kids in the shelter during a tornado siren and the district is now having to deal with that. He pointed out that the decision he made forced the district's hand to make this decision but we would still be willing to do whatever we could to help him get a new job if that is what he wanted to do.

Coach Jenkins again disagreed, stood up, and said he was going to be with his family. Mr. Garred asked him if he wanted the letter, and he told us we could keep it and just email it to him.

**Memo:**

**To:** Derrick Jenkins

**From:** Adam Cook, Athletic Director

**Re:** Reassignment

**Date:** May 29, 2019

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Adam Cook &lt;cooka@whitehouseisd.org&gt;

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**reassigned**

1 message

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**Derrick Jenkins** <jenkinsd@whitehouseisd.org>  
To: Adam Cook <cooka@whitehouseisd.org>

Wed, May 29, 2019 at 4:18 PM

I have been home talking with my family about this situation today. I know for me I have been 100 percent honest since I have been here. I will casually look for a job for this coming year, and go from there at this point. I will be letting the baseball kids know I was reassigned so that they know I didn't run out on them. I figure at this point I am going to go out the man that I have always been, and face things head on.

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**Derrick Jenkins**  
**Head Baseball Coach/AIM Center**

Adam Cook &lt;cooka@whitehouseisd.org&gt;

**Phone call.**

1 message

Tue, May 28, 2019 at 10:34 PM

To: Adam Cook &lt;CookA@whitehouseisd.org&gt;

Thank you for the call. I thought about a lot after our call. Traci said I was too nice and could have said so much. I'm sure you have heard plenty over the years. Greg Hood probably knows more than anyone. He told [REDACTED] one day that he was a good kid and good kids were uncoachable. [REDACTED] is very coachable, you know that. There are numerous incidents and I did take notes over the years that I have somewhere. Last year I was fighting mad over a note that [REDACTED] had written [REDACTED] dropped it and [REDACTED] found it. Jenkins took it from him and passed it around to 5-6 kids and laughed and joked about it. [REDACTED] wouldn't let me call Jenkins about it so I didn't. He said it would just make things worse on him. Nothing bad was in the note, just wishing him luck and how much she loved him. Basic HS stuff. [REDACTED] was embarrassed to come to the games a couple of weeks after. Jenkins did apologize to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. I talked to a couple of lawyer friends and was informed with her being a minor and that considered an act of defamation of character we could pursue it if we wanted and he would likely lose his teaching certificate.

He coaches with a double standard. Allowing some kids, the ones like him, to get away with about anything they want and have no consequences, while others are basically bullied and humiliated for minimal things. I believe he is influenced by some of the parents though he says he's not. Corey was actually worse, because he tried to impress Jenkins. Some of the things [REDACTED] was told at UT were what we already knew, but was good for him to hear from others. They told him he was way better than they were told and was the best freshman recruit they had last year. Sad to us. I could go on with numerous things. You need to talk to [REDACTED] too. [REDACTED] was the district pitcher of year his junior year and didn't play his senior year. Makes you wonder why. [REDACTED] would fill your ear up too. Wonder why [REDACTED] isn't playing. He actually throws a lot harder than [REDACTED] ever dreamed of. Sorry to add this on late, but [REDACTED] got me thinking that I am too nice and too forgiving. We have coaches in the family. Her cousin is coaching A&M basketball next year. I went to college on baseball scholarship. Brother did too. Two cousins played in minors. I know the game. I talked to a lot of them with advice on how to keep [REDACTED] motivated and positive. It wasn't how it should be for [REDACTED]. You and your football coaches were great to him. The girls on the other hand have been treated how it should be. I follow Coach Lisle on Instagram that man has it down. [REDACTED] sophomore year when they went to Dell. Jenkins was different on the way there. Went back to his ways once they were there and they lost. He told them during Texas high game no matter what happened he was proud of them. They came back and scored 7 runs to win. He quit coaching and let them play. Using everything he had taught them. The man does know baseball. There is a time to coach and then there is a time to trust what you have taught them. I played with guys like him, I know his type. There the ones that were decent, but thought they were the best and put others down to make them feel better about themselves. I deal with different types of people daily and have to "coach" each one differently to get them to do what they need to to get better. Like I said I could go on and on, but no need in that. Thank you for your time and your positive leadership. I just wish the best for our athletes and want them to come out of school better for having participated.. I have learned in the workforce that those that were involved in team sports are better coworkers. God Bless you and your family and all that you do. Keep up the good work.

[REDACTED]

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# Whitehouse ISD

Trampas Bass, Ed.D

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

April 20, 2018

Dear Mandi Vancourt,

On Tuesday, April 10, 2018, at 2:07 P.M., Kelley Vannatta, Chief Human Resource Officer, received an email regarding a complaint towards an educator not named in the TEA Complaint Reference #INV2018-12-038 Whitehouse ISD. Mr. Vannatta contacted you via phone conference to better understand the complaint. Since that time, Kelley Vannatta, Jackie Zigtema, Director of Special Education, and Dr. Trampas Bass, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, investigated the concerns you mentioned as follows:

**1. Derrick Jenkins made a statement that ██████ would never make his baseball team, and if he tried out that he would put him against his biggest kid in an Oklahoma type drill. Further, Derrick Jenkins said that ██████ would be kicked off his team and that he, Derrick Jenkins would enjoy watching him cry. Derrick Jenkins also told ██████ that it makes his job fun when he gets to watch ██████ when he is upset. Derrick Jenkins also talked with Amanda Clower, DAEP teacher, and Reed Tomlin, Special Education paraprofessional.**

The aforementioned WISD investigatory administrators questioned Dr. Gary Jacobs, DAEP Principal; Derrick Jenkins, DAEP teacher; Amanda Clower, DAEP teacher; Reed Tomlin, Special Education one-on-one aid for Trevor; and Amber Grisham, Special Education paraprofessional, about the allegations and found that Derrick Jenkins had admittedly talked about ██████ in front of Amanda Clower and Reed Tomlin on one occasion. ██████ reported the allegation to Dr. Gary Jacobs, and he immediately verbally reprimanded Derrick Jenkins for doing so. Dr. Gary Jacobs and Derrick Jenkins could not remember the nature of the comments that were made to other DAEP personnel in front of ██████ that precipitated the verbal reprimand. Amber Grisham mentioned that she had heard Derrick Jenkins and Amanda Clower talking about ██████ in front of ██████ on purpose (e.g., he's never going to change, he knows what he is doing, nobody at home makes him mind). Mrs. Grisham was the only person questioned who could corroborate her story of Derrick Jenkins and Amanda Clower talking negatively in front of ██████ about ██████. Regarding the other allegations, there were no corroborating stories to substantiate any of the other aforementioned accusations. However, Derrick Jenkins, per the shared notes of the investigation, did admit to having conversations with ██████ about life and making good decisions. He also told ██████ that it would be hard for ██████ to play baseball without acting right.

**2. Amanda Clower, in front of Derrick Jenkins and Reed Tomlin, asked ██████ if he had taken his medication. Derrick Jenkins stated that the medications wouldn't last for long and that Amanda Clower, and Derrick Jenkins laughed in front of ██████ at the time of the conversation about ██████ taking medication.**

During the investigation, Derrick Jenkins and Reed Tomlin did recall having a conversation with ██████ about when he last took his medication due to him acting up in class. They were trying to make sure that he had taken his medication and determine why he was misbehaving. Reed Tomlin said that Amanda Clower may have made a statement about ██████ taking his meds at night and them wearing off by the morning. There

was no corroboration of stories of those questioned supporting the allegation that Derrick Jenkins laughed in front of [REDACTED] when talking about [REDACTED] taking his medication.

**3. Reed Tomlin, at the time of the aforementioned conversation about [REDACTED] taking his medication, stated that it "pisses him off when [REDACTED] doesn't take his medication in the morning."**

Per the notes of the investigation, Dr. Gary Jacobs stated that Reed Tomlin self-reported that he had gotten upset with [REDACTED] and used the words "pissed off" regarding [REDACTED] not taking his medication in the morning. At the time of the self-report, Dr. Jacobs visited with Reed Tomlin and gave him a verbal warning not to use that type of language in front of [REDACTED] and other students. In contrast, Reed Tomlin mentioned that he didn't remember using the words "pissed off", but "ticked off" in front of [REDACTED]. Derrick Jenkins, Amber Grisham, or Amanda Clower could not recall Reed Tomlin using the words "pissed off" in Trevor's presence. The investigators feel that Reed Tomlin probably did use the words "pissed off" since Dr. Gary Jacobs remembers Reed Tomlin self-reporting the incident which he felt at the time was serious enough to warrant a verbal reprimand, whereas the words "ticked off" most likely would not deserve self-reporting nor a verbal reprimand.

In summary, after conferencing with the aforementioned witnesses and reviewing their statements, there is no doubt that Whitehouse Independent School District made some mistakes regarding (1) Derrick Jenkins talking about [REDACTED] in front of other DAEP personnel about [REDACTED] and (2) Reed Tomlin getting upset and using the words "pissed off" in front of [REDACTED] about [REDACTED] not taking his medication in the morning. In both instances, Dr. Gary Jacobs addressed the mistakes individually and immediately with both Derrick Jenkins and Reed Tomlin, and there have been no further concerns noted with the employees since the verbal reprimands.

On a positive note, [REDACTED] was moved back to his home campus early from his DAEP placement at the end of the first semester. He was an instructional arrangement of 44 prior to placement at the DAEP. When placed back on his home campus, he was fully mainstreamed with related services and supports. The Director of Special Education has worked closely with the student, staff, and parent to ensure the success of this student. Trevor is currently a 5th grader, and for the first time he was able to complete both STAAR tests. He is currently passing all classes. He is now proud of himself and able to appropriately recover when he does have a behavioral concern. He has had no other disciplinary issues or placements since returning to his home campus. He is completing his work both in school and at home which was a significant concern in the past. His mom reports that she is proud of [REDACTED] and can tell a major difference. The parent and director have worked closely to ensure the success of this student.

I have included the notes compiled from the investigation. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at (903) 839-5500.

Sincerely,



Trampas Bass, Ed. D.  
Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction  
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