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DMS parents still not satisfied

Appearance of teacher's BOE member-husband at conference also in question

By DAHLIA ALLEN
The appropriateness of a school board member's presence at a parent-teacher conference has emerged as a sidebar to a classroom incident in which a student told his parents that his art teacher was making negative comments to students about President Barack Obama.

When Jimmie Scott arrived at the Feb. 26 conference he requested with Dublin Middle School teacher Nancy Perry, both DMS Principal Mike Mallette and Perry's husband Bill Perry, who serves on the Dublin City Board of Education, were there as well.

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Parents give details of events surrounding controversy

By DAHLIA ALLEN
Controversy over a classroom incident at Dublin Middle School still is simmering nearly two months after the fact for parents who do not consider the matter resolved and a teacher who says she just wants to clear her name.
Two issues have surfaced and are at the center of the disagreement. First, a sixth grader sent his father a text Feb. 1 saying that art teacher Nancy Perry was making derogatory comments to students in the class about President Barack

Obama. Second, Perry's husband, school board member Bill Perry, attended the parent-teacher conference with Perry and the student's father.
The student's parents, Jimmie and Stephanie Scott met Tuesday with a Courier Herald reporter to discuss what had occurred.
The Perrys, contacted by phone shortly after the meeting with the Scotts, declined to comment. "The strong advice we have been given by professional educators and attorneys is not to make comments at

this time," Bill Perry said, adding that he and his wife will speak out "strongly" at a later time.
The chain of events was set in motion when, in the text to his father, the student said that his art teacher was telling the students that "Obama hates America" that "Christians should know not to follow him because he is a Muslim." He goes on to say that the teacher described Obama as "evil in every way."
Jimmie Scott offered to go to the school then, but his son

said no. The student sent another text saying that Perry was "going around telling everybody here that stuff and making everybody believe it." He told his son to tell the teacher that "Christians don't go around spreading hate."
Scott said his son was not sure what prompted the comments but that Perry made them to several students gathered around her desk.
Scott said he contacted the school a week later and asked for a parent-teacher conference

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