

*Bracken Co.*

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Dear. Larry Boucher,

This letter is in reference to activities that have been going on at Bracken County High School in Brooksville, Kentucky. Were to start on this letter is difficult, being that there is so many wrong doings going on within the athletic system and the school itself.

Lets start with the fact that under Title IX it's my understanding that all monetary funds are to be placed into one fund and distributed evenly among sports teams. And also there is to be a Gender Equity Committee established at the school, which meets three times a year, and Booster club contracts signed. And if one sport has easier access to fundraising the athletic department is suppose to adjust fund disbursements in accordance. All which are not being employed at Bracken County High School.

Just at the beginning of this year Bracken's Principal was considered the schools athletic director, after a article in the newspaper the basketball coach, Coach Hammon was hired secretively for the job. There was no official job listing on the KHSAA web page or on Bracken web page (that was visible) that they were excepting application or what the job description was, there is still no job description to this day. But with looking at other schools description it seems that being a coach would pose a conflict in interest, being that the athletic director should be at ALL HOME games no matter the sport but with him being a coach he'll have away games during scheduled home games.

Now on to the more serious matter of misappropriated funds, every other year the boys' basketball team receives new warm ups, jerseys, bags and shoes and anything else that is needed the boys will receive. Some years completely paid for by the school other year's 50/50. On the other hand the girls high school team is still using the same outfits they had 4 years ago. They hardly have enough to dress out 10 varsity players, due to shortage of uniforms.

Another example is last year our girls' softball team had an entry fee around \$200 to pay to enter a tournament the athletic department wouldn't pay this fee so a parent paid out of pocket. All because the AD said there was no money in the fund even though they had fund-raised etc. The girls had to fund raise and complain for a score board, area for concession and a small section of bleachers to be placed at their field, which is at the middle school because they can't use the field at Bracken's sports complex because that's

for baseball. Even though baseball doesn't receive special treatment either, they are also without funds.

Another example, this football season being our first year of Varsity Football there was not a booster set up at first and money earned at a game was put in the athletic fund. One week later the coaches went to go get the money for supplies and the money was gone. The school said there was no money, if the team needed a football for games, water bottles for players, first aid, any type of supplies they were own for here on out.

Over the years cheerleaders have had to pay out of pocket for uniforms to match changing color in ball uniforms. And where threatened to hold diplomas if uniforms were not returned. Pay for buses to transport them to cheer at away games. Also this year our flag team had to pay out of pocket competing attire.

With being involved at one time or another with one or more sports at a time I've seen, money earned but never received. If you are not a Bracken County Boys Basketball player you receive little to no help from the athletic department, and now with the basketball coach in charge, I feel that this will result in less help for other sports.

Also teachers are being told that the academic fund is depleted so they were given \$200 each to last them all year with ink for the computers, pens, paper, highlighters, chemicals for science. Chemicals and ink alone during a year surpass that amount, so teachers have been having student bring in supplies for a grade. This all because they were told the new football team took the money, which is a fabrication, the money for that was a special grant from the state. But the athletic fund did receive the money from the board so where did it go?

With both funds depleted and a copy of where expenditure are spent be published in the local paper for everyone that contributes, either by donations, taxes etc. can see where their money is being used. Has been asked and denied. The only one that we see is benefiting is the boys' basketball team or is there more? That is the burning question in a lot of people's mind. An unannounced audit of the financial books needs, to be done so no more cover-ups can pass by, so all of our athletic teams will be treated the SAME.

Thank you,  
A Concerned Citizen