

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF LONOKE COUNTY,

JIMMIE CAVIN

PLAINTIFF

VS

CASE NO. 43CV-22-736

CABOT SCHOOL DISTRICT

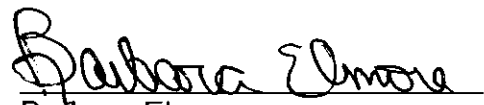
DEFENDANT

ORDER

On this 10th day of April, 2024, after hearing testimony and reviewing all matters filed the Court doth find and order:

1. The Cabot School District failed to abide by the Freedom of Information Act codified as Ark. Code. Ann. 25-19-101*et seq.* seventeen times, as they have admitted. These incidents happened after the Cabot School Board (School Board hereafter) went into executive session and failed to record the public meetings following seventeen executive sessions.
2. When notified of the failure to comply with the recordings following executive session, the School Board corrected its practice and started recording public sessions following executive session.
3. The Court finds no malice or deceitful practices by the School Board. The School Board should have been aware of the requirements of the law. Therefore, a lack of legal knowledge on their part.
4. Due to the statute allowing for attorney fees, the Court shall expect a detailed explanation of reasonable fees within the next ten (10) days from the plaintiff. This was not a complicated case.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Elmore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line drawn underneath the name.

Barbara Elmore
Circuit Judge