

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
 )  
COUNTY OF JASPER )

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

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South Carolina Public Interest )  
Foundation, Edward D. Sloan, Jr., Denise )  
G. Davidson, and Milton Woods, Jr., )  
individually and on behalf of all others )  
similarly situated )

C.A. No. 2014-CP-27-468

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ORDER

SC Court of Appeals

Plaintiffs, )

**Denying Plaintiffs' Motion to  
Alter or Amend Order  
Granting Summary Judgment**

vs. )  
Jasper County School District and the )  
Hon. Berty Riley, in her official capacity )  
as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of )  
the Jasper County School District, )  
 )  
Defendants. )

Now before the Court is Plaintiffs' motion to alter or amend this Court's Order dated October 30, 2015, granting Defendants summary judgment. Under S.C. R. Civ. P. 59(f), this Court retained jurisdiction over the motion.

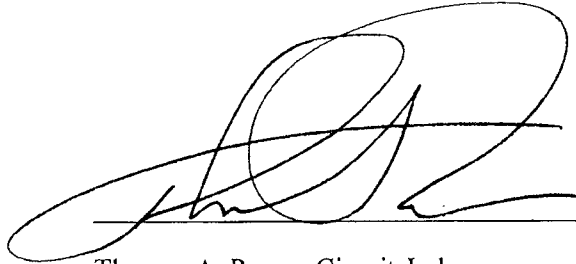
The Plaintiffs essentially argue, outside the record, that the current political landscape is such that the Jasper County School District's Board of Trustees is considering not proceeding with the project for which the challenged design-build construction contract procurement *sub judice* was conducted.

The Defendants counter that the summary judgment granted in their favor was ripe and appropriately brings finality to the dispute, <sup>which</sup> ~~with~~ <sup>TK</sup> is necessary for the Defendants in their dealings with the design-builder that is already under the challenged contract, regardless of whether or not the Board proceeds with either or both of the contract or the project.

The Court finds that the order granting summary judgment to the Defendants is not in need <sup>of</sup> ~~for~~ <sup>TK</sup> alternation or amendment, and that keeping this case open for trial when dispositive issues exist would serve only to impede and/or delay the Board of Trustees in its exercise of its

powers and political discretion as explained in the summary judgment order.

Accordingly the Plaintiffs' Motion to Alter or Amend Order Granting Summary Judgment is DENIED.

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Thomas A. Russo, Circuit Judge

Florence, S.C.  
~~March~~ April 13, 2016