

Greenfield School Board Candidate Duane Thresher

See www.GreenfieldSchool-MT.org but briefly: Last summer, after months of delays by the Greenfield School, I got a \$15,000 contract – with much more donated since it's our daughter's local school – to set up a safe, working computer and telephone network for the school, whose existing one was a disaster.

While working there, I discovered some serious wrongdoings by Principal Paul Wilson and the school board: Mike Hager, Merv Carper, Spencer Pearson. Among other things (see webpage), they tried to cheat a student out of rightfully-earned scholarship money because they openly didn't like the student's parents and they crammed the 2nd-graders into a tiny room never meant to be a classroom (supposed to be the tutor room, now gone) because they misspent the \$80,000 in taxpayer construction funds – no new classrooms even though they knew beforehand they would need one; essentially just a new office for Principal Wilson. Board Member Carper took the flooring contract and did the work dangerously negligently.

When I made sure the student got the scholarship money by notifying the parents, who then demanded it, and notified Fairfield Fire Chief Rhodes about a possible maximum occupancy fire safety violation in the 2nd-grade "classroom", I was immediately fired by Principal Wilson and the school board. They then refused to pay me \$11,400 I had already put in the job, including materials and 200 hours of labor. I had made the mistake of being community service minded and trusting enough not to require the school to pay most of the cost until after the work was done. To make things much worse, I was barred from the school, which had the effect of barring our daughter from her local school, preventing me from complaining at board meetings, and allowing the school to steal some of my tools.