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Comptroller's Investigative Report

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Sumner County Board of Education Officials:

The Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury conducted an investigation of selected records of the White House Blue Devil Quarterback Club, and the results are presented herein.

Copies of this report are being forwarded to Governor Bill Lee, the State Attorney General, the District Attorney General of the 18th Judicial District, certain state legislators, and various other interested parties. A copy of the report is available for public inspection in our Office and may be viewed at http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/ia/.

Sincerely,

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INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

White House Blue Devil Quarterback Club

The Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury investigated allegations of malfeasance related to White House Blue Devil Quarterback Club. The investigation was limited to selected records for the period January 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. The results of the investigation were communicated with the Office of the District Attorney General of the 18th Judicial District.

BACKGROUND

White House High School (WHHS), located in White House, Tennessee, is part of the Sumner County School District (SCSD) and serves students in grades 9 through 12. The White House Blue Devil Quarterback Club (club) is a school support organization (SSO) that is led by parents and volunteers to support and promote the WHHS football program. The club is governed by elected officers consisting of a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer, who oversee operations of the club. During the investigative period, Amber Burton served as the club treasurer.

In May 2025, the former WHHS principal received complaints concerning Burton following a club fundraiser. Subsequently, the former principal directed Burton to return all club records to the SCSD for review. Burton provided club records for 2018 through 2024, but did not provide any records for 2025. Burton resigned as club treasurer in May 2025.

The School Support Organization Financial Accountability Act, codified at Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-2-601 *et. seq.* provides that officers of the club, like officers of all other SSOs, are required to ensure the funds and property of their organization are safeguarded and used only for purposes related to the goals and objectives of the organization. To assist such officers in discharging their duties, the Comptroller, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-2-601 published the *Model Financial Policy for School Support Organizations (Model Financial Policy),* which prescribes a set of accounting controls to ensure the funds are used to further the organization's goals and objectives.

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

1. FORMER CLUB TREASURER, AMBER BURTON, MISAPPROPRIATED FUNDS TOTALING AT LEAST $5,612.44

From January 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, former club treasurer Amber Burton misappropriated at least $5,612.44 in club funds through Venmo, a mobile payment application that allows users to send and receive funds electronically. Burton misappropriated the funds by transferring club funds from the club's Venmo account to her personal Venmo account, making a personal purchase using the club's Venmo account, and collecting and retaining club funds in her personal Venmo account.

In January 2024, Burton received three payments totaling $2,028.70 for football fees in her personal Venmo account. Burton told investigators that she did not realize these payments were made to her personal Venmo account because the club set up its Venmo account in the same month.
The club's Venmo account was listed as "White House Blue Devil QB Club"; however, both accounts are registered under Burton's social security number. As of July 1, 2026, these funds have not been repaid to the club.

In March 2025, Burton transferred $3,433.74 from the club's Venmo account to her personal Venmo account. On March 1, 2025, Burton transferred $833.74 from the club's Venmo account to her personal Venmo account and subsequently transferred the funds to her personal bank account. On March 22, 2025, Burton transferred $2,600 from the club's Venmo account to her personal Venmo account. Burton retained these funds for personal benefit.

After she resigned as treasurer, Burton attempted to repay the misappropriated funds. On June 11, 2025, Burton deposited $2,400 into the club's bank account with "Venmo" listed as the transaction description. On June 18, 2025, Burton attempted to repay $833.74 by transferring funds from her personal Venmo account to the club's Venmo account, with the transaction description "Balance owed to QBC." However, the transaction was declined. In May 2026, Burton repaid $833.74 and the remaining $200 from the $2,600 transfer.

On June 8, 2025, Burton used the club's Venmo to make a personal purchase of $150. Burton repaid these funds to the club on June 11, 2025.

Summary of Burton's Misappropriation	
Club Collections in Burton's Personal Venmo	$2,028.70
Transfers from the Club's Venmo	3,433.74
Personal Purchases with Club's Venmo	150.00
Total Misappropriation	**$5,612.44**
Repayment by Burton, June 2025	2,550.00
Repayment by Burton, May 2026	1,033.74
Unrecovered Amount	**$2,028.70**

On September 4, 2026, the Sumner County Grand Jury indicted Amber Michele Burton on one count of Theft over $2,500, and one count of Money Laundering.

The charges and allegations contained in the indictment are merely accusations of criminal conduct, and not evidence. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt and convicted through due process of law.

White House Blue Devil Quarterback Club Investigation Exhibit

INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE DEFICIENCIES

Our investigation revealed deficiencies in internal control and compliance, some of which contributed to Burton's ability to perpetrate her misappropriation without prompt detection. These deficiencies included:

Deficiency 1: The club failed to implement adequate segregation of duties

Club officers failed to adequately segregate their duties. Burton was responsible for receipting collections, making deposits, writing checks, and bookkeeping. The *Model Financial Policy* states, "Duties shall be segregated between officers and members of the SSO. No one person within the SSO shall be in control of a transaction from inception to recording." Allowing one individual exclusive control over all financial duties increases the risk of fraud without prompt detection.

Deficiency 2: The club failed to obtain two signatures on most checks

The club failed to obtain two signatures on most checks. The *Model Financial Policy* recommends, "Official prenumbered checks should require two signatures." Checks having two signatures provide an increased degree of control by indicating that both authorized signers agree that the payment is proper and reasonable.

Deficiency 3: Burton failed to deposit funds within three days of collection

Burton failed to ensure that the club's funds were deposited within three days of collection as required by the *Model Financial Policy*. Investigators identified two deposits made in June 2025 for collections received in 2024. A delay in depositing funds weakens internal controls over collections and increases the risk of fraud and misappropriation.

Deficiency 4: The club improperly paid the WHHS football coaches' salary supplements

Investigators determined that in December 2024, the club paid bonuses to the WHHS football head coach and assistant coach, employees of the SCSD. Salary supplements are additional payments made to an employee outside of their regular wages and include bonuses and awards. The *Model Financial Policy* states, "Payments for salary supplements must not be made directly to the coaches, assistant coaches, or other employees (e.g., teachers, principals) of the Board of Education. Salary supplements for Board employees must be paid through the Board of Education. The SSO must make donations to the Board for this purpose rather than paying Board employees directly. The SSO must not make salary supplement payments of any kind unless the Board of Education has approved fundraising for that purpose."

Failure to pay coaching salary supplements through SCSD increases the risk that coaches' benefits, tax withholdings, and other required deductions will not be properly handled and accounted for.

Club officials indicated that they have corrected or intend to correct these deficiencies.