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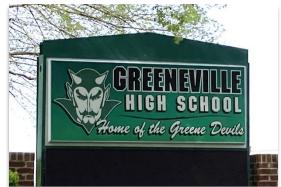
Former Greeneville Dance Team Booster Treasurer Stole Thousands

An investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office has resulted in the indictment of Kimberly Brown, the former treasurer of the Greeneville School Support Corporation's Dance Team Booster Club. The dance team booster club supported the Greeneville Middle and High School dance teams.

Comptroller investigators determined that Brown misappropriated at least \$6,079.79 from the booster club from September 2021 through November 2022.

Most of the money was stolen when Brown wrote reimbursement checks to herself and a family member totaling at least \$5,669.79. Brown admitted that much of this money was used to pay personal medical bills.

Brown attempted to explain her reimbursement payments by presenting investigators with three fabricated sales orders and one fabricated invoice as justification. Investigators confirmed with club vendors that the documents were not valid.



Additionally, investigators found that Brown knowingly issued a \$5,044 worthless check when the club's bank account balance was just \$1.38; Brown did not deposit at least \$3,407 of expected fundraiser collections; and Brown made questionable disbursements of club funds totaling at least \$7,439.15.

Based upon this investigation, in April 2024, the Greene County Grand Jury indicted Kimberly Brown on one count of theft of property over \$2,500, one count of worthless checks over \$2,500, five counts of forgery, four counts of criminal simulation, and four counts of fabrication of evidence.

"Our investigators identified a number of deficiencies in how this club handled its financial operations," said Comptroller Mumpower. "These problems included not maintaining adequate records, signing blank checks, failing to deposit funds within three days, and not submitting proper fundraiser approval forms."

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