

# Krause cites threats; skips VVC meeting

Special meeting to discuss contract extension canceled

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VICTORVILLE • Saying he and his family received threats, Victor Valley College Board of Trustees Vice President Michael Krause was a no show at a special meeting Friday to discuss extending the contract of school Superintendent/President Dr. Christopher O'Hearn.

Krause's absence caused the meeting to be canceled because only two board members present, one short of a quorum.

In an email sent to the Daily Press, Krause said on Thursday he asked for extra VVC Police presence at the meeting at school. Krause said he received more threats against himself and his family on Friday, so he skipped the meeting.

"Why do people feel they have to attack me personally and my family," Krause stated in the email. "This has nothing to do with them. These people should be ashamed of themselves. Is this what the High Desert has become?"

A message left for Krause seeking further comment was not returned late Friday night.

The meeting was publicly announced on Thursday after being approved by three of the five board members: Krause, Dennis Henderson and John Pinkerton.

Board President Lorrie Denson also did not attend. Board Trustee Joe Brady said Thursday he could not attend the meeting due to prior engagements.

O'Hearn was on vacation and did not attend.

Pinkerton said after the canceled meeting that the majority of the board is being "thwarted." He said three members have asked for the past two months that O'Hearn's contract renewal be put on the agenda.

After those attempts failed, he, Krause and Pinkerton agreed to schedule the special meeting, Pinkerton said.

Henderson detailed on the specifics of the last-minute meeting.

"When the president doesn't want to have a meeting, and the rest of the board wants to have a meeting, then the vice president has call the meeting," Henderson said. "We were going to have the meeting and (Krause) didn't show."

No make-up date is scheduled. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for May 14. It is not known if a discussion of O'Hearn's contract will be on the meeting's agenda.

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