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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA
CHARLESTON DIVISION

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B.P.J., by her next friend and *
Mother, HEATHER JACKSON, *
Plaintiff * Case No.
vs. * 2:21-CV-00316
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EDUCATION, HARRISON COUNTY *
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In his official capacity as * BPJ
Attorney General, and THE STATE * January 21, 2022
OF WEST VIRGINIA, *
Defendants *

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3 (It is hereby stipulated and agreed by and between
4 counsel for the respective parties that reading,
5 signing, sealing, certification and filing are not
6 waived.)
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8 VIDEOGRAPHER: We're now on the record.
9 My name is Jacob Stock. I'm a Certified Legal Video
10 Specialist employed by Sargent's Court Reporting
11 Services, which is located at 210 Main Street,
12 Johnstown, PA 15901. The date today is January 21st,
13 2022. The current time reads 10:09 a.m., Eastern
14 Standard Time. This deposition is being taken remotely
15 by Zoom conference. The caption of the case is in the
16 United States District Court for the Southern District
17 of West Virginia, Charleston Division, BPJ, by her Next
18 Friend and Mother, Heather Jackson versus West Virginia
19 State Board of Education, et al. Civil Action Number
20 2:21-CV-00316. The name of the witness is BPJ.

21 Will the attorneys present state their
22 names and the parties they represent?

23 ATTORNEY CAPEHART: This is Curtis
24 Capehart for the State of West Virginia. And with me is

1 my colleague, David Tryon.

2 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Good morning. This
3 is Kathleen Hartnett from Cooley, LLP, for Plaintiff
4 BPJ, who is the witness today. And the other
5 Plaintiff's Counsel could introduce themselves, first
6 with the others from Cooley and then we could go to
7 ACLU, ACLU of West Virginia and Lambda.

8 ATTORNEY BARR: Good morning. This is
9 Andrew Barr from Cooley, LLP, on behalf of the
10 Plaintiff.

11 ATTORNEY VEROFF: Good morning. This is
12 Julie Veroff from Cooley, LLP, on behalf of the
13 Plaintiff.

14 ATTORNEY HELSTROM: Good morning. This
15 is Zoe Helstrom from Cooley, LLP, on behalf of the
16 Plaintiff.

17 ATTORNEY BLOCK: Good morning. This is
18 Josh Block from ACLU on behalf of Plaintiff.

19 ATTORNEY STARK: Good morning. This is
20 Loree Stark with the ACLU of West Virginia on behalf of
21 the Plaintiff.

22 ATTORNEY SWAMINATHAN: Good morning.
23 This is Sruti Swaminathan from Lambda Legal on behalf of
24 Plaintiff.

1 ATTORNEY DENIKER: Good morning. I'm
2 Susan Deniker with Steptoe and Johnson, counsel for
3 Defendants Harrison County Board of Education and
4 Harrison County Superintendant Dora Stutler.

5 ATTORNEY GREEN: Good morning. This is
6 Roberta Green on behalf of West Virginia Secondary
7 School Activities Commission, and I will let me
8 colleagues introduce.

9 ATTORNEY BANDY: Hello. This is Kimberly
10 Bandy also on behalf of West Virginia Secondary School
11 Activities Commission.

12 ATTORNEY HAMMOND: Good morning. This is
13 Kristen Hammond. And Kelly Morgan is also on here with
14 Bailey and Wyant and we represent the West Virginia
15 State Board of Education and Superintendant Burch.

16 ATTORNEY DUCAR: Good morning. Timothy
17 Ducar here on behalf of the Intervenor, Lainey
18 Armistead.

19 ATTORNEY HOLCOMB: Good morning.
20 Christiana Holcomb with Alliance Defending Freedom on
21 behalf of the Intervenor.

22 ATTORNEY CSUTOROS: Good morning. This
23 Rachel Csutoros on behalf of Alliance Defending Freedom
24 on behalf of the Intervenor.

1 ATTORNEY BROWN: And good morning. Josh
2 Brown on behalf of the Intervenor.

3 VIDEOGRAPHER: And if that's everybody,
4 the court reporter can swear in the witness so we can
5 begin the deposition.

6 COURT REPORTER: Can you please raise
7 your hand, BPJ?

8 ---

9 BPJ,

10 CALLED AS A WITNESS IN THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING, AND
11 HAVING FIRST BEEN DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED AND SAID AS
12 FOLLOWS:

13 ---

14 COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

15 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Before we begin this
16 morning, if it's okay with Mr. Capehart, the parties
17 were going to put on the record a couple of stipulations
18 about objections that they had reached for today's
19 proceedings. I would just direct the record in this
20 case to the record of the deposition yesterday of
21 Heather Jackson held on January 20th, and the same
22 stipulations with respect to objections for
23 legal/medical and expert testimony with respect to
24 terminology and with respect to potentially

1 mischaracterization of the evidence. Those same
2 stipulations would hold today. And so for the record,
3 the Plaintiff agrees to that. And it would be helpful I
4 think if the other Defendants could just assent to those
5 stipulations for today on the record.

6 ATTORNEY DENIKER: This is Susan Deniker.
7 I stipulate to that.

8 ATTORNEY GREEN: This is Roberta Green on
9 behalf of WVSSAC. We stipulate to that.

10 ATTORNEY HAMMOND: This is Kristen
11 Hammond, and we also stipulate to that.

12 ATTORNEY DUCAR: This is Tim Ducar. We
13 also stipulate to that.

14 ATTORNEY CAPEHART: And the State does as
15 well.

16 ATTORNEY CAPEHART: Anything else,
17 Kathleen, or should I go ahead?

18 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Nothing here.

19 ATTORNEY CAPEHART: All right. Thanks
20 very much.

21 ---

22 EXAMINATION

23 ---

24 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

1 Q. Well, good morning. Nice to finally get to meet
2 you. My name is Curtis Capehart, as I said just a
3 minute ago. I represent the State of West Virginia in
4 this. Now up to this point we've been referring to you
5 by the initials as BPJ because that is the way you have
6 been identified in the Complaint that started this
7 lawsuit. Now, is that okay or would you prefer that I
8 call you something else while we're talking here today?
9 Because initials can be a little awkward. So if you
10 feel more comfortable with me calling you something
11 else, that's perfectly fine. You just let me know what
12 that could be.

13 A. You can call me B [REDACTED].

14 Q. Okay.

15 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: If I could just say
16 for the record, not to interrupt, that we filed with the
17 BPJ initials in light of the Rules of Court, but the
18 Plaintiff Counsel has no objection to you referring to
19 her as B [REDACTED] in this deposition.

20 ATTORNEY CAPEHART: Okay.

21 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

22 Q. You are represented by counsel here today and is
23 that Kathleen, Ms. Hartnett, that was speaking just now?

24 A. Yes.

1 Q. Have you ever been involved in a lawsuit before?

2 A. No.

3 Q. So you've probably never been deposed before,
4 have you?

5 A. Can you repeat the question?

6 Q. Sure. You haven't been deposed before then,
7 have you?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Okay.

10 Also if there is a time where you have trouble
11 understanding me or hearing me, just do what you just
12 did there, let me know and I'll try and speak up a
13 little bit. We don't have the best microphone
14 placements in here, so that might be a thing as we go
15 through today.

16 So as I go through and answer --- I'm sorry, if
17 I go through and ask you questions today, I just need
18 you to try to remember to answer verbally, not just nod
19 your head or shake your head because there is a video,
20 but we need to have those verbal responses so we can
21 truly understand what your answer is. And if you do not
22 understand a question, that's fine. You just need to
23 say so so that I can try and put together a better
24 question or try to explain more of what I'm trying to

1 learn. Okay?

2 Now, if you answer one of questions that I ask
3 you today, we are going to assume that you understand
4 it. So if there is any kind of confusion, we don't want
5 to deal with any of that. It's better you just ask me
6 and I'll try and improve my question for you.

7 Does that all make sense?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Okay.

10 Also, I want to kind of touch on a couple of
11 other things here before I get started with some
12 questioning. Just understand that we are not here to
13 judge you. We're just trying to learn some of the facts
14 here, things we don't know. This lawsuit was filed
15 trying to have a West Virginia State Law declared
16 invalid under the U.S. Constitution and another Federal
17 Law referred to as Title 9. And that's --- that's
18 pretty serious. So we, as the lawyers for the State,
19 have an obligation to defend that law. That means I
20 have to ask you some questions that might make all of us
21 uncomfortable a little bit, but I have an obligation to
22 try and get through these. That's not my goal. I'm
23 just trying to find out information. Okay?

24 Now, also if I ask you a question that makes

1 you very uncomfortable, tell me, and I can try, if I
2 can, to rephrase it in a way to make you not
3 uncomfortable. I can't say that I won't ask those kinds
4 of questions because there's some things that we have to
5 ask questions about, some things that we need to get
6 your testimony on, but I'm not trying to make you feel
7 bad or upset you in any way.

8 Okay?

9 A. Okay.

10 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: I would just object
11 to the extent you're seeking the witness to agree with
12 your description of your role. But on the other hand, I
13 appreciate you letting her know that she can let you
14 know if she has an upsetting question.

15 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

16 Q. Also, I'm just going to --- a word about
17 objections. Sometimes when we go through these, your
18 lawyer might make an objection. I may ask a question,
19 Kathleen may same objection, something else. Now, if
20 that happens, the lawyers may have to have a
21 conversation. It's unlikely, but the lawyers may have
22 to talk about something, at which point you wouldn't be
23 able to hear us or see us. We don't think that's going
24 to happen, but we at least want to let you know.

1 Also, generally, if your lawyer says objection,
2 you can go ahead and answer the question unless your
3 lawyer directs you not to.

4 A. Okay.

5 Q. Oh, and one last thing. If you need to take a
6 break for any reason, go to the bathroom, get more
7 water, something of that nature, just let me know and we
8 will take a break as soon as we can. We just can't take
9 a break if I've asked a question and we are waiting for
10 you to finish your answer.

11 Does that make sense?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Okay. Great.

14 We will try and get through this as quickly as
15 we can. I'm sure you have a lot of other things that
16 you would rather do on a Friday. So with that, let me
17 ask you, if you can, to please state your name for the
18 record.

19 A. First and last?

20 Q. Yes, please.

21 A. B [REDACTED] P [REDACTED] J [REDACTED].

22 Q. Great. What is your address?

23 A. Could you repeat the question?

24 Q. Sure. What is your home address?

1 A. I'm not sure.

2 Q. Okay.

3 And where do you go to school?

4 A. Bridgeport Middle School.

5 Q. Do you remember signing a document called a
6 Declaration back when this lawsuit was first getting
7 started?

8 A. I can't remember.

9 Q. Okay.

10 If you could look at --- it's marked Exhibit
11 31.

12 ATTORNEY CAPEHART: Court Reporter, if
13 you could pull up that exhibit also.

14 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

15 Q. So do you have Exhibit 31 in front of you?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. It's also up on the screen, just to make sure
18 that we're all looking at this document here?

19 MS. JACKSON: This is this.

20 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

21 Q. There's on the screen electronic version of it,
22 too.

23 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: For the record, we
24 have copies of the exhibits face down in the room with

1 the witness, and the witness may feel free to pick up
2 the exhibit once it's referred to by the questioning
3 counsel and look at the hard copy.

4 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

5 Q. Okay.

6 Looking at this, now if you look at the last
7 page, I believe it is number page four, it has the
8 initials BPJ there and then some handwritten
9 signature-like initials of BPJ. Looking at those, do
10 you recognize those?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And that's your handwriting, I guess?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Okay. Thanks very much.

15 Looking at this, does it jog your memory a
16 little bit that this is something you had to deal with
17 back when the lawsuit was started?

18 A. Not really.

19 Q. Okay.

20 And do you remember signing it?

21 A. A little bit.

22 Q. I know it's been a while, so I thought you might
23 want to go and look at a couple of these things to
24 remember what was in here.

1 MS. JACKSON: Do you want to read through
2 it?

3 THE WITNESS: No.

4 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

5 Q. If you want to take a minute, you can kind of
6 read all through it. You just go ahead and let us know
7 when you've had a chance to do that.

8 MS. JACKSON: You need to tell them when
9 you're done.

10 THE WITNESS: Oh, I'm done.

11 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

12 Q. Thank you.

13 Now, since you signed this back in May of last
14 year, obviously it's been quite a while since May. And
15 is anything --- well, let me rephrase. Back at that
16 time, if you look on page two, this was --- in
17 paragraph 11 you were talking about trying out for
18 cross-country and track. And obviously, with the
19 passage of time, you tried out for the track team,
20 right, cross-country track team.

21 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection, form.

22 THE WITNESS: I tried out cross-country.
23 Track is not a sport that was available at that time.

24 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

1 Q. Is track a spring sport?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Okay.

4 So you tried out for cross-country. Did you
5 make the cross-country team?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Back on the bottom of the first page, under the
8 paragraph number four, it describes that you when you
9 were younger would play with your mom's clothes, liked
10 paint and girly items. Whenever you said girly items
11 there with the quotations around it, what kind of items
12 are those?

13 A. Items that had maybe unicorns on it, sparkles,
14 anything that would stick out in general that was maybe
15 a mystical creature that was like a unicorn maybe. I
16 had some stuff that was pandas because I really like
17 pandas, and they were always multi-colored. And that's
18 about it.

19 Q. Okay.

20 I'm going to set that off to the side for a
21 minute and just ask you a few other questions. Your
22 mother told us that you are comfortable explaining your
23 gender identity. Are you?

24 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

1 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

2 THE WITNESS: Yes, because I am a
3 transgender female and a transgender girl.

4 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

5 Q. Okay.

6 I just want to make sure I got the terminology
7 down. Do you remember the first time you heard the term
8 transgender?

9 A. I can't remember.

10 Q. Okay.

11 As long as you remember, you just --- have you
12 always had an understanding of what transgender means?

13 A. I don't know, I don't think so.

14 Q. So --- and I'm not trying to put words in your
15 mouth. I'm just trying to understand. So do you think
16 there was a time that you didn't, but at some point you
17 learned it, you just don't remember when that was?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. All right.

20 Do you have any recollection of a time when you
21 were not a transgender girl?

22 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

23 THE WITNESS: A little bit of a memory,
24 but not much.

1 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

2 Q. What kind of a memory do you have --- let me
3 back up. How old is that memory?

4 A. Four or five years.

5 Q. Okay.

6 Was that memory --- what were you doing that
7 you can remember, I guess, maybe not being a transgender
8 girl at that time?

9 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

10 THE WITNESS: I think I was learning
11 something in school and I found it really interesting.

12 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

13 Q. Okay.

14 You don't remember what that was that you were
15 learning, do you?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Your mother also told us that at some point when
18 you were younger you told her that you were a girl. Do
19 you remember the first time you told your mother that?

20 A. I can't remember.

21 Q. Okay.

22 Do you remember the first time you told someone
23 other than your mother that you were a transgender girl?

24 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

1 THE WITNESS: I --- can you say it again?

2 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

3 Q. Sure. I will try to make it a little bit
4 better, too. Do you remember the time that you first
5 told someone other than your mother that you were a
6 girl?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Okay.

9 Can you tell me about that?

10 A. It was in school. It was new, whenever I just
11 came out, and it was the year of 4th grade.

12 Q. Okay.

13 Do you remember who you were talking to?

14 A. I don't remember.

15 Q. Now, you said that was 4th grade, that that was
16 the year that you came out. Do you use terminology like
17 socially transition when you talk about that time?

18 A. Could you repeat the question?

19 Q. Sure. Let me ask a different one. Are you
20 familiar with the term social transition or to socially
21 transition?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Okay.

24 When you --- and I'm going to use your term,

1 okay. When you said you came out in 4th grade and that
2 was the time when you maybe started talking to other
3 people about being a girl, you don't really remember who
4 that was, but generally how was that time for you?

5 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

6 THE WITNESS: It was good because I made
7 a lot of new friends. A lot of people were really nice
8 to me.

9 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

10 Q. Were your old friends nice to you, too?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. How was everybody at your school, teachers and
13 other folks that worked there?

14 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

15 THE WITNESS: They were very good about
16 it.

17 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

18 Q. Did you have any bad experiences that year?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Okay.

21 B [REDACTED], for you what does it mean to be female
22 or to be a girl?

23 A. Could you repeat the question?

24 Q. Sure. I'm trying to understand your perspective

1 on things, and so that's why I'm just asking, to you,
2 what does it mean to be a girl or to be female?

3 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

4 THE WITNESS: It means --- it means
5 everything. I've always wanted to be a girl.

6 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

7 Q. Okay.

8 And what is it about a girl or female that
9 makes them different from boys or males?

10 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

11 THE WITNESS: How they act and how they
12 dress their selves.

13 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

14 Q. Okay.

15 Anything else other than how they act or how
16 they dress?

17 A. Not that I can think of right now.

18 Q. Okay.

19 How do girls or females dress differently than
20 boys or males?

21 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

22 THE WITNESS: Females would wear ---
23 normally wear dresses and males would normally wear
24 tuxedos and suits. And their casual clothes are most of

1 the time different but sometimes can be the same.

2 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

3 Q. Okay.

4 So do I look like I'm dressed like a male
5 because I'm wearing a suit jacket and tie?

6 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

7 THE WITNESS: Yes.

8 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. Because that is also how you present yourself.

11 Q. Okay.

12 Is presenting one's self, when you say that, is
13 that different than how one dresses and how one acts or
14 is it both of those together?

15 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

16 Sorry.

17 THE WITNESS: It's kind of a mix of all
18 of it.

19 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

20 Q. Now, when you say that how someone acts is
21 different regarding girls to boys, what do you mean by
22 that?

23 A. Normally ---.

24 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

1 THE WITNESS: Most of the time males will
2 look very big and buff and females most of the time do
3 not like that look, but some can.

4 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

5 Q. Okay.

6 What else about how a person acts puts them in
7 a more of a female category than a male category?

8 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

9 THE WITNESS: They would maybe --- they
10 wouldn't want to look like a guy. A guy wouldn't want
11 to look like a girl and a girl wouldn't want to look
12 like a guy unless --- unless you do, which sometimes
13 people do do that.

14 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

15 Q. Okay.

16 So if someone is trying to look like a guy,
17 then they are going to wear more what I'll call
18 traditional attire, like you said, maybe like a tuxedo
19 or a suit with a coat and a tie and they may want to
20 look bigger and buff and in an overall way present
21 themselves as male.

22 Is that right?

23 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

24 THE WITNESS: Most of the time but not

1 all the time.

2 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

3 Q. Okay.

4 Are there actions or things that people do that
5 make you think this person is acting more like a male or
6 someone is acting more like a female?

7 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

8 THE WITNESS: Sometimes.

9 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

10 Q. Okay.

11 When you say sometimes what are you thinking
12 about?

13 A. Maybe people are walking around because
14 sometimes it's how they walk that you can tell and their
15 hair sometimes.

16 Q. What kind of hair is more male as compared with
17 hair that is more female to you?

18 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

19 THE WITNESS: I think longer hair is more
20 ladylike and short hair is more manly, but sometimes
21 people do like an option of that where people --- where
22 guys will like long hair and girls will like short hair.

23 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

24 Q. I think my father would agree with you on what

1 you said there. Are there other kind of behaviors that
2 people exhibit that are more male or more female besides
3 walking and maybe kind of their physical posture?

4 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

5 THE WITNESS: Not really, no.

6 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

7 Q. Okay.

8 Besides, as you said, males would be more big
9 and buff and females not really liking that look as
10 much, although some of them do, are there other physical
11 attributes that makes you think someone is more male or
12 more female?

13 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

14 THE WITNESS: Not really.

15 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

16 Q. Does height have anything to do with it?

17 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

18 THE WITNESS: No, because that can go
19 either way. That's genetics if you're tall or not.

20 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

21 Q. As you have been growing up, from what I
22 understand, you talk with your mom a lot.

23 Right?

24 A. Yes.

1 Q. Have you ever talked with your mother about what
2 it means to be female?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Okay.

5 What did your mother --- strike that.

6 Did your mother try to help you as you were
7 going through this process to kind of understand this a
8 little bit more what is male and female?

9 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

10 THE WITNESS: Could you repeat the
11 question?

12 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

13 Q. Sure. As you've been growing up and as you've
14 been talking with your mother over the years as you
15 realized, as you said, you're a girl and as we were just
16 talking about, that there are certain things in your
17 mind that go more with being female rather than being
18 male, did you and your mom have conversations about that
19 same kind of thing we were just discussing?

20 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

21 THE WITNESS: Yes.

22 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

23 Q. Okay.

24 What did you all talk about?

1 A. We talked about looks and --- mainly looks and
2 that was about it.

3 Q. Okay.

4 Did you talk about makeup?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Okay.

7 Is that something to you that is more female or
8 more male?

9 A. More female, but some males do wear them ---
10 wear it.

11 Q. Did you and your mom talk about jewelry?

12 A. Ish, not really because jewelry can be worn by
13 males and females.

14 Q. That's fair. I'm wearing some myself right now.
15 Did you all talk about anything else other than those
16 few things that you just provided to me and also the
17 makeup?

18 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

19 THE WITNESS: Not really.

20 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

21 Q. Okay.

22 Have you ever had any of those kinds of
23 conversations with your father?

24 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

1 THE WITNESS: Not really because I don't
2 think he would understand it because he is a guy that is
3 --- he really --- he likes doing manly stuff and I don't
4 think he'd understand makeup.

5 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

6 Q. So with all that in mind, I'm just trying to
7 understand how you think about some of these things.
8 How do you define girls and boys?

9 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

10 THE WITNESS: Males try to look muscular
11 and they do --- they lift weights and have short hair,
12 but girls can also do that, but it's most commonly found
13 with guys. With girls, they usually have long hair, but
14 guys can have that, too. They wear makeup and have
15 different clothing than males.

16 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

17 Q. Okay.
18 Are there activities that girls or females like
19 to do that men don't like to do or that males don't like
20 to do?

21 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

22 THE WITNESS: Not really because sports
23 are for everyone and they should --- and every --- and
24 any person should be able to play.

1 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

2 Q. I thank you for that. I was making it a little
3 bit more broad than that even though. Are there other
4 things outside of sports that may be girls and females
5 like to do that typically, from your experience, boys
6 and males don't like to do?

7 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

8 THE WITNESS: Not really because anything
9 that a female could do a male could do, and anything a
10 male could do a female could do.

11 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

12 Q. And among all of your friends, are they mostly
13 girls, mostly boys or all across both boys and girls?

14 A. They are mostly girls, but I do have some guy
15 friends.

16 Q. What do you like to do with your friends that
17 are girls?

18 A. We hang out, sometimes we play video games.

19 Q. Do you go --- do you like going to the mall or
20 shopping? I know that has been harder recently since
21 COVID?

22 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

23 THE WITNESS: Sometimes, but not really
24 because of COVID.

1 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

2 Q. Do you do the same kind of things with your
3 friends that are boys?

4 A. We also hang out. We talk about video games, we
5 play video games, so, yes, about the same.

6 Q. Okay.

7 At some point you decided to change your name.
8 Do you remember when you decided to do that?

9 A. When I came out.

10 Q. So in 4th grade, as you mentioned earlier?

11 A. I came out in the third --- the summer of third
12 grade. But when I was like actually talking to people
13 and stuff about it, it was 4th grade. So yes, when I
14 came out.

15 Q. Okay.

16 And so when did you start going by B [REDACTED] ?

17 A. The summer of third grade.

18 Q. Did you go by B [REDACTED] at school at that time, too,
19 or did you wait until fourth grade for that?

20 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

21 THE WITNESS: It was the summer of third
22 grade and I was kind of presenting through third grade,
23 but I didn't go by B [REDACTED], just --- at that point I
24 waited until fourth grade.

1 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

2 Q. Okay.

3 How did you select your new name?

4 A. I've always liked the name, so that's what I
5 liked.

6 Q. Okay.

7 And why did you decide at that time that you
8 needed a new name?

9 A. Because I didn't think my name fit for me.

10 Q. Okay.

11 And you're familiar with the term dead name.
12 Right?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Okay.

15 Do you remember the first time that you
16 encountered that word --- or I'm sorry, that term?

17 A. That term? When I came out, I was told that I
18 could be dead named and they told me what that was. And
19 then later I looked it up and figured out what it was
20 more in depth.

21 Q. Okay.

22 Do you remember who it was that had told you
23 that you could be dead named?

24 A. I can't remember.

1 Q. Was it your mom?

2 A. It may have been, but I can't remember.

3 Q. From what your mother and your father told us,
4 it sounds like your mother has been the parent that has
5 taken you to all but maybe one of your appointments to
6 talk to people about being a transgender girl. Is that
7 about right from your recollection?

8 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

9 THE WITNESS: Yes, that is about right.

10 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

11 Q. Have you had a lot of appointments to talk with
12 doctors or other healthcare providers about being a
13 transgender girl?

14 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

15 THE WITNESS: I wouldn't say it was a
16 lot, but I also wouldn't say it was like a little. It
17 was a good amount of appointments.

18 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

19 Q. Okay.

20 After one of those appointments you received a
21 diagnosis of gender dysphoria. Have you been told that
22 before?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Okay.

1 When was the first time you remember
2 encountering that term gender dysphoria?

3 A. I don't know the date, but I think my mom told
4 me that I had it.

5 Q. Okay.

6 Do you remember generally when that was?

7 A. I can't remember. It may have been 2021 or
8 2022.

9 Q. Also, when you're remembering something, if you
10 remember it by year, I know that is how I remember a lot
11 of things growing up, if something happened at a
12 particular year of school rather than a calendar year.
13 You know, if that's a frame of remembering for you, too,
14 that is fine also. Calendar years aren't as important.

15 Do you know what gender dysphoria is?

16 A. A little bit about it, but I don't know the
17 actual definition.

18 Q. Okay.

19 Did you look it up and research it like you did
20 dead name after you heard it?

21 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

22 THE WITNESS: I don't think so because if
23 I did I'd probably know more about it.

24 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

1 Q. And you said --- do you remember the doctor
2 visit where you first heard one of your doctors use that
3 term?

4 A. I can't remember.

5 Q. Do you remember an appointment with Dr. Montano?

6 A. Yes, I remember some of the appointments with
7 him.

8 Q. Okay.

9 There is some medical records that show that
10 you had an appointment with Dr. Montano where he did a
11 full assessment of you in the summer of 2019. Do you
12 remember that by any chance?

13 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

14 THE WITNESS: Not really because that was
15 a long time ago.

16 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

17 Q. Do you remember any appointment with Dr. Montano
18 that was a longer appointment where you talked about a
19 lot of things?

20 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

21 THE WITNESS: Not really because they all
22 felt like they went by so fast because during the things
23 I usually had to miss a day of school, and I was always
24 thinking about what I missed.

1 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

2 Q. I did the same thing at your age.

3 Whenever you had those appointments with Dr.
4 Montano or at Dr. Montano's office, I know oftentimes at
5 those appointments it's not just the doctor, that there
6 are sometimes other people that work there that will
7 come in and see a patient during the appointment time.
8 What do you recall about those appointments and who you
9 met with?

10 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

11 THE WITNESS: I can't remember, but I ---
12 I don't remember their name, but I remember a time where
13 someone else went in there.

14 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

15 Q. Do you remember the kinds of things that you
16 would talk about with Dr. Montano or any of the other
17 people at those appointments?

18 A. Maybe --- I don't know. I can't remember.

19 Q. When you were at appointments at Dr. Montano's
20 office, do you recall him or any of his staff running
21 tests on you?

22 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

23 THE WITNESS: I can't recall.

24 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

1 Q. Okay.

2 At those appointments do you remember hearing
3 people talking about how to treat gender dysphoria?

4 A. I can't remember.

5 Q. Has your mother discussed with you how your
6 gender dysphoria is being treated now?

7 A. Maybe back whenever I --- whenever I was
8 diagnosed with it, but I can't remember.

9 Q. Whenever there's any decisions that have to get
10 made about your treatment for your gender dysphoria,
11 does your mother talk with you about that and explain
12 everything that's happening?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Okay.

15 When you all are having those conversations and
16 a decision has to be made, does your mother let you make
17 those decisions?

18 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

19 THE WITNESS: Yes, I am part of the
20 making of the decisions what happens to me.

21 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

22 Q. Okay.

23 Do you and your mother ever disagree about what
24 should be done?

1 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

2 THE WITNESS: Not --- not --- I don't
3 think we have, but there is a possibility that could
4 happen or could have happened and I don't recall.

5 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

6 Q. Okay.

7 Give me just a second.

8 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Also, I think it
9 might be a good time to take a quick break just given
10 the youth and amount of water consumption. So maybe we
11 can take a five to ten-minute bathroom break when it's
12 good for you, Curtis.

13 ATTORNEY CAPEHART: Oh, yeah, that's
14 actually perfectly fine.

15 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Can we take a
16 ten-minute break? Yeah, let's just take a ten-minute
17 break so we're are not all back too early.

18 ATTORNEY CAPEHART: Sounds great.

19 VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the record. The
20 current time reads 11:01 a.m.

21 OFF VIDEOTAPE

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23 (WHEREUPON, A SHORT BREAK WAS TAKEN.)

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1 ON VIDEOTAPE

2 VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on the record.

3 The current time reads 11:13 a.m.

4 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

5 Q. Okay.

6 Well, during the break I was going back over
7 some notes and just have a couple of questions that kind
8 of relate to some things we already talked about and
9 then I'm going to move on.

10 Okay?

11 A. That Declaration that we had looked at earlier,
12 I recall that you had mentioned when you first looked at
13 it you didn't recall seeing it, you didn't recall
14 signing it, you then looked at your initial signatures
15 and then you had read the rest of the document. After
16 we went through all of that, did that jog your memory
17 any. Do you remember signing it?

18 A. I do remember signing it, but I kind of have a
19 little bit of memory seeing it, but I do have a memory
20 signing it.

21 Q. Okay.

22 Also, when you recalled learning and hearing
23 the term about dead name and that someone might do that
24 to you at school, did anyone actually do that to you at

1 school?

2 A. Not that I can remember.

3 Q. Okay.

4 I think you had also said you kind of did some
5 research. What kind of research did you do looking into
6 that term?

7 A. Just looking what it meant, looking up what it
8 meant.

9 Q. Did you look it up in a book or on the internet?

10 A. The internet.

11 Q. Okay.

12 Do you recall where on the internet you found
13 it?

14 A. I think I looked it up on Google and I did
15 another one, but I can't remember what it was. It was
16 one of the unpopular ones.

17 Q. Okay.

18 Also, when you were --- or when we were talking
19 about the characteristics or things that make a person
20 more female or more male you had said that height really
21 didn't make a difference, that that was really more
22 genetic. Do genetics have something more to do with
23 being a girl or a boy?

24 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

1 THE WITNESS: I wouldn't know.

2 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

3 Q. Also, is there anything that definitively makes
4 a person a girl or a female versus a boy or a male?

5 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

6 THE WITNESS: Could you repeat the
7 question?

8 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

9 Q. Sure. And I will preface it with kind of what
10 we were kind of talking about before. You were
11 describing how there were a lot of things that are
12 typically --- and I don't think you used that word but
13 I'm going to use it, more typically associated with
14 males like tuxedos or suits, short hair, being buff,
15 working out, that sort of thing, and other things that
16 were more typically associated with being female,
17 wearing dresses, longer hair, not preferring to have
18 that maybe over muscled physique, wearing makeup, that
19 sort of thing, and that there were even some other
20 things you said are maybe more associated with males,
21 but that doesn't mean that females don't do it or vice
22 versa. I think that's what you said.

23 So I'm wondering is there anything in your mind
24 that if you see a person doing that or wearing that or

1 whatever that thing might be, is there something that
2 you, if you see it associated with a person, you think
3 only boys do that or only girls do that?

4 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

5 THE WITNESS: No, because if I see
6 someone like that and I don't --- I don't immediately
7 go, oh, that's a guy, oh, that's a girl. I ask them,
8 oh, what are your pronouns, what is your gender
9 identity. And that's --- that's the better way to
10 figure out what they --- what they are and if they're
11 male or female or what --- if they're nonbinary or
12 whatever they are.

13 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

14 Q. You mentioned a term nonbinary. Can you explain
15 what nonbinary means?

16 A. It is a person that doesn't identify as a male
17 or female and they go by they/them pronouns.

18 Q. Do you know anyone that is nonbinary?

19 A. One of my lawyers is.

20 Q. Do you know anybody at your school or your
21 hometown that is nonbinary?

22 A. I don't think so.

23 Q. Okay.

24 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Heather, do you want

1 a minute for a break?

2 MS. JACKSON: Just to get a sip of water.

3 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Can you give her a
4 mute to, the court reporter, just to let her work
5 through that? It's happened to all of us. No worries.

6 MS. JACKSON: It went down the wrong
7 pipe.

8 ATTORNEY CAPEHART: And again, if you
9 need to take another break, that's fine, too. All okay
10 on your end?

11 MS. JACKSON: We're good.

12 ATTORNEY CAPEHART: Okay.

13 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

14 Q. I don't want to upset you, but I need to ask a
15 couple of questions about some comments that, according
16 to what we learned, your father had made in the past.

17 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

18 ATTORNEY CAPEHART: That wasn't a
19 question, but okay.

20 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

21 Q. We understand that ---.

22 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Sorry. Just to make
23 clear my objection was that you were stating that
24 certain statements had been made, and I'm objecting to

1 the foundation.

2 ATTORNEY CAPEHART: Okay.

3 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Go ahead.

4 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

5 Q. I've looked at some records and there are some
6 notations and [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED] When we were talking with
8 your mother she had said she did not know what had
9 happened there. Can you tell me what had happened when
10 that occurred?

11 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

12 THE WITNESS: Could you repeat the
13 question?

14 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

15 Q. Sure. We've seen in some records a notation

16 [REDACTED]
17 [REDACTED] Your mother did not
18 know what had happened on that occasion. She recalled
19 that when this happened, but she didn't know what had
20 actually occurred [REDACTED]

21 Do you remember that?

22 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

23 Go ahead.

24 THE WITNESS: I can't remember, but I'm

1 pretty sure it was --- I was scared of something that
2 was --- honestly I shouldn't have been scared of. It
3 was nowhere near me. It was probably a spider or
4 something. But just the phrase [REDACTED]
5 [REDACTED] it is like don't be
6 scared of that, there's no reason to. It's just another
7 use of don't be scared of that.

8 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

9 Q. Okay.

10 We were --- we were just wondering what had
11 happened there because, as I recall, when this was being
12 discussed yesterday, that your mother indicated you were
13 very upset when you had [REDACTED]

14 [REDACTED]

15 [REDACTED] Does that help you
16 remember anything more?

17 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection, form.

18 THE WITNESS: Not really.

19 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

20 Q. Also, we seen a note in one of the medical
21 records that was, again, discussed yesterday and your
22 mother said we would need to ask you about it. [REDACTED]

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ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

THE WITNESS: Could you restate the question?

BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

Q. Sure. We were looking at some records and there was some notation [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Your mother wasn't familiar with that and said we should ask you about it. So I'm asking you if you recall ever discussing that with one of your treaters?

ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

THE WITNESS: I don't remember discussing that with anyone besides my mom really. But it was a long time ago, so I --- I can't remember if I did or not.

BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

Q. Okay.

Do you know what that would relate to, that reference [REDACTED]

A. He probably got mad at me, like really mad in the situation, and he was probably threatening [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Has that happened sometimes?

1 A. A long time ago. It doesn't happen anymore now.

2 Q. Did it happen on multiple occasions or just
3 once?

4 A. It was --- well, it was a couple of times maybe
5 in like the same three days or something like that, but
6 after those three days it stopped.

7 Q. Did you talk with your mom about it when that
8 happened?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Okay.

11 Did she tell you that she was going to talk to
12 your father for you?

13 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection. Go ahead.

14 THE WITNESS: She --- I think she did.
15 She talked to him, and that's why he stopped doing it.

16 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

17 Q. [REDACTED] ?

18 A. Could you restate it?

19 Q. Sure. Do you have appointments from time to
20 time to [REDACTED]

21 [REDACTED]

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

24 [REDACTED]

1 Thanks.

2 ATTORNEY CAPEHART: Okay.

3 Now that we are through our building
4 emergency, if I could ask the court reporter to go back
5 to the last line of actual testimony. I don't recall
6 what point during that event we broke off the record,
7 but if you could go back and tell us where we were
8 whenever loud noises started happening.

9 COURT REPORTER: The question, sure. Do
10 you have any appointments from time to [REDACTED]

11 [REDACTED]
12 [REDACTED] Answer, yes. Question, okay. Who do
13 you meet with? And then that's when the fire drill
14 happened.

15 ATTORNEY CAPEHART: Thank you.

16 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

17 Q. [REDACTED], let's just pick up there. Who do you
18 meet with?

19 A. I meet with [REDACTED] His name is [REDACTED]

20 Q. Okay.

21 Do you know what office or group [REDACTED] is
22 with?

23 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

24 THE WITNESS: Could you repeat the

1 question?

2 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

3 Q. Sure. Is [REDACTED] or is
4 [REDACTED] part of a [REDACTED] ?

5 A. I don't know.

6 Q. Do you know the name --- I'm sorry. I cut you
7 off. Go ahead.

8 A. I just go to him for [REDACTED] That's ---.

9 Q. Okay.

10 How often do you meet with [REDACTED]

11 A. It just depends because sometimes maybe it's
12 once a month, but it can be anytime. If we call him and
13 we need to go, he usually has a spot open.

14 Q. Okay.

15 And just generally speaking, what kind of
16 things do you discuss with [REDACTED]

17 A. [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED]

19 Q. Okay.

20 Whenever you meet with [REDACTED] do you go in
21 alone or does your mother go in with you?

22 A. It depends. It usually starts with me and my
23 mom in there, then she waits out in the lobby and we
24 talk. And sometimes I go out and my mother talks to him

1 and then we get back --- we both go in the room at the
2 end and then we say bye and then we leave.

3 Q. Okay.

4 And how do you like that process, going to talk
5 to [REDACTED]

6 A. I love it because I can talk about [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED]

8 Q. Does that help you to feel better?

9 A. Uh-huh (yes).

10 Q. Do you know --- excuse me, do you know whether
11 you have had any [REDACTED] ?

12 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

13 THE WITNESS: Could you rephrase that?

14 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

15 Q. Yes. And let me back up and ask another
16 question I had forgotten to ask earlier. Do you know
17 what [REDACTED] profession is?

18 A. I don't know.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. All I know is that he is a [REDACTED] That's
21 what I know.

22 Q. Okay.

23 And do you know whether [REDACTED] is a [REDACTED] of
24 some sort or just a [REDACTED]

1 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

2 THE WITNESS: I do not know.

3 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

4 Q. Okay. Okay.

5 Now, if you could look at Exhibit 34. Do you
6 have the document marked as Exhibit 34 in front of you?
7 It says West Virginia Legislature at the top and then in
8 the middle of the page there's a line that says House
9 Bill 3293.

10 A. Yes, we have that.

11 Q. Okay. Great.

12 Have you ever seen this before?

13 A. I don't think so.

14 Q. Okay.

15 So if you --- this is just of kind of a cover
16 page for what was House Bill 3293 that passed the
17 legislature and was signed the Governor last year. This
18 is the --- this is the bill, the law that your lawsuit
19 is challenging.

20 Now, if you look --- start looking at page two
21 you'll see there is a lot of text here. Have you seen
22 any of this before? You don't have to read it all, just
23 kind of glance over it. And if you think you may have
24 seen parts before, you can say so, but ---.

1 A. I don't think I've seen this before.

2 Q. Okay. Okay. All right.

3 Well, I'm not going to ask you to read the
4 whole thing right now. I'm just going to ask you about
5 a couple of parts of it.

6 Okay?

7 A. Uh-huh (yes).

8 Q. Because there's a lot to read here.

9 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: I'll just refer to
10 our standing objection. Thank you.

11 ATTORNEY CAPEHART: Sure. Sure.

12 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

13 Q. On what's marked at the bottom of the page as
14 page two you'll see that there are kind of a column of
15 numbers that run down the left-hand side of the page
16 there. The top number on page two should be a ten?

17 A. Uh-huh (yes).

18 Q. Okay.

19 And I'll just refer to those lines to direct
20 you to a couple of spots. Okay. And just so you know,
21 that's a standard part of what a bill looks like so that
22 whenever they're looking at legislation people can refer
23 to a procedure or line. That way they can follow it
24 more easy.

1 So the lines I'm going to direct you to are 25
2 and 26. This is a definition that is set forth in this
3 bill and it is down in West Virginia Code. So just read
4 that and let me know when you've read that definition in
5 this bill.

6 A. I've read it.

7 Q. Okay.

8 Do you think that's a proper definition of
9 biological sex?

10 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to
11 terminology. Make that a standing objection.

12 THE WITNESS: I would not know that if I
13 --- if that would be ---.

14 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

15 Q. Okay.

16 Have you ever heard people use language like
17 biological sex or biological female?

18 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

19 THE WITNESS: Yes, I've heard people use
20 that.

21 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

22 Q. Okay.

23 Has anyone ever explained what they mean when
24 they have used that terminology around you?

1 A. I don't think so or I just can't remember.

2 Q. Okay.

3 This definition, at lines 25 and 26, does this,
4 based on the way that you have heard people use the term
5 in the past, is this about what you think they meant?

6 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

7 THE WITNESS: Yes.

8 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

9 Q. Okay.

10 So now that you've read that in this bill
11 that's what that term means, look up at lines 21 and 22
12 and let me know when you've read those two lines.

13 A. Okay.

14 Q. Do you agree with that statement at lines 21 and
15 22?

16 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

17 THE WITNESS: I don't because I think if
18 someone wants to play on the girls team, like me, they
19 should be able to even though they are --- they're not
20 following that requirement.

21 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

22 Q. Okay.

23 Before I move on to ask some questions about
24 cheerleading and track, I just want to talk about a

1 couple of other words that we were just touching on.
2 But I just want to make sure that we understand each
3 other or at least you understand me. You have heard
4 people use the term biological female or the term
5 biological male before.

6 Is that correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Okay.

9 And just so we're clear, if I use the term
10 biological female or biological girl, I'm describing
11 people who were determined to be female at the time of
12 birth. Okay? I'm not looking at the statute. I'm just
13 saying like if I use that term, that's what I'm talking
14 about. Just so that if I use a word and you're not sure
15 what I mean, I'm trying to explain in advance so there's
16 no confusion. Does that make sense?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Okay.

19 And also, if I say biological male or
20 biological boy I mean someone who was determined to be
21 male at the time of birth.

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. So if I use that --- if I use that kind of
24 terminology that is what I'm talking about, people who

1 were determined to be that at the time of birth. Okay?

2 When did you first get interested in sports?

3 A. I've always liked running. And I think
4 running's a sport, so since I could walk and run.

5 Q. What kind of sports, in addition to running,
6 have you been interested in?

7 A. Cheering was one. I was a little bit interested
8 in volleyball, but not anymore.

9 Q. Why not?

10 A. I just never --- I just didn't --- I just lost
11 liking of it.

12 Q. Whenever I say interested in --- let me
13 rephrase. Whenever you say that you are interested in
14 running, you were interested in cheer and been part of a
15 team and for a short time you are interested in
16 volleyball but aren't really interested anymore, do you
17 mean interested in participating and playing those
18 sports?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Okay.

21 Are there other sports that you have been
22 interested in from the perspective of being a viewer but
23 maybe not a participant?

24 A. Could you repeat the question?

1 Q. Sure. Besides the three that you just talked
2 about, running, cheer, volleyball, are there other
3 sports that you have an interest in as a viewer, as a
4 person that's in the stand watching it, or watching it
5 on television, but you don't have an interest in playing
6 or taking part?

7 A. I like watching football.

8 Q. Okay.

9 Anything else?

10 A. That's about it.

11 Q. Does your mom watch football?

12 A. Yeah. We like the same team.

13 Q. What team?

14 A. The Cleveland Browns.

15 Q. Do you like any other football teams?

16 A. Not really, no.

17 Q. Do you just watch professional football or do
18 you watch college, too?

19 A. Just professional.

20 Q. Now, have your parents encouraged you to be
21 involved in sports?

22 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

23 THE WITNESS: I'd say so that they
24 encouraged me.

1 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

2 Q. Okay.

3 Now that you've been on a couple of different
4 kind of teams, girls cross-country and also cheer when
5 you were younger, do you enjoy getting to compete as
6 part of a team?

7 A. Yes, I do.

8 Q. If you were in a sport where you weren't on a
9 team, that you were just an individual on a team, would
10 you enjoy that also?

11 A. No, because that's not --- that's not on ---
12 you're not on a team, you're not doing teamwork, that's
13 just by yourself.

14 Q. So is the bigger appeal to you in sports being
15 part of a team, being part of a group, working towards a
16 common goal?

17 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

18 THE WITNESS: Could you repeat the
19 question?

20 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

21 Q. Sure. You said you wouldn't really like being
22 in an individual sport, maybe something like, I don't
23 know, figure skating maybe, because you wouldn't be part
24 of a team, you would be --- that you like being part of

1 a team?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. So is that what draws you to some of the sports
4 that you are interested in, the team aspect?

5 A. Yeah, the team aspect and I can make new
6 friends.

7 Q. Do you consider yourself competitive whenever
8 you're playing sports or when you're playing games with
9 your friends?

10 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

11 THE WITNESS: I want to call myself
12 competitive. I'm just a person that likes playing
13 games. I'm not like, oh, I got to win. I just like
14 playing them, doing sports.

15 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

16 Q. Okay.

17 Do you have some friends that are like that?

18 A. Yeah, I have a couple of friends.

19 Q. I think we all have a couple of friends that are
20 like that.

21 So in those sports that you're interested in,
22 including football, do you think rules are really
23 important in sports?

24 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

1 THE WITNESS: Yes, I think rules are
2 important because you wouldn't want someone having an
3 unfair advantage, like cheating.

4 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

5 Q. Right.

6 A. And like ---.

7 Q. Sorry. Go ahead.

8 A. Like in baseball, I don't know what it's called,
9 but getting a better grip on the ball, that's cheating.
10 That's not fair.

11 Q. So do you think rules are a big part of or an
12 important part of making sure that sports are fair?

13 A. Yes.

14 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.
15 Sorry, B [REDACTED] Just make sure you give me a chance to
16 object, but you should then give your answer. So let's
17 try that one again.

18 ATTORNEY CAPEHART: Court Reporter, can
19 you repeat the last question?

20 THE WITNESS: Could you repeat the last
21 question?

22 COURT REPORTER: Question, so do you
23 think rules are a big part of or an important part of
24 making sure that sports are fair?

1 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

2 THE WITNESS: I think they are a big part
3 of making sports fair.

4 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

5 Q. What does it mean for sports, for competition to
6 be fair?

7 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

8 THE WITNESS: Well, sometimes it can mean
9 losing --- maybe winning unfair and winning things
10 because if people are cheating then they could get --- I
11 don't know if there's a cash prize. So if they cheat,
12 they're going to get that. That's not fair because they
13 get something out of cheating.

14 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

15 Q. So it sounds like that you're saying that if
16 somebody breaks a rule like the one that you were
17 talking about in baseball, and by breaking that rule
18 that helps them to win or beat someone else, that that
19 wouldn't be fair. Is that what you're ---?

20 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection.

21 THE WITNESS: Yes.

22 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

23 Q. I'm sorry. I think I lost part of your answer
24 there.

1 A. Yes, that's what I'm saying.

2 Q. Who do you think should make up the rules for
3 sports?

4 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

5 THE WITNESS: I don't know.

6 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

7 Q. I'm going to ask you a couple of questions about
8 your time on cheerleading. How many years were you on
9 the cheer team?

10 A. I was on the cheer team for two years.

11 Q. Okay.

12 And if I recall from what your mother had told
13 us, it was part of the Bridgeport Youth --- is it
14 Bridgeport Youth Football League? Is that what it was?

15 MS. JACKSON: Yes.

16 COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. Ms. Jackson,
17 did you say yes or was it the witness. I'm sorry.

18 MS. JACKSON: I said yes.

19 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

20 Q. My understanding is that that's not affiliated
21 with the schools in any way, that's an independent, what
22 a lot of people would maybe call midget football league
23 and that that league has cheerleading teams also.

24 Is that right?

1 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

2 THE WITNESS: Yes. Sorry.

3 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

4 Q. Okay.

5 I just want to make sure I understood that.
6 That's how things were when my daughter did midget cheer
7 --- midget league cheer, also.

8 What team were you on like B, C D? Do you
9 recall?

10 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

11 THE WITNESS: I was on Bridgeport Pee Wee
12 Red.

13 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

14 Q. Okay.

15 And were the members of that team all within
16 --- all the same age or within a year of each other?

17 A. They were within a year of each other.

18 Q. So was that third and fourth or fourth and
19 fifth?

20 A. I think it was fourth and fifth.

21 Q. Did you enjoy being on the cheerleading team?

22 A. Yeah, it was really fun.

23 Q. Did you like cheering at sidelines at games more
24 than competition cheer?

1 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

2 THE WITNESS: I did like cheering on
3 sidelines better because I had stage fright and I feel
4 whenever I was cheering on the sidelines most of the
5 people were paying attention to the game, so I didn't
6 have as much stage fright. But at competition, that was
7 the main thing that everyone was focusing on.

8 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

9 Q. When you would be part of the team and working
10 on your competition cheer, you all did stunts.

11 Is that correct?

12 A. Yes, that is correct.

13 Q. Did you get to be a flyer or were you a base?

14 A. I was a base.

15 Q. Did you enjoy that more than going up in the
16 air?

17 A. Definitely, because I have a fear of heights.

18 Q. Understandable. So now that you're in Middle
19 School you were on the cross-country track team this
20 fall and you're also interested in running track.

21 Is that correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Okay.

24 I know I've seen in some reports and maybe in

1 your Declaration, too, you mentioned that there were
2 other people in your family that had run. Is that the
3 basis for your interest in being on cross-country and
4 also doing track this spring?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Bridgeport Middle doesn't have coed teams, does
7 it?

8 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

9 THE WITNESS: Could you repeat the
10 question?

11 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

12 Q. Sure. Do you know what a coed team is? Have
13 you heard that term before?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Okay.

16 I realize I'm probably dating myself a little
17 bit there. That term is not really used all that
18 frequently maybe nowadays, but that just essentially
19 means that coed would be, you know, boys and girls all
20 on the same team together. And I guess you don't. You
21 just have a boys team and a girl teams.

22 Right?

23 A. Yes.

24 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

1 THE WITNESS: Sorry.

2 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

3 Q. Now, in this --- for spring track you're going
4 to try out for the girls team.

5 Correct?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Now, that tryout and also the one for
8 cross-country track, are those competitive tryouts where
9 everybody has to run and be timed?

10 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

11 THE WITNESS: Kind of because when we did
12 cross-country, all of us made it. But I was told that
13 the year before, when I was in 5th grade, that they had
14 to cut people because there was too many. So I think
15 that they only cut people if there's not --- if there is
16 too many.

17 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

18 Q. Do you know how many there were on cross-country
19 this fall?

20 A. I don't know.

21 Q. Okay.

22 If there is some upper limit, though, your team
23 didn't reach that limit in terms of participants?

24 A. I think it may have been exactly the limit or

1 less, but I don't know.

2 Q. You don't remember anyone that tried out not
3 making the team, though?

4 A. Nope. Everyone made it if they didn't quit.

5 Q. Okay.

6 Do you remember how many meets or events you
7 went to this past fall?

8 A. I don't know for a fact, but it was around seven
9 to eight.

10 Q. And were all of those competitive team events
11 where they were tracking everyone's times with a team
12 placing at the end?

13 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

14 THE WITNESS: Yes, there was.

15 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

16 Q. Okay.

17 How did you all do this fall?

18 A. We did very good.

19 Q. Great. Did you place at most of the events that
20 the team went to?

21 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

22 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

23 Q. And by team I mean did the team place at the
24 event that your team participated in?

1 A. Most of the time, yes. Some of them weren't,
2 but we always got close.

3 Q. Did your team get first place at any of the
4 events?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. How did that feel to be part of a team that got
7 first place at one of these events?

8 A. It felt awesome. It felt great.

9 Q. Okay.

10 So just because I don't know a tremendous
11 amount about cross-country or track and field, for
12 cross-country do you understand how the scoring works or
13 how the timing ends up with a team being first place or
14 second place or last place?

15 A. I do not know.

16 Q. But you would like to win, right? You would
17 like your team to win.

18 Right?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. What track sports do you want to run in this
21 spring, track events I should say?

22 A. I'm thinking about doing long distance.

23 Q. And by long distance what does that mean in
24 terms of the actual distance?

1 A. There is a mile, two miles, and I think there
2 may be a three-mile one.

3 Q. So are you training to build up your stamina to
4 those right now?

5 A. Not currently just because it is really cold
6 out.

7 Q. That's fair. Just like I was asking you to help
8 me understand a little bit about how cross-country does
9 its scoring and placing, I think I know a little bit
10 more about track and field. In events like the distance
11 runs, the one, two or even --- one mile, two mile or
12 even longer distances, there are individual places in
13 each of those events.

14 Correct?

15 A. Uh-huh (yes).

16 Q. So do the first, second, third place finishers
17 get metals in those?

18 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

19 THE WITNESS: I'm not sure because this
20 would be my first year doing track.

21 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

22 Q. And do you know whether the outcome of those
23 individual races are then factored into some overall
24 team standing?

1 A. I do not know.

2 Q. Okay.

3 Now, at all of these events that you have
4 participated in this past fall with the girls track team
5 and then the ones that you would like to be part of this
6 spring for track and field, those are just girls teams
7 against girls teams.

8 Is that correct?

9 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

10 THE WITNESS: I do not know because,
11 again, this is my first year.

12 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

13 Q. Okay.

14 Now, at the cross-country events you went to
15 this past fall, when your team got first place, that was
16 just competing against a girls team.

17 Correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Okay.

20 At those same events or meets are there also
21 boys teams present?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Okay.

24 But your team only competed against the girls

1 teams.

2 Correct?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Would you have liked for your teams to have
5 competed against boys teams and girls teams?

6 A. At a couple of meets they did. But when they
7 do, they only tallied the girls points and the guys
8 teams differently and then they did the teams' totals.

9 Q. Okay.

10 Did anyone explain to you why they did that
11 that way?

12 A. I don't know.

13 Q. Okay.

14 Do you think that they may have done those
15 tallies differently because someone thought that boys
16 could run faster than girls?

17 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

18 THE WITNESS: I don't know. I don't know
19 that.

20 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. But whenever we started the --- a different ---
23 like the guys would go five minutes before and then five
24 minutes later the girls would go, so it was easier to

1 tally up all the points.

2 Q. Okay.

3 Do you think that the boys can run faster than
4 the girls?

5 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

6 THE WITNESS: I do not believe so because
7 I also think that is a genetic thing, if you are fast or
8 not.

9 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

10 Q. Okay.

11 From what I remember reading somewhere you're
12 pretty good with math.

13 Is that fair to say?

14 A. Yes.

15 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

16 THE WITNESS: Sorry.

17 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: That is okay.

18 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

19 Q. Do you know what statistics are?

20 A. I am familiar with the word, but I don't know
21 what it means.

22 Q. Okay.

23 Would you and your teammates sometimes compare
24 times after meets?

1 A. Sometimes.

2 Q. Okay.

3 And at the cross-country events, was the course
4 that you would run a different length every time?

5 A. It was always around 2 miles to 2.3, so --- so
6 not really.

7 Q. Okay.

8 I was just curious because I have a number of
9 friends that are athletes and they really seem to enjoy
10 talking about statistics, you know, how fast they run or
11 in baseball a batting average or in football a
12 quarterback's completion percentage or something, that
13 those are, it seems for folks in and around sports, ways
14 that you can try to evaluate or to get a sense of
15 something about a person or group of people. Have you
16 heard and seen statistics talked about when you watch
17 those football broadcasts with your mom?

18 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to the
19 narrative and to the question form.

20 THE WITNESS: Could you repeat the
21 question?

22 ATTORNEY CAPEHART: Sure.

23 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

24 Q. Have you seen or heard statistics talked about

1 on those football broadcasts that you watch with your
2 mom?

3 A. Sometimes, but I don't really pay attention to
4 those because I mainly like watching the game.

5 Q. That's fair.

6 MS. JACKSON: Excuse me. She needs to
7 use the restroom.

8 ATTORNEY CAPEHART: Absolutely. Take a
9 break.

10 MS. JACKSON: Can you get through?

11 VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the record.

12 The current time reads 12:18 p.m.

13 OFF VIDEOTAPE

14 ---

15 (WHEREUPON, A SHORT BREAK WAS TAKEN.)

16 ---

17 ON VIDEOTAPE

18 VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on the record.

19 The current time reads 12:25 p.m.

20 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

21 Q. All right.

22 Well, let's see. When we left off I was just
23 asking you about things about statistics. Have you ever
24 looked up any statistical data about cross-country for

1 people your age?

2 A. No, I have not looked up the statistics for
3 people my age.

4 Q. And I think I framed that question as for
5 cross-country. Have you ever done that with track and
6 field, for example, the one mile or the two mile?

7 A. No, I have not.

8 Q. If you were to see statistics that show that, on
9 average, 11-year-old biological boys were 20 percent
10 faster than 11-year-old biological females in the mile
11 run, would that surprise you?

12 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

13 THE WITNESS: Yes, because I think
14 biological --- it's all about genetics, if you're fast
15 or not.

16 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

17 Q. So if you're fast or not is about genetics?

18 A. I think it is, but it could be not.

19 Q. Okay.

20 If that were true, that there is a statistic
21 somewhere that shows that 11-year-old biological boys
22 are 20 percent faster than biological girls of the same
23 age, would it be fair to have the biological boys
24 running in the mile race with biological girls?

1 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

2 THE WITNESS: Can you say the question
3 again?

4 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

5 Q. Sure. If there were statistics that did show
6 that difference of 20 percent between biological boys at
7 a certain age and biological girls at that same age,
8 would it be fair to allow biological boys to run that
9 same race as the biological girls?

10 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

11 THE WITNESS: If they identify as a
12 female, then I think, yes. But if not, then I don't
13 think that it should.

14 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

15 Q. Okay.

16 So you said if they identify as a female, then
17 they should be able to run with the biological girls?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Did I hear you right?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Okay.

22 So then could any biological boy be on the
23 girls team so long as they identify as female?

24 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

1 THE WITNESS: I think so. Sorry.

2 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Sorry.

3 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

4 Q. And when you say they identify as female, just
5 explain that to me so I make sure I understand it.

6 A. When people are transgender from male to female,
7 like me, that's what I think is identifying as a female.

8 Q. Okay.

9 Is it enough for someone in your mind to
10 identify as female for them to just say that they
11 believe they're female or do they need to do something
12 more than that?

13 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

14 THE WITNESS: I think they need to have
15 an appearance and there has to be a reason. Like ---
16 well, not a reason, but they have to --- they have to
17 not just say, oh, I identify as female, I should run.
18 They should have already been transitioned. It can't
19 just be out of nowhere. Like, oh, all of the sudden,
20 now that I started, I just realize that I can do this,
21 oh, I'm transgender. That's --- I don't think that ---
22 I think maybe --- I don't know, a year into the
23 transition that you should be able to.

24 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

1 Q. Okay.

2 So when you say a year into their transition
3 do, you mean like just their social transition, the way
4 they are presenting themselves?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Okay.

7 For that kind of hypothetical person that you
8 were describing there, if they had gone a year into
9 their transition, as I think you've described it, then
10 in your mind that's what they need to do so that they
11 could be on the girls team?

12 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

13 THE WITNESS: Yes.

14 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

15 Q. Okay.

16 Do they --- do they need to be doing something
17 else like taking puberty blockers or something of that
18 nature?

19 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

20 THE WITNESS: I think they should be on
21 puberty blockers to do it because if they have hit
22 puberty, then that's a different story because they hit
23 puberty and that's not changeable.

24 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

1 Q. Okay.

2 When they hit puberty and that's not
3 changeable, explain that to me a little if you can.

4 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.
5 Go ahead.

6 THE WITNESS: If they've hit puberty,
7 then they are maturing and they are going to get a
8 deeper voice. A girl would get a bigger Adam's apple
9 and then that's really it. And I think that gives them
10 more of an unfair advantage. I could be wrong, but I
11 think after they hit puberty, I don't know, I think
12 something happens, but I'm not sure.

13 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

14 Q. Do you think there is something else that
15 happens besides the depth of voice and the Adam's apple?

16 A. I think they may get faster because their
17 testosterone levels will rise.

18 Q. Okay.

19 And do you think that's not an issue for
20 someone that hasn't gone through puberty yet?

21 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

22 THE WITNESS: Sorry. Yes, because their
23 testosterone levels, if they are on puberty blockers,
24 won't be as high and they won't be --- it won't be high

1 and it won't give them any advantage.

2 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

3 Q. If there was someone in that situation that
4 wasn't on puberty blockers, do you think that would be
5 unfair for that person to be on a girls team?

6 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

7 THE WITNESS: As long as they haven't hit
8 puberty, then I think it's fine. But if they have hit
9 puberty, then I think they should maybe go on hormone
10 blockers and then maybe then, because I --- I could be
11 wrong, but I think their testosterone levels will drop
12 if they go on hormone blockers after puberty.

13 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

14 Q. Okay.

15 Do you think that they also need to be getting
16 treated for gender dysphoria?

17 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

18 THE WITNESS: I don't think that matters
19 because if they don't have gender dysphoria, why should
20 they be getting treated for it.

21 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

22 Q. So if there was a person that went through that,
23 a biological boy who had done all the things that you
24 say needed to be done and they could be on the girls

1 team, but at some point in the future that person
2 decided they wanted to, I don't know, revert back to
3 being on the boys team for sports, should that be
4 allowed?

5 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

6 THE WITNESS: If they want to, then yes,
7 go ahead, because they will --- if they are --- if they
8 still have the requirements to be on the girls team,
9 then they will be on puberty blockers and then the
10 testosterone levels will still be low. So --- but if
11 they get off, then they'll just raise back, and they
12 could still run on the boys team, but they can't run on
13 the girls.

14 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

15 Q. Okay.

16 You've been talking about puberty blockers like
17 a person that knows about them, which I think you do.
18 What do you know about puberty blockers?

19 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to the
20 preamble and to the form.

21 THE WITNESS: Okay.

22 Could you repeat the question?

23 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

24 Q. Sure. What do you know about puberty blockers?

1 A. They stop hormone levels from rising and they
2 have --- they have a chance for --- they have side
3 effects, but if you are transgender they can help ---
4 they can help with the process of a transition because
5 it will stop you from hitting puberty and you won't grow
6 an Adam's apple, you won't grow facial hair and your
7 voice won't get deeper.

8 Q. Okay.

9 You're receiving puberty blocking medications
10 now.

11 Is that correct?

12 A. Yes, that's correct.

13 Q. Okay.

14 Did you want to start that medication to delay
15 or prevent puberty?

16 A. Yes, that is correct.

17 Q. Okay.

18 We had talked some about your doctors'
19 appointments before. You had some appointments before
20 receiving the puberty blockers.

21 Correct?

22 A. Yes, that is correct.

23 Q. Okay.

24 Do you remember an appointment where you talked

1 with a doctor about getting puberty blocking meds?

2 A. Yes.

3 [REDACTED]

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ATTORNEY CAPEHART: I think this is a good spot to take a break. The next part that I'm going to get into I think is going to take a little more time than we have. I see it's 12:41, so if it's all right with everyone, I suggest we go off the record and talk about when we come back.

ATTORNEY HARTNETT: That's fine with us.

1 VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the record. The
 2 current time reads 12:41 p.m.

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5 (WHEREUPON, A SHORT BREAK WAS TAKEN.)

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7 ON VIDEOTAPE

8 VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on the record.
 9 The current time reads 1:19 p.m.

10 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

11 Q. Okay.

12 Well, before I move onto something else, I just
 13 wanted to follow up on something that you had mentioned
 14 before the break, B [REDACTED]. And I hope you had a good
 15 break. You had mentioned testosterone before. Where
 16 had you learned about what testosterone is?

17 A. The doctors.

18 Q. Okay.

19 Like Dr. Montano, those people?

20 A. Yes.

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BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

Q. Okay.

You had mentioned before in relation to a biological boy running on a girls team and that they would need to, I think you had said --- I'm not trying to put words in your mouth, but I think you had said something along the lines that they would need to be taking some kind of medication relative to the testosterone if they were either going through puberty or had gone through puberty.

ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

Q. Do you remember that when we were talking earlier?

A. Yes.

1 Q. Okay.

2 Why did you mention testosterone relative to
3 how a biological boy might be performing in running?

4 A. Because I think that --- that after --- whenever
5 you half an increase of testosterone, that --- I think
6 that increases your athletic ability, but I could be
7 wrong there.

8 Q. Okay. Fair enough.

9 Do you know that because of what the doctors
10 had talked to you about?

11 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

12 THE WITNESS: I am pretty sure, yeah.

13 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

14 Q. Okay.

15 Have you had done any independent research
16 yourself to learn more about testosterone?

17 A. I don't recall. I may have, but I don't
18 remember.

19 Q. Okay.

20 Do you recall reading the Complaint in this
21 lawsuit?

22 A. I do not.

23 Q. Okay.

24 If you could look at Exhibit 32 for just a

1 minute. Okay. It says Exhibit WV-32 at the bottom
2 right corner and has a lot of other words, but in
3 boldface in the upper right center are the words First
4 Amended Complaint. Okay. This is as it says is the
5 First Amended Complaint, means there was an original
6 Complaint that had been amended once in its first
7 Amended Complaint. Do you recall ever having seen this
8 before now that you are getting a chance to look at it?

9 A. Yes, I think so.

10 Q. Okay.

11 Do you remember reading over it yourself?

12 A. I don't think so.

13 Q. Okay.

14 Do you remember anyone discussing with you what
15 was in the Complaint?

16 A. I think I discussed it with my mom.

17 Q. But you don't know everything that's in here
18 because you haven't read it yourself.

19 Is that correct?

20 A. I don't.

21 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection.

22 THE WITNESS: I don't remember if I have
23 or haven't.

24 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

1 Q. Okay.
2 You don't remember if you have or have not.
3 Okay.
4 Now, I think we had talked before about the
5 fact that your lawsuit is challenging the HB 3293. You
6 may have remembered we had looked at that very briefly
7 and I had directed you to a couple of parts of it and
8 you had said you hadn't read the whole thing. And I
9 will also represent to you that it also had some other
10 definitions in there for biological male and female. Do
11 you believe there is a difference between biological
12 males and biological females?
13 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form and
14 the preamble.
15 THE WITNESS: I don't know.
16 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:
17 Q. Okay.
18 You don't know if there is any difference
19 between a biological boy and a biological girl?
20 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.
21 THE WITNESS: I don't know. I don't know
22 if there is a difference.
23 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:
24 Q. Okay.

1 Do you think there are physical differences
2 between a biological boy and a biological girl?

3 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection.

4 THE WITNESS: Could you repeat the
5 question?

6 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

7 Q. Sure. Do you think there are physical
8 differences between a biological boy and a biological
9 girl?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Okay.

12 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: And I just have a
13 standing objection in terminology, but I will not
14 continue to make that objection.

15 ATTORNEY CAPEHART: Noted. Thank you.

16 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

17 Q. What do you understand the physical differences
18 are between a biological boy and a biological girl?

19 A. A biological boy has a penis and a biological
20 girl has a vagina.

21 Q. Okay.

22 Do you believe there are any other physical
23 differences between a biological boy and a biological
24 girl?

1 A. There --- yes, but that part could be with
2 either one, because long hair could also be with a guy
3 or like that's --- like if a girl, a biological girl,
4 would probably have long hair, but a guy could also have
5 long hair. And then a guy could have --- a guy could
6 have short hair and a girl could also have that. And a
7 biological guy would probably want to look muscular, but
8 a biological girl would probably --- could probably want
9 to look like that.

10 Q. So apart from a superficial difference like hair
11 length or how much someone works out and also the
12 difference in genitalia, are you aware of any other
13 differences?

14 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

15 THE WITNESS: Not that I can think of
16 right now.

17 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

18 Q. Okay. Okay.

19 Can you all look at Exhibit 26? Do you have
20 Exhibit 26?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. This looks like it is an article from the
23 Gazette Mail. If you flip to the second page of the
24 exhibit, the fourth block of text up from the bottom it

1 reads, quote, I just want to run, I come from a family
2 of runners, close quoted, P [REDACTED] J [REDACTED] said in a news
3 release. Quote, I know how hurtful a law like this is
4 to all kids like me who just want to play sports with
5 their classmates, and I'm doing this for them. Trans
6 kids deserve better, closed quote. B [REDACTED], do you
7 remember talking to a reporter before this article got
8 written?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Okay.

11 And the quoted language that I was just reading
12 there that's also in the exhibit, do you remember saying
13 that?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Okay.

16 So those are your words, no one was
17 paraphrasing something you were trying to tell them
18 then?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Okay.

21 Is a trans kid an appropriate term to use?

22 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection, form.

23 THE WITNESS: Could you repeat the
24 question?

1 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

2 Q. Sure. In the quote it says trans kids deserve
3 better. I'm just curious, is trans kids a normal term
4 that is used and is acceptable to use?

5 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection, form.

6 THE WITNESS: Could you repeat the
7 question one more time?

8 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

9 Q. Sure. And I'm not trying to trick you. I'm
10 just trying to understand because you used the term
11 trans kids, and I think I've seen it in maybe another
12 article, too, and I just thought I encountered it
13 another experience. So I'm asking the question is that
14 an acceptable term to use to refer to transgender boys
15 or transgender girls?

16 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Same objection.

17 THE WITNESS: Yes.

18 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

19 Q. Is it okay to call you a trans kid?

20 A. If you don't know that I don't know my name and
21 you know I'm trans, then yes, that's acceptable. But if
22 you know my name and you're purposely calling me that,
23 then not really, but it's still fine.

24 Q. Yeah. And I don't intend to. I was just

1 curious ---

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. --- from the nuances and the acceptable use of
4 the term. So thank you. Excuse me. If you can look
5 at Exhibit 27.

6 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: And just for the
7 record and the witness's knowledge, B [REDACTED], you should
8 feel free to review the full exhibit before you answer
9 questions if you want to.

10 THE WITNESS: Okay.

11 MS. JACKSON: So that's the first page.

12 ATTORNEY CAPEHART: You all just let me
13 know whenever you're ready to proceed.

14 Okay?

15 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: I'm sorry. I think
16 B [REDACTED] is ready.

17 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

18 ATTORNEY CAPEHART: Okay. Thank you.

19 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

20 Q. I'm going to try to make sure I direct you to
21 the proper page. It looks like it's the last page of
22 the text, which looks like it's about the fourth to the
23 last page of the exhibit. At the top of the page the
24 test begins with the word when Justice. Right there.

1 Have you all found that on your hard copy?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Okay. All right.

4 So let's see, this first block here that reads
5 when Justice signed the Bill banning transgender girls
6 from sports teams, B [REDACTED] was devastated she said. Then
7 another quote, I felt horrible because I knew then I
8 couldn't run with the other girls. Do you remember
9 talking to the author of this piece before it came out?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Okay.

12 And does that quote seem right? Do you
13 remember saying that?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Okay.

16 Now, I recall earlier you mentioned that you
17 hadn't read the bill, the new law yourself, but here you
18 said you couldn't run with the other girls after the
19 Governor signed it. How did you know that since you
20 hadn't read through the bill?

21 A. I was told by my mom.

22 Q. Okay.

23 Do you remember when you and your mother had
24 that discussion?

1 A. I don't remember.

2 Q. All right.

3 Were you aware of this bill before your mom
4 told you that it was now a law?

5 A. I was aware of it, but I didn't know that it was
6 going to get signed.

7 Q. Okay.

8 What did you know about it before your mom told
9 you it was signed and was now a law?

10 A. That I wouldn't be able to run with the girls
11 once it got signed.

12 Q. Okay. All right.

13 If you move down to and look at the fourth
14 block of text there on the page it says as hard as it is
15 to be a trans kid and a mother of a trans kid, suddenly
16 thrust into the public eye in a conservative state,
17 B [REDACTED] and Jackson agree that the potential payoff makes
18 it all worth it. You don't have a problem with the
19 author using trans kid there, do you?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Okay.

22 How hard has it been in Bridgeport and Lost
23 Creek to be a trans kid, as the author says?

24 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

1 THE WITNESS: Could you --- could you
2 repeat the question?

3 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

4 Q. Sure. This little bit of language here is
5 talking about it being hard to be a trans kid and the
6 mother of a trans kid, so my question is how hard has
7 that been on you in Bridgeport and Lost Creek?

8 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

9 THE WITNESS: Well, a lot of the people
10 don't support it and don't agree with it, so that's what
11 makes it hard.

12 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

13 Q. Okay.

14 You had said that school had gone really well
15 with your transition.

16 Correct?

17 A. Uh-huh (yes).

18 Q. Okay.

19 So are these people you're describing now, are
20 these all people outside of school?

21 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

22 THE WITNESS: Yes.

23 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

24 Q. Okay.

1 What kind of people are these?

2 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

3 THE WITNESS: Usually adults.

4 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

5 Q. Okay.

6 Are these people you know or strangers?

7 A. Strangers.

8 Q. Well, what have they done?

9 A. Just not --- just be mean in general.

10 Q. Well, how are they being mean?

11 A. They don't support it. Sometimes people call me
12 names, just be mean.

13 Q. Okay.

14 Does this happen often?

15 A. Not as much now, but it used to happen a lot.

16 Q. When you say used to happen a lot, do you mean
17 back at the time that you transitioned or before that or
18 after that?

19 A. Well ---.

20 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

21 THE WITNESS: Well, at the time and a
22 little bit after because I was so --- I was new to it
23 and I didn't know how to handle people like being
24 meaning about it.

1 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

2 Q. Okay.

3 Would people be mean to you when your parents
4 were around?

5 A. They wouldn't do it like directly to my face
6 usually. They would say it to my mom or my dad and then
7 my parents would tell me. So it wasn't usually directly
8 to me.

9 Q. So when they would say these things, you weren't
10 in the presence of these people when they were saying
11 them?

12 A. Most of the time, yes.

13 Q. Oh, okay.

14 But then your mom and your dad would have
15 people say things to them and then your mom and dad
16 would tell you about what other people had said?

17 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

18 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

19 Q. Is that correct?

20 A. Yes, but sometimes they wouldn't tell me just
21 I'm assuming to try not to make me sad.

22 Q. Have any other kids ever said the kind of things
23 to you that your parents said adults had told them?

24 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

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THE WITNESS: No.

BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

Q. No? Do you and your family attend a church?

A. Not anymore.

Q. Okay.

Did you before?

A. For a short period of time, yes.

Q. Okay.

Did you ever have any issues or problems there?

A. No.

Q. So there weren't any adults at that church that were mean to you or that said mean things to your parents that you know of?

A. At that time I was not transitioned yet, so there was no comments like that.

Q. Okay.

Do you remember when you had said your mom had explained to you because the bill was now signed you wouldn't be able to run, did she explain what part of the new law would stop you from running?

ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

THE WITNESS: No, she just told me that because of this I couldn't run.

BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

1 Q. Okay.

2 And because you haven't read the bill yourself,

3 you don't have any knowledge of what part of the bill

4 prevents you from running.

5 Is that correct?

6 A. Yes.

7 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

8 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

9 Q. Thank you. All right. Let's see Exhibit 28.

10 I just was going to interject that you are free to read

11 the entirety if you would like to, the 20 pages. It's a

12 lot, but I have no problem telling you the only thing

13 I'm going to ask you about is the portion on the last

14 page, the part under the subtitle B [REDACTED]'s trials.

15 MS. JACKSON: Thank you.

16 ATTORNEY CAPEHART: You're welcome.

17 THE WITNESS: I'm ready.

18 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

19 Q. Okay. Great.

20 Do you remember talking to this author from

21 ESPN?

22 A. I can't remember.

23 Q. It sounds like your tryouts were pretty

24 challenging.

1 Is that true?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Okay.

4 Do you recall expressing anything to this
5 reporter that's quoted here or otherwise described?

6 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to the
7 form.

8 THE WITNESS: Could you repeat the
9 question?

10 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

11 Q. Sure. Do you recall saying this part that's
12 quoted here about your friends or discussing any of the
13 rest of it with the reporter?

14 A. I don't remember, but I think I remember saying
15 maybe some of this, but I can't remember. I can't
16 remember.

17 Q. Okay. Okay.

18 And it seems like you were understandably
19 excited to have made the team.

20 Is that right?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Okay.

23 How many girls were on the team this past fall?

24 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection. I'm

1 sorry.

2 THE WITNESS: I don't know.

3 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

4 Q. Okay.

5 And you were the only transgender girl on the
6 team.

7 Is that correct?

8 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

9 THE WITNESS: As I knew of, there may
10 have been people that haven't come yet, but of what I
11 knew I was the only one.

12 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

13 Q. So far as you know, you're the only transgender
14 girl on the team.

15 Is that correct?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Okay. Okay.

18 Exhibit 29, which is much shorter. Okay. Take
19 a look at that, however much you would like to, and then
20 let me know whenever you'd like to proceed.

21 A. I'm done reading.

22 Q. Okay.

23 Let's see. Just below, kind of the mid point of
24 the page, about the third block of real text it starts

1 off with a quote there and it says, quote, I just want
2 to run and the State wants to stop me from running as
3 part of a team at my school, end quote, said B [REDACTED], an
4 11-year-old Middle School student. Quote, I love
5 running and being part of the team and the State of West
6 Virginia should explain in court why they won't let me,
7 end quote. Do you remember saying or writing that?

8 A. I remember saying that.

9 Q. Okay.

10 Who did you say that to?

11 A. I can't remember.

12 Q. Okay.

13 But those are all your words.

14 Correct?

15 A. Uh-huh (yes).

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. In what ways --- strike that.

19 When you say that the State of West Virginia
20 should explain in court why they won't let you be part
21 of the team, are you referring to HB-3293?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. But as you said earlier, you're not sure what
24 part of that prevents you from running, you just know

1 that it does because you have been told that.

2 Correct?

3 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

4 THE WITNESS: Yes.

5 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

6 Q. Okay.

7 Sorry for that. B [REDACTED], are you aware of or
8 have you read anything that the State has filed with the
9 Court in this case?

10 A. I think I've skimmed through a couple of things,
11 but not really read them.

12 Q. Okay.

13 Those couple of things that you think you have
14 skimmed through, do you recall what those were?

15 A. One of them was the one thing we just read ---
16 the thing that we went through just a little bit, I
17 skimmed through that. And there was another one, but I
18 don't remember which one it was.

19 Q. Okay.

20 The thing that we went just went through, I
21 apologize, we have gone through a few things.

22 A. Just now, the one just now I skimmed through,
23 couple of paragraphs. I'm pretty sure at least.

24 Q. Do you mean Exhibit 29?

1 MS. JACKSON: This?

2 THE WITNESS: Yes.

3 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

4 Q. Exhibit 29 is not anything that the State has
5 written. I'm just explaining what this is. And my
6 understanding is that this is a news release from Lambda
7 Legal. So you think there may have been something else,
8 though, that you looked at, you're just not really sure?

9 A. Yeah.

10 Q. Okay. Okay.

11 Give me just a second to check a couple of
12 things. Okay. There's a couple of things to just run
13 through real quick and then I think I might be done.
14 One, just following back up on the thought of why the
15 State won't let you run, why do you think, to use your
16 words from this press release, that the State won't let
17 you run?

18 A. Could you repeat the question?

19 Q. Sure. In the release here there is, as you
20 said, your language saying that you want the State to
21 explain in court why they won't let you, referring back
22 to being part of a team and running. Why do you --- why
23 do you think that is?

24 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection. Form.

1 THE WITNESS: Because I don't think there
2 is a good enough reason for me to not be able to run.

3 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

4 Q. Okay.

5 When you say there's not a good enough reason,
6 has someone spoken to you or explained some reason why
7 they think that the State wouldn't let you run?

8 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

9 THE WITNESS: Could you repeat the
10 question?

11 ATTORNEY CAPEHART: Court Reporter, can
12 read that question back for us?

13 COURT REPORTER: When you say there is
14 not a good enough reason, has someone --- has someone
15 --- I'm sorry. When you say there's not a good enough
16 reason, has someone spoken to you or explained some
17 reason why they think that the State wouldn't let you
18 run?

19 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection.

20 THE WITNESS: No one has explained the
21 reason, but that's why I think there's not a good enough
22 reason for me to not run.

23 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

24 Q. So you have not had any conversations with

1 anyone who could explain what reasons the State may have
2 presented as to why they passed this bill?

3 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: I would just object
4 to the extent this would entail any conversations with
5 your lawyers, B [REDACTED], and you should not testify about
6 those conversations. If there are conversations other
7 than ones with your lawyer, you can testify about that.

8 THE WITNESS: What was --- can you repeat
9 the question?

10 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

11 Q. Sure. And to pick up on Kathleen's comment, I'm
12 not trying to get you to divulge any confidential
13 communications that you had with your lawyers, but I'm
14 just trying to understand your comment where you said
15 that there is not a good enough reason and that no one
16 has explained a reason why the State passed this bill.
17 So I'm asking you what kind of conversations have you
18 had, if any, with anyone other than your lawyers about
19 the reason why this bill may have been passed?

20 A. I haven't had any conversations with any of my
21 lawyers.

22 Q. Okay.

23 Have you talked with your mom about why this
24 law may have been passed?

1 A. I don't think I have, no.

2 Q. And you already said you have not looked at any
3 of the State's filings or documents that it has put in
4 before the Court in this case?

5 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection, MT.

6 THE WITNESS: I don't think so.

7 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

8 Q. Okay.

9 You don't recall whether you have seen those,
10 but you don't believe so, is that what you said
11 previously?

12 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection, MT.

13 THE WITNESS: Yes.

14 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

15 Q. Okay.

16 Real briefly, look back at Exhibit 31, which is
17 the Declaration that you looked at when we started.
18 Just let me know when you have it.

19 A. We have the Declaration.

20 Q. Okay.

21 Look at page three, if you would. Got it?

22 A. Uh-huh (yes), yes.

23 Q. Okay.

24 There at paragraph number 13 it says, I do not

1 want to run with the boys and I should not have to run
2 with the boys. What's wrong with running with the boys?

3 A. I'm not a boy. I'm a girl. I should be able to
4 run with the girls.

5 Q. Okay.

6 Are there any competitive concerns if you did
7 run with the boys?

8 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection. Form.

9 THE WITNESS: No. I just think I'm a
10 girl and I shouldn't have to run with the boys. I
11 should be able to run with the girls because I am a
12 girl.

13 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

14 Q. Okay.

15 One other --- one other quick question for you.
16 Do you know that under the law you could run with the
17 boys if you wanted to.

18 Right?

19 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

20 THE WITNESS: That I could if I wanted
21 to, but that's not --- I'm not running with the boys
22 because I am a girl.

23 BY ATTORNEY CAPEHART:

24 Q. Okay.

1 I just wanted to make sure that someone had
2 apprised you that the law does not prevent that, that
3 new law. Fair enough. And I believe that's everything
4 I have for you right now. Thank you very much for your
5 patience.

6 ATTORNEY CAPEHART: And whoever the next
7 person in line wants to take over the questioning, go
8 right ahead.

9 ATTORNEY HARNETT: And I know we haven't
10 gone for an hour yet, but I just wanted to check to see,
11 B [REDACTED], do you need a bathroom break before we do more
12 questions?

13 THE WITNESS: I'm good.

14 ATTORNEY ROGERS: I think I'm next if I'm
15 understanding the order that was established earlier
16 this week.

17 Is that right?

18 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: I believe Roberta
19 went next.

20 ATTORNEY ROGERS: All right.

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22 EXAMINATION

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24 BY ATTORNEY ROGERS:

1 Q. Hi, B [REDACTED]. My name is Shannon Rogers. I am one
2 of the attorneys that represents the West Virginia
3 Secondary School Activities Commission, which is
4 sometimes referred to as the WVSSAC. And so when I'm
5 saying WVSSAC that's what I'm referring to.

6 Does that make sense?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Okay.

9 Had you ever had heard of the WVSSAC before?

10 A. I don't think so.

11 Q. Okay.

12 Do you know if you have ever spoken to anybody
13 who is with the WVSSAC?

14 A. I don't know.

15 Q. You don't know? Okay.

16 Do you know if anybody --- well, strike that.

17 So you don't think you've ever communicated or
18 you just don't remember?

19 A. I don't think I've ever communicated.

20 ATTORNEY ROGERS: Okay.

21 I don't have any other questions. Thank
22 you, B [REDACTED].

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24 EXAMINATION

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BY ATTORNEY DENIKER:

Q. Hi, B[REDACTED]. My name is Susan Deniker. I'm an attorney who works at a law firm called Steptoe and Johnson, and I represent the Harrison Board of Education and the Superintendant Dora Stutler. Thank you for your time today. I know it has been a long day and I know it's hard to sit in front of a computer screen, so thank you. You've done a really great job.

I'm going to ask you a few questions about your experience in school and in cross-country. If I ask you anything that doesn't make sense or that you don't understand, please let me know. You've done a really great job with that today, but will you let me know if I ask you something that you don't understand?

A. Yes.

Q. Very good.

And then also, if you need to take a break at any time, just let me know and we'll be glad to take a break.

Okay?

A. Okay.

Q. So yesterday I got to ask some questions of your mom and she told me that you went to elementary school

1 at Norwood Elementary.

2 Is that correct?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And did you go to Norwood Elementary School from
5 kindergarten through the fifth grade?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. How did you like Norwood?

8 A. It was a nice school. I really enjoyed it.

9 Q. Did you have a good experience there?

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q. Was Mrs. Stutler your principal for a period of
12 the time that you were at Norwood Elementary School?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Did you know her then?

15 A. Like know her --- could you repeat the question?

16 Q. Sure. No. It probably wasn't a very good
17 question. Did you sometimes have interactions with Mrs.
18 Stutler when she was your principal?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And how was that? Was she nice with you when
21 you dealt with her?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Did you think she was a good principal?

24 A. Yes.

1 Q. Who was the principal after Mrs. Stutler?

2 A. Mrs. Shields.

3 Q. And did you like Mrs. Shields?

4 A. Yeah.

5 Q. Was she nice to you when you were at school?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Now, I know you said earlier that you came out
8 in the fourth grade.

9 Is that right?

10 A. I came out in the summer of third grade, but in
11 school it was in the fourth grade.

12 Q. Okay.

13 And something else I should have said to you at
14 the beginning is that I want to use terms that you're
15 comfortable with. And so if I don't use the right
16 terms, you correct me.

17 Okay?

18 A. Okay.

19 Q. So when you started school in the fourth grade
20 it is my understanding then you came to school
21 presenting as a girl, as a female.

22 Is that correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And did you have any discussions with your

1 teachers or the principal or anyone else at Norwood
2 about making that change?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Tell me about those communications that you
5 would have had.

6 A. I think it was the day before school started we
7 went to the school to establish where --- everything
8 about what the teacher should be calling me, where my
9 bathroom would be and everything like that.

10 Q. Were you part of that meeting, B [REDACTED] ?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Do you recall who else was in that meeting?

13 A. There was Mrs. Louder, it was the principal. I
14 don't know if it at the time it was Mrs. Stutler or Mrs.
15 Shields and someone else. I can't remember their name.

16 Q. Was the school counselor maybe part of that
17 meeting?

18 A. I think so.

19 Q. Was Mrs. Louder your teacher that year?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And was your mom also in that meeting?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Anyone else that you remember?

24 A. Not really, no.

1 Q. Were you happy with what came out of that
2 meeting?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. You were comfortable with the agreements that
5 was reached with regard to the name that would be used
6 and the bathroom facilities and any other accommodations
7 that would be made for you?

8 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection.

9 THE WITNESS: Yes.

10 BY ATTORNEY DENIKER:

11 Q. And then how did fourth grade go? Was it a good
12 --- was it a good year for you?

13 A. Yeah.

14 Q. Did you feel that the teachers and the principal
15 and the other employees of the school were supportive of
16 you?

17 A. Yes, very.

18 Q. Good. And did you feel that they treated you
19 kindly and fairly?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And it sounds like from your earlier testimony
22 that you also had a good experience with the students in
23 the school.

24 Is that correct?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Tell me about your fifth grade year at Norwood
3 Elementary School. Did you have a good experience that
4 year?

5 A. Yes. There was brand new teachers and my
6 teacher was Ms. Watson. She was a very nice teacher.

7 Q. And do you feel that everyone at the school was
8 supportive of you?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Did you feel that everybody treated you in a
11 fair and kind manner?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And so you had a good school year in fifth grade
14 as well?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Do you recall having any other meetings in
17 fourth or fifth grade to discuss your transitioning to
18 being --- to presenting as a girl at school?

19 A. Not that I can remember. Beginning of fourth
20 grade was the only one I think.

21 Q. And then it's my understanding that this year
22 you started at Bridgeport Middle School.

23 Is that right?

24 A. Yes.

1 Q. And are you in the sixth grade this year, B [REDACTED] ?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Do you remember when you were in Norwood

4 Elementary School having a meeting and filling out a

5 document that was called a Gender Support Plan?

6 A. Yes, I remember that.

7 Q. And did you participate in the meeting where

8 that plan was discussed?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And did you think that that was a good meeting?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Were you happy with the outcome of what was

13 agreed upon at that meeting?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And then you had another one of those meetings

16 with school officials before you started at the Middle

17 School.

18 Is that right?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And I think that that meeting happened in May of

21 2021, which would have been the end of your fifth grade

22 year.

23 Is that --- does that sound right?

24 A. Yes.

1 Q. And were you a part of that meeting?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Do you remember who else was a part of that
4 meeting?

5 A. We had my new principal, Mr. Mazza, the
6 counselor there, Mrs. Shields and my mom.

7 Q. And were you comfortable with what was discussed
8 and agreed upon at that meeting?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And how has sixth grade been so far?

11 A. It's been good.

12 Q. Do you like Mr. Mazza?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. He is your principal this year.

15 Is that right?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Do you feel like Mr. Mazza is supportive of you?

18 A. Yes, very.

19 Q. Good. And do you think that he treats you in a
20 kind and fair manner?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. How are your classes this year? Do you like
23 them?

24 A. Yeah, I like my classes. I have really nice

1 teachers.

2 Q. I think I saw that you are a straight A student.
3 Maybe I saw that in something that your mom wrote.

4 Is that right?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Congratulations. Good for you. Do you feel
7 that your teachers are fair and supportive of you?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And are you comfortable with the arrangements
10 that the school has made for you this year in terms of
11 addressing how you want to present at school as being a
12 girl?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. I know that we have discussed today sports and
15 your participation in sports, and I heard you say that
16 you love running.

17 Is that right?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And I understand that you tried out for the
20 girls cross-country team.

21 Is that correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. So I want to talk to you a little bit about that
24 process. The cross-country team, did they do some

1 training and conditioning over the summer before the
2 year started?

3 A. Yes. There was a week of conditioning before
4 the season started.

5 Q. And did that happen over the summer?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Did you participate in that conditioning?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And how was that experience? Was that a
10 positive experience for you?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And then tryouts I think were in August for
13 cross-country.

14 Is that right?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And were you permitted to try out for the girls
17 cross-country team?

18 A. Could you ---?

19 Q. Let me rephrase that. Were you allowed to try
20 out for the girls cross-country team?

21 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

22 THE WITNESS: Yes.

23 BY ATTORNEY DENIKER:

24 Q. And was that the team you wanted to try out for?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And did you make the team?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And I think you said this year they didn't have
5 any cuts.

6 Is that right?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Who were your coaches for cross-country this
9 year?

10 A. I had Ms. Schoonmaker, Ms. --- Coach Flesher and
11 Coach McBrayer.

12 Q. And did they coach both the girls and the boys
13 cross-country teams?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. How was your season?

16 A. It was good.

17 Q. Did you like cross-country?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Did you believe that your coaches treated your
20 fairly and kindly this season?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Did you feel that they were supportive of you?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. So you think it's fun to run up hills and

1 through water and mud, B [REDACTED] ?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Because that's what cross-country is about,
4 isn't it?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. It's a hard sport I think. Do you think it's
7 hard?

8 A. It depends if you've done it before and how much
9 you run normally.

10 Q. Do you think you would like to do it again?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And I heard you talk a little bit about track.
13 Are there other --- is track something that you're
14 interested in doing?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And I heard you said you might want to be --- do
17 the distance running in track.

18 Is that right?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. You're a tough girl. Cross-country and distance
21 running and track, those are the hard once, aren't they?

22 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

23 THE WITNESS: It just depends if you've
24 ran before or whatever you've done.

1 BY ATTORNEY DENIKER:

2 Q. I think that you're right. I think it depends
3 how good of shape you're in. Are you planning to
4 condition in the off season?

5 A. If it's not freezing, then yes.

6 Q. I understand. We were talking about what a cold
7 day it is here in West Virginia, isn't it?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. B [REDACTED], has anybody in the school system ever
10 told you that Harrison County Schools wouldn't let you
11 participate on a girls sports team for any reason?

12 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

13 THE WITNESS: After a bill was passed,
14 not --- I don't think there was because when the bill
15 was passed, I already went trying out and then we ---
16 then the whatever it was called where I could do ---
17 where I could play in the sports team from the Judge
18 came out.

19 BY ATTORNEY DENIKER:

20 Q. And I just want to make clear, did any of your
21 coaches ever tell you that you couldn't run on the girls
22 team?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Did Mr. Mazza ever tell you that you couldn't

1 run on the girls team?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Did any of your teachers tell you that you
4 couldn't run on the girls team?

5 A. No.

6 Q. And did Mrs. Stutler ever tell you that you
7 couldn't run on the girls team?

8 A. There was not a cross-country back then, so I
9 couldn't run whenever she was my principal, so ---.

10 Q. And that was when you were in elementary school.
11 Is that right?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And that's a good point that you brought up,
14 B [REDACTED]. There aren't any school sports in elementary
15 school in Harrison County, are there?

16 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

17 THE WITNESS: No, you're very limited to
18 them and most of them aren't even in the school. You
19 have to do them outside of school.

20 BY ATTORNEY DENIKER:

21 Q. Did you have any school-sponsored sports at
22 Norwood Elementary School?

23 A. I don't know. I don't --- yeah, I don't know.

24 Q. Okay.

1 Did you try out or participate in any sports
2 that were run by the school while you were at Norwood?

3 A. I --- no.

4 Q. And so let me go back and ask you about Mrs.
5 Stutler. So it's kind of funny. You had Mrs. Stutler
6 as your principal at Norwood for a little bit.

7 Is that right?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And do you know where she went after she left
10 Norwood?

11 A. The Board of Education.

12 Q. She did. She went to the Central Board Office.
13 And did you know that she's now the Superintendent of
14 Schools?

15 A. I did not know that. I just knew she went to
16 the Board of Education.

17 Q. Well, she's actually your school superintendent
18 now. And have you had any communications with her since
19 she became superintendent?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Well, now you know who your superintendent is.
22 So if you see her at school you can call her
23 Superintendent Stutler now.

24 B [REDACTED], let me check my notes and see if I have

1 any other questions. I think I'm just about done.

2 B [REDACTED], did you have any conversations with
3 anybody that works for the Harrison County Board of
4 Education, teachers, principals, anybody like that,
5 coaches, regarding this House Bill 3293?

6 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

7 THE WITNESS: Could you repeat the
8 question?

9 BY ATTORNEY DENIKER:

10 Q. Sure. Did you talk with anybody who works for
11 the Harrison County Board of Education or is somehow
12 connected with the Board of Education about House Bill
13 3293?

14 A. I think I did. I think I may have. I'm not
15 sure. I can't remember her name. It started with an S,
16 I know that.

17 Q. Do you know what that --- what the woman you're
18 referring to, do you know what her job was?

19 A. I do not know.

20 Q. Was it a teacher or a principal?

21 A. I don't know that. I just --- she was at one of
22 our meetings, and I think we may have talked a little
23 bit about that.

24 Q. And was that one of your Gender Support Plan

1 meetings?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Okay.

4 And was that the one before you were going into
5 Middle School?

6 A. I think. I can't remember. I just --- I can't
7 remember, but I think she either talked about that or
8 the Gender Support Plan.

9 Q. Okay.

10 Do you remember what she said about House Bill
11 3293?

12 A. I do not. Because she may have not talked about
13 it. She --- because she was there at one of our
14 meetings, so she could have not, but I think she did.

15 Q. But you don't remember what was said?

16 A. I don't.

17 Q. Okay.

18 Do you remember any conversations with anybody
19 at school or anybody affiliated with the school about
20 House Bill 3293?

21 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection, form.

22 THE WITNESS: Not that I can think of off
23 the top of my head.

24 BY ATTORNEY DENIKER:

1 Q. And B [REDACTED], I should have clarified. Do you know
2 what I'm talking about when I say House Bill 3293?

3 A. Yeah, HB-3293. Yes.

4 Q. Okay.

5 I just wanted to make sure that you knew what I
6 was talking about. I thought that you did.

7 B [REDACTED], if you had any concerns about how you
8 were being treated at school, would you feel comfortable
9 going to talk to Mr. Mazza about that?

10 A. Yes. If I was being treated bad, then I would
11 talk to Mr. Mazza.

12 Q. Would you also feel comfortable going to some of
13 your teachers about that?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. But do you feel that overall all of the teachers
16 and administrators, including your principals at
17 Bridgeport Middle School, have been supportive of your
18 status as a transgender student?

19 A. Could you repeat the question?

20 Q. Sure. And I apologize, it was a long one. Do
21 you believe that the teachers and administrators, and
22 that would include the principals and the other
23 employees at Bridgeport Middle School, have been
24 supportive of your transgender status?

1 A. Yes, I think they have been supportive.

2 Q. When you were on the cross-country team did you
3 believe your teammates were supportive of you?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And how about in school, have you had any issues
6 with other students or problems with students related to
7 your transgender status?

8 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

9 THE WITNESS: No. No.

10 ATTORNEY DENIKER: B [REDACTED], those are all
11 the questions I have for you now. Thanks so much for
12 your time today.

13 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: We can take a break.
14 I think this might be a good time to take a break and
15 then we can come back for questions.

16 VIDEOGRAPHER: Okay. Going off the
17 record. The current time reads 2:28 p.m.

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20 (WHEREUPON, A SHORT BREAK WAS TAKEN.)

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23 VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on the record.
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BY ATTORNEY HAMMOND:

Q. Hi, B [REDACTED]. My name is Kristen Hammond. And I'm an attorney with the law firm of Bailey and Wyant. And I represent the West Virginia State Board of Education and the State Superintendant Clayton Burch. And I just have I think a few questions for you today. Do you know what the State Board of Education is?

A. I don't know.

Q. Okay.

And do you know or have you ever heard of the West Virginia State Superintendant Clayton Burch?

A. No.

Q. Okay.

So I guess since you do not know them, do you have any memory or any recall of maybe talking to anybody at the State level or at the Board of Education level regarding this lawsuit or regarding the House Bill or your sports? How about we limit it to that?

A. I don't remember if I have or not.

Q. Okay.

So you just don't recall. Could you possibly

1 have talked to somebody?

2 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

3 THE WITNESS: Could you repeat the
4 question?

5 BY ATTORNEY HAMMOND:

6 Q. Yes. I just want to see --- you say you don't
7 recall talking to anybody. Do you think that it's a
8 possibility that you did talk to somebody or you don't
9 believe that you've talked to anybody?

10 A. I don't believe I've talked to anybody.

11 ATTORNEY HAMMOND: Okay. Thank you for
12 your time. I just had a couple of questions, and that's
13 all I have for you today. Thank you.

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15 EXAMINATION

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17 BY ATTORNEY DUCAR:

18 Q. Good afternoon, B [REDACTED]. I'm Timothy Ducar. I
19 represent the Intervenor in this case. I wanted to ask
20 you a question about Exhibit 29. Do you have that
21 available?

22 MS. JACKSON: Give me a second to find
23 it.

24 ATTORNEY DUCAR: Yes, that's it. Can you

1 scroll down just four paragraphs? Thank you.

2 BY ATTORNEY DUCAR:

3 Q. B [REDACTED], you had testified earlier that paragraph
4 that starts with I just want to run, that you had ---
5 that's a quote from you.

6 Correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. I just wanted to know, is that a quote that you
9 wrote on paper and provided to somebody or wrote on a
10 computer and provided to somebody or did you actually
11 say that with your --- verbally?

12 A. I said that.

13 Q. Verbally?

14 A. Yeah, I said that verbally.

15 Q. Thank you. When did you decide you liked
16 running?

17 A. I've always liked running. It's from when I
18 could walk, I liked running.

19 ATTORNEY DUCAR: We're done with this
20 exhibit, Mr. Court Reporter. Thank you.

21 BY ATTORNEY DUCAR:

22 Q. When did you decide you wanted to try out for
23 the girls cross-country team?

24 A. I've always wanted to do cross-country, so when

1 I had the chance I decided I wanted to.

2 Q. And did you know about it because your brothers
3 ran?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Did your mom encourage you to try out for the
6 girls team?

7 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

8 THE WITNESS: Yes. Yes, she encouraged
9 me.

10 BY ATTORNEY DUCAR:

11 Q. And these try-outs were last summer.

12 Correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Going into sixth grade?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Did your dad encourage you to try out for the
17 girls team?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Earlier you testified that you did well in
20 cross-country. Did you have any rankings?

21 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Object to the form.

22 THE WITNESS: I --- could you rephrase
23 the question?

24 BY ATTORNEY DUCAR:

1 Q. Do you have any idea how well you did on your
2 team as an individual?

3 A. I don't know.

4 Q. Do they keep track of individual times and ---?

5 A. I think they put it on a website.

6 Q. Is that something you have ever seen?

7 A. My mom looks at it, but I don't.

8 Q. Do you have any indication whether or not you
9 were one of the better runners or not one of the better
10 runners on the team?

11 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

12 THE WITNESS: I don't know. I think I
13 was good.

14 BY ATTORNEY DUCAR:

15 Q. Do you want to run cross-country again next
16 year?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Track tryouts are coming up in the spring.
19 Correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And you intend to try out for track?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Do you want to compete in any other sports
24 besides track and cross-country?

1 A. Not really.

2 Q. Why not?

3 A. I don't find any other sport really interesting
4 besides running.

5 Q. You said trusting?

6 A. Interesting.

7 Q. What does that mean?

8 A. What is interesting?

9 Q. Oh, interesting. I misheard you. Thank you.
10 And I think I misheard you on something else, so I'm
11 going to re-ask the question. Do you like to compete?

12 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to the
13 form.

14 THE WITNESS: I'm not a really
15 competitive person. I just play a sport because I think
16 it's fun.

17 BY ATTORNEY DUCAR:

18 Q. Do you consider yourself a good athlete?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. What makes you a good athlete?

21 A. I'm good at running, good at the sports I do.

22 Q. Do you try hard to win?

23 A. Yes. Well --- yes.

24 Q. Have you talked to anybody else about playing

1 other sports other than cross-country and track?

2 A. I've talked to my mom about playing other
3 sports.

4 Q. What sports have you talked to her about?

5 A. Volleyball and maybe basketball.

6 Q. And describe for me what you guys talked about
7 as far as volleyball and basketball?

8 A. We talked about trying new sports.

9 Q. When did you two talk about those subjects?

10 A. I can't remember.

11 Q. Was it in the last six months or ---?

12 A. I don't --- I can't remember.

13 Q. Did you bring up the idea of playing volleyball
14 to her?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And what did she say?

17 A. That's a good idea.

18 Q. Did she say that about basketball as well?

19 A. I think she may have brought up basketball, but
20 I can't remember. It may have been me or her.

21 Q. Did you feel like she was encouraging you to
22 play volleyball?

23 A. She liked the idea. So I wouldn't say
24 encouraged, but she thought it was a good idea.

1 Q. Did she think playing basketball was a good
2 idea?

3 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

4 THE WITNESS: I think so, yes.

5 BY ATTORNEY DUCAR:

6 Q. And as you sit here right now, you don't have
7 any plans to go out for a volleyball or a basketball
8 team.

9 Correct?

10 A. No, not right now. No.

11 Q. Do you foresee yourself running on the
12 cross-country team or on the track team later in high
13 school?

14 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

15 THE WITNESS: Yes, yes.

16 BY ATTORNEY DUCAR:

17 Q. Do you see yourself running on the cross-country
18 team or track team if you ever go to college on a
19 college team?

20 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Same objection.

21 Objection to form.

22 THE WITNESS: Maybe, but I haven't
23 thought that far ahead.

24 BY ATTORNEY DUCAR:

1 Q. Sure. When was the first time you remember
2 thinking that you wanted to be a girl?

3 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

4 THE WITNESS: I can't remember.

5 BY ATTORNEY DUCAR:

6 Q. Do you remember the first time you talked to
7 somebody about the fact that you wanted to become a
8 girl?

9 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection.

10 THE WITNESS: I also can't --- I don't
11 remember.

12 BY ATTORNEY DUCAR:

13 Q. There's a statement in the record that indicates
14 you feel like a girl. What does feeling like a girl
15 mean?

16 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

17 THE WITNESS: I just know that I want to
18 be a girl and I feel like a girl inside.

19 BY ATTORNEY DUCAR:

20 Q. You picked out the name B [REDACTED] for yourself.

21 Correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. When did you do that?

24 A. Whenever I transitioned.

1 Q. Going into fourth grade?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. How did you pick that name?

4 A. I've always liked it.

5 Q. Me, too. I have a daughter named B [REDACTED]

6 Did anyone else help you pick that name?

7 A. I think my friends liked that name, too.

8 Q. When did you start wearing girl's clothing at
9 home?

10 A. I mean, I've always wanted my mom's clothes, so
11 I really started dressing like that maybe at home, third
12 grade, the year of third grade.

13 Q. Did you ask your parents if you could do it or
14 did you just do it?

15 A. I just did it.

16 Q. What was their reaction?

17 A. Positive.

18 Q. When did you first ask your parents to refer to
19 you as she or her?

20 A. When I transitioned.

21 Q. Going into fourth grade?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. When did you start presenting as a girl in other
24 ways at home? I guess that would be makeup, other ways

1 besides clothing.

2 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

3 THE WITNESS: Could you restate the
4 question, please?

5 BY ATTORNEY DUCAR:

6 Q. Yeah. I'll withdraw that question.

7 When did you start presenting as a girl at
8 home?

9 A. It started when I was really young.

10 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection.

11 THE WITNESS: But I fully started wearing
12 clothes on my own, not wearing my mother's, around the
13 third-grade year.

14 BY ATTORNEY DUCAR:

15 Q. Do you wear jewelry?

16 A. Not a lot. I used to wear earrings but not
17 anymore.

18 Q. Do you wear makeup?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Are there other ways you presented at home as a
21 girl besides dressing as a girl?

22 A. Well, I always wanted girly --- a girly room and
23 girly items.

24 Q. And you started wearing girls clothing in fourth

1 grade.

2 Correct?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Do you recall the first time you saw a doctor or
5 a therapist about your desire to be a girl?

6 A. I can't remember.

7 Q. How did you first learn about puberty blocking
8 treatment?

9 A. Could you repeat the question, please?

10 Q. How did you first learn about puberty blocking
11 treatment?

12 A. My mom. My mom told me about it whenever I
13 transitioned.

14 Q. And is that something that you wanted to do?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. At some point you wanted to start hormone
17 therapy?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Do you know what that means?

20 A. Getting female hormones.

21 Q. B [REDACTED], do you ever feel anxious?

22 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

23 ATTORNEY DUCAR: Let me restate that.

24 That's fair.

1 BY ATTORNEY DUCAR:

2 Q. Does the fact that you are transitioning make
3 you feel anxious?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Does the fact that you're part of this lawsuit
6 make you feel anxious?

7 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Objection to form.

8 THE WITNESS: No.

9 BY ATTORNEY DUCAR:

10 Q. Do you know what the word anxious means?

11 A. Nervous.

12 Q. Do you know what gender dysphoria is?

13 A. Yes.

14 [REDACTED]

15 [REDACTED]

16 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED]

19 ATTORNEY DUCAR: Thank you, B [REDACTED]. I
20 have no further questions for you today.

21 ATTORNEY CAPEHART: We have no further
22 questions at this time. We're just going to note as we
23 have in the last two depositions the possibility of
24 having to revisit something. If for some reason some

1 medical records would could to light, although I
2 understand that's unlikely, we're still noting that, but
3 you would object to that?

4 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Yes, we object, but
5 we appreciate you making the record you want to make.

6 ATTORNEY CAPEHART: Thank you.

7 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: I'm sorry. Just on
8 that point, though, I mean, is there any specific item
9 that you lack today that you need to make a record?

10 ATTORNEY CAPEHART: I think our concern
11 has been the possibility of new records that might be
12 produced following the depositions.

13 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Okay. Thank you.

14 ATTORNEY CAPEHART: Thank you.

15 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: I mean, is anyone
16 else going to have any further questioning? Sorry.
17 Just for the witness's awareness, we're confirming
18 whether or not there will be additional questioning from
19 any Defendant.

20 ATTORNEY ROGERS: I don't have any
21 further questions.

22 ATTORNEY DENIKER: I have no further
23 questions. Thank you again for your time today, B█████.

24 ATTORNEY HAMMOND: I have no further

1 questions. Thank you.

2 ATTORNEY DUCAR: I have nothing further.

3 Thank you.

4 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: And we also have no
5 questions for the witness today.

6 VIDEOGRAPHER: Okay. If there are no
7 further questions, that concludes today's deposition.
8 And the current time reads 3:01 p.m.

9 COURT REPORTER: Is it reading and
10 signing for your client?

11 ATTORNEY HARTNETT: Yes. I'm sorry. I
12 meant to say that on the record.

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15 CONCLUDED AT 3:01 P.M.

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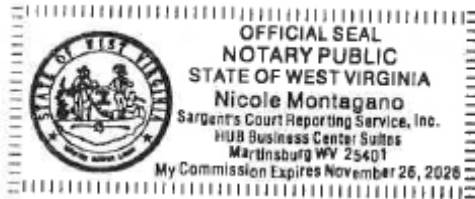
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