

Northeast Missouri School Superintendent Arrested For Stealing And Forgery News

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WORTH COUNTY, MO. -- The South Shelby R-IV School Board is going to withdraw its job offer to a superintendent candidate amid allegations that he stole money from his previous school district.

The agenda for Thursday night's emergency school board meeting said the district will rescind its offer to Michael "Mike" Rennells, 34, of Grant City, Missouri.

The Putnam County native hired to be the new superintendent of the South Shelby R-IV School district in Shelbina is facing legal troubles.

Incoming superintendent, Michael "Mike" Rennells, 34, of Grant City, Missouri, is accused of stealing from the school in northwest Missouri where he is currently superintendent.

According to court documents, Rennells faces one felony charge of stealing and two felony charges of forgery.

Those charges were filed Monday in Worth County.

Investigators claim Rennells used the school district's credit card to buy nearly \$1,700 worth of items for his personal use.

They said Rennells also fabricated invoices and made misleading representations on the district's Credit Card Purchases form to try to cover his tracks.

If his name sounds familiar, that is probably because Rennells used to be principal at Green City High School and later at Schuyler County High School.

He was also a coach in the Green City district during his time there.

South Shelby School Board members became aware of a potential problem when Rennells was locked out of his office in the Worth County Schools last month and placed on administrative leave by the school board there.

Rennell's bond is set at \$10,000. A spokesman at the Worth County Sheriff's Office said Wednesday afternoon that Rennell's was not in custody at the jail there.

The prosecutor indicated additional charges could be filed once all reports come in from investigators.