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Former librarian receives support

Liberty — “Fix the problem, don’t kill the messenger!!!” was one of several signs in the crowd at the Liberty school board meeting Monday night in support of former Liberty Middle School librarian Angela Page.

More than 100 teachers, students and community members turned out — and a dozen spoke out — asking the board to accommodate Page, not fire her.

The meeting was far different from a gathering held 15 months ago, when the board cut off public comment on Page’s status.

Page has said she developed multiple chemical hypersensitivities from exposure to mold at the library, which has a leaky roof.

Page, who is receiving workers’ compensation, was not at Monday’s meeting.

Faculty Association President Tim Hamblin and others gave the board credit for trying to improve conditions in the buildings. However, they asked the district to have compassion for Page.

The board did not make a statement Monday night.

On March 26 and 27, an adjudication hearing will be held during which the district’s attorneys will attempt to convince the state Department of Education to allow the school to fire Page.

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