BCTF president Glenn Hansman says the trustee "tiptoed quite far into hate speech" and sent a disturbing message to both students and parents.

Hansman says school trustees and boards of education are responsible for ensuring student safety, and he believes that's something Neufeld failed to do.

"Whether it's a *transphobic* comment, or a *racist* one or a *misogynistic* one, that simply cannot stand because public schools welcome all students, regardless of their race, their culture, their sexual orientation or their gender identity."

On April 13, 2018, Mr. Hansman was quoted by CBC radio and on CBC's world online publication:

The president of the British Columbia Teachers' Federation says a Chilliwack school trustee who made controversial LGBT comments shouldn't be "anywhere near students" and that's why the BCTF has filed a human rights complaint against him.

The complaint says that Barry Neufeld's alleged "hateful" public comments about trans people have created an unsafe work environment for teachers and students, as the province moves to make students of all orientations feel safer in schools.

On September 16, 2018, Mr. Hansman gave another interview to City News1130 which did not expressly identify Mr. Neufeld but which is claimed or in respect of him:

"It is extremely problematic to have somebody who is running as a school trustee continuing to **spread hate** about LGBTQ people – especially trans people – and **also be out there, making vile comments about refugees and immigrants, as a group**."