

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 22, 2022
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

November 22, 2022

1. Opening Items

1.01 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 1:03 p.m. in the Board Room of the Central Administration Building, located at 425 East Ninth Street in Reno, Nevada.

1.02 ROLL CALL

Vice President Diane Nicolet and Board Members Adam Mayberry, Ellen Minetto, Joe Rodriguez, and Beth Smith were present. Board Member Jeff Church was present through video conference. Superintendent Susan Enfield and staff were also present.

Vice President Nicolet read the following into the record on behalf of President Angela Taylor, dated November 21, 2022:

It is with mixed emotions that I submit my official letter of resignation from the Washoe County School District Board of Trustees effective immediately.

While I was originally informed that I could stay in office until the Nevada State Supreme Court canvasses the election results on November 22, 2022, today I learned that waiting until then could potentially create a legal issue and be challenged in court. Although I was advised that it isn't settled law, it doesn't make sense to risk putting the District in a protracted legal battle.

For the past 8 years, I have been blessed by the opportunity to represent the students, staff, schools and citizens in District E. During that time, I am humbled to have been elected to serve as Board President for 4 years, Board Vice President twice and Board Clerk once. I understand that leadership is a privilege and although not perfect, I hope my tenure leaves a positive impact behind.

I am excited about the future of the Washoe County School District a new chapter begins – new Superintendent, new Board, new strategic plan. Thank you for the honor and privilege to serve the District that I love.

Warmly,

Angela D. Taylor, Ph.D.

1.03 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

JJ Batchelder, Board Services Coordinator, led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Items for Presentation, Discussion, Information and/or Action

2.01 **REVIEW AND DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGARDING THE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED TO FILL THE VACANCY ON THE BOARD IN DISTRICT E CREATED BY THE ELECTION OF TRUSTEE ANGELA D. TAYLOR TO THE NEVADA ASSEMBLY; AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SELECT THOSE CANDIDATES TO BE INTERVIEWED BY THE BOARD FROM AMONG THE FOLLOWING LEGALLY-QUALIFIED APPLICANTS: MEGHAN BEYER, KELLIE CROSBY-STURTZ, JOSEPH GILBERT, CODY JOHNSON, ADRIENNE POTTER, JOHN REYES, AND ALEX WOODLEY; THE CHARACTER, COMPETENCE, AND MISCONDUCT OF ANY APPLICANT MAY BE CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD PER NEVADA REVISED STATUTE (NRS) 241.033 AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST ANY APPLICANT PER NRS 241.034**

Neil Rombardo, Chief General Counsel, reviewed the process previously used by Boards of Trustees to determine which applicants would move forward to be interviewed. Each Trustee would select three applicants to move forward to the interview stage. In terms of point distribution for the applicants, the top applicant each Trustee would be interested in interviewing would receive 3 points, the next applicant would receive 2 points, and the final applicant would receive 1 point. Once all results had been tallied, a motion would be required to move up to three candidates forward for interviews.

Vice President Nicolet explained each applicant would be provided 5 minutes to address the Board and community. No questions from Trustees would occur during this time. The order of the applicant remarks would be based on a random draw.

Meghan Beyer explained why she was interested in serving on the Board of Trustees. She talked about her experiences volunteering in her children's school, working as a substitute teacher, and conversations with teachers and other parents. She hoped she would bring a fresh perspective to the Board as a passionate mother interested in helping all children. She was interested in improving working conditions for teachers, including increasing pay, since she believed that would be the most important factor in improving educational outcomes for students.

John Reyes spoke to his experience and interest in serving on the Board of Trustees. He was a recent graduate of the District and felt he would bring a youthful mindset to

the Board. He had spent his time since graduation traveling, working, and volunteering. He noted his experience in the Men of Color program helped to provide him the leadership skills needed to serve on the Board.

Joseph Gilbert talked about his desire to be a champion of public schools as his primary interest in serving on the Board of Trustees. He believed it was important to address the challenges the schools were facing since that was the only way to improve the schools, currently ranked last in the nation. He wanted to address the chronic absenteeism and violence, especially sexual violence, occurring in the schools. He felt his experience as a business leader and former student athlete from the area made him the best applicant for the position. He believed the only way to get the District back on track was to "set a blow torch to it."

Alex Woodley spoke about his experience and interest in serving on the Board of Trustees. He provided information on his childhood and the importance of teachers in his life, his service in the United States Marine Corps, college, and raising a daughter as a single father. He currently worked for the City of Reno and volunteered his time on various non-profit boards. He was interested in helping the teachers and families to ensure no child was left behind and that they had the resources they needed to achieve their hopes and dreams.

Kellie Crosby-Sturtz explained about her experience as a parent and an educator as the primary reasons for wanting to serve on the Board of Trustees. As an educator in the District, she had served on various boards for both the State of Nevada and the Washoe County School District to improve education for all children. She understood the challenges many students faced and the services the District was able to provide both the students and families. She was interested in providing opportunities for students to reach their career or college goals. She believed she could provide a voice from the classroom to help address the challenges the District was facing.

Cody Johnson talked about his experience and why he was interested in serving on the Board of Trustees. He mentioned he was a candidate on the ballot for the seat in 2012 because he was interested in giving back to the schools because of what school had meant to him growing up. He noted he was the first person in his family to attend college. He had served as a volunteer coach for different sports and had also been an active member in various non-profits. He was a small businessman and understood the challenges teachers faced because his wife was an elementary school teacher.

Adrienne Potter was not present to provide remarks.

Vice President Nicolet opened the meeting to public comment.

Valerie Fiannaca expressed concern over the speed in which the Board was trying to fill the seat. She did not believe it was appropriate for Trustee Minetto to participate in the selection because of the amount of time she had left on the Board. She was concerned over Mr. Woodley's experience in government and would prefer to see someone with business experience selected. She urged the Trustees to seek balance for the Board and select Mr. Gilbert for the open seat because he had a plan for public education.

Tracey Hilton was a former student in the District and native Nevadan. She spoke in support of Mr. Gilbert for the open seat because she felt he was the only applicant who had a plan to improve the schools and that he would bring the community together.

Jodi Shaw was a long-time Reno resident. She spoke in opposition to Mr. Gilbert and wondered if someone of his character should even be allowed to apply for such a position. She felt it was inappropriate for someone to even be considered for a seat on a school board who had been fined \$10,000 for failing a drug test, spoke in support of Alex Jones on the Capitol steps on January 6, 2021, and who continued to speak against the sanctity of elections. She urged the Board to consider someone who was interested in raising the intelligence of all students to fill the vacant seat.

Nancy Carlson spoke in support of Mr. Gilbert. She indicated she had heard him speak numerous times. She believed Mr. Gilbert had the ideas and motivation to move students forward towards academic excellence. She remarked that his business and leadership skills were qualities that would fit in nicely with the other Trustees. She mentioned there were many in the community who were frustrated over what had occurred during the pandemic and felt it was important to have someone on the Board who was willing to speak in support of the students.

Patricia Moser Morris spoke in support of Mr. Gilbert. She understood he had been following the District for a number of years and had identified the challenges that needed to be addressed in the District. She thanked the Board for listening to her.

Paul White spoke in support of Mr. Gilbert. He claimed to be a career school reformer who had turned around numerous schools. He believed the only person who could address the rampant absenteeism, drug use, and violence against teachers was Mr. Gilbert. He expressed concern over the implementation of policies that did not allow Trustees and community to make unannounced school visits to actually see what was going on in the classrooms. He urged the Board to move Mr. Gilbert forward in the process.

Marie Rodriguez spoke in support of Mr. Woodley to fill the vacant seat. She had lived in the area since 2000 and had many grandchildren in the public schools. She knew today's students would be the ones running the schools years from now, so it was important for them to get every opportunity for a solid education. She had met Mr.

Woodley on numerous occasions and believed he was the most qualified person for the open seat because he was a testament to what public education could do.

Renee Rezendes spoke in support of Mr. Gilbert for the vacant seat on the Board of Trustees. She believed Mr. Gilbert was the best person for the position because of his experience. She felt Mr. Gilbert would provide unique insights into helping students because of his past mistakes and that he would be fair to all sides. She urged the Board to select someone who would be a fighter and make good changes in the District.

Dan Morgan spoke in support of Mr. Woodley for the vacant seat on the Board. He provided various examples of why he believed Mr. Woodley was the most appropriate person, including his service in the military, the fair practices Mr. Woodley continually upheld in the city department he ran, and his commitment and dedication to the charities he served.

Victoria Rios spoke in support of Mr. Woodley serving on the Board of Trustees. She urged the Board not to listen to the political rhetoric and select the most appropriate person for the vacant seat. She indicated diversity was important because there was not a lot of diversity on the Board already and it was critical for the make up of the Board to mirror that of the community, where diversity continued to increase.

Dr. Cesar Minera represented a network of 15 Hispanic churches in the area. He recommended the Board select Mr. Woodley for the vacant seat on the Board of Trustees. He believed Mr. Woodley was the best person for the position because of his dedication to improving all aspects of the community. He praised Mr. Woodley's ability to collaborate and work with others of various groups.

Jeff Vesley mentioned he was present because he had read an article stating Robert Beadles was threatening to sue if the Board did not select "his" candidate for the vacant seat. He urged the Trustees not to be intimidated by threats. He urged the Board to select someone who was willing to work and collaborate with all the Trustees. He did not agree with Mr. Gilbert's assessment of needing to "burn down the house" because where were the students supposed to go in the meantime. He believed the Board should select Mr. Woodley because of his problem-solving skills and new and innovative ideas.

Bruce Parks expressed frustration because he believed the Trustees had already made up their mind in who they wanted to fill the vacancy. He was frustrated because he did not believe the majority of the Trustees listened to what the people in the community were asking them to do. He claimed all the evidence showed the schools in the District were terrible and the current Board was not doing anything to improve the schools. He

believed the only candidate to come forward with a plan was Mr. Gilbert, but since that plan was not what the Board wanted to hear, they would probably not select him.

Dr. Noris Dupree spoke in support of Mr. Woodley for the vacant seat on the Board. He believed Mr. Woodley was the most qualified for the position because he understood the importance of school being the only safe place some students could go to, the only place some students received meals, and the only place where some students felt cared for. He felt Mr. Woodley was solution-focused and interested in getting the job done, not just for the students, but for the teachers and staff.

Pablo Nava Duran expressed his thoughts on each of the applicants. He indicated the only applicant he was opposed to was Mr. Gilbert. He mentioned Mr. Woodley was his first choice, followed by Ms. Beyer, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Crosby-Sturtz, and Mr. Reyes.

The Board received emails from the following:

Dianne Glass	Maggie Babb
Mike Fiannaca	Jenny Snaza
Matthew True	Lindsey Millard
Heather Kamami	Reva Crump
Victoria Myer	Lenni DePaoli
Graeme Reid	Susan and Edward McRae
Patricia Toone	Lance Allen
Fred Myer	R. Clark
Jill Tolles	Emily Eriendson
Reed Williams	Kris Klein
Ivet Contreras	Jessica Lunardelli
Jennifer Simeo	Dylan Evans
Janice and Patrick Flanagan	Kathleen Erlendson
Barb Mathers	Charles Pasillas
Susan McMurray	Jessica Fernainy
Kristen De Haan	Anne Burkhardt
Tracey Thomas	Darla Lee
Chris Morgan	Donna Clontz
Aubree Dixon	Amie Braik
LaVonne Brooks	Laurie Newman
Kathie Julian	Candice Wilkins
Karen Stout-Gardner	Leigh Anderson
Janet Butcher	Rod Moser
Bonnie K. Hill	Jafeth Sanchez
Pam Darr	Wayne Gordon
Darci Fletcher	Adi Cabral
Charles	Alex Alcantar
Susan Hoog	Lindsey Moser

Alejandra Hernandez-Guillen
Dr. Karla Hernandez
Laura Barrios
Washoe County Commissioner Kitty
Jung
Jesus Pulido
Diana Mackey
Karen Ross
Paul Mitchell
Alicia Barber
Amanda Rios
Peter Barber
Kevin Perez

Michael Shortt
Karen Barber
Claudia Castaneda
Judy Ashby
Januce Jones
Sally Burrows
Terri Ogden
Katie McDowell
Carlos Hernandez-Guillen
Mark Bacon
Melissa McGovern
Beth Martin
Crista Wilson

Trustee Smith mentioned the invitation to apply stated candidates must submit two components as part of the application. She noted there were two candidates who did not submit both components: Joseph Gilbert and John Reyes. She believed the process was clear and fair, so expecting the candidates to submit all information was an important test for her and she could not support those candidates who did not meet the requirements. She was impressed with the other candidates because they had the experience and qualifications needed to be part of the Board and make decisions impacting education.

Trustee Church highlighted that the emails to the Board appeared to be about 70% in favor of Mr. Gilbert and about 30% in favor of Mr. Woodley. He believed the Board should honor the community and move those two applicants to the interview phase of the process, then the final decision could be made. He did not think it would be fair to move additional candidates forward because the interest was really for the two applicants he had mentioned.

Trustee Rodriguez agreed with Trustee Smith in terms of what was to be submitted as part of the applicant. While he appreciated Mr. Reyes' comments, he could not support him because the application requirements were not met. He believed the Board should move three applicants forward and it would be difficult to choose from the remaining applicants.

Trustee Mayberry provided insight into what he was looking for from the applicants. He wanted someone who was interested in collaborating with the other Trustees. He appreciated the information the applicants provided at the meeting and noted the decision would be difficult because they were all qualified.

Trustee Minetto remarked that since her time on the Board, the Trustees had always removed those from consideration who did not complete the application requirements

so it was not new that some Trustees were not considering two of the applicants. The final decision would be challenging because all the applicants were extremely qualified.

Vice President Nicolet noted the Board did receive emails supporting the other candidates, not just for two applicants. She agreed the decision would be difficult because the qualifications of the applicants were excellent. She provided information on what she was looking and listening for when each applicant spoke, such as a focus on service, students and families, law and policy, and collaboration.

Vice President Nicolet recessed the meeting for 10 minutes for rankings and tabulation.

The results of the individual Trustee rankings were as follows:

Trustee Church

Joseph Gilbert – 3

(no other rankings were submitted)

Trustee Mayberry

Alex Woodley – 3

Meghan Beyer – 2

Kellie Crosby-Sturtz – 1

Trustee Minetto

Alex Woodley – 3

Kellie Crosby-Sturtz – 2

Cody Johnson – 1

Vice President Nicolet

Alex Woodley – 3

Meghan Beyer – 2

Cody Johnson – 1

Trustee Rodriguez

Alex Woodley – 3

Meghan Beyer – 2

Cody Johnson – 1

Trustee Smith

Alex Woodley – 3

Kellie Crosby-Sturtz – 2

Meghan Beyer – 1

The totals were as follows:

Alex Woodley – 15
Meghan Beyer – 7
Kellie Crosby-Sturtz – 5
Joseph Gilbert – 3
Cody Johnson – 3

Trustee Church suggested the Board narrow the pool to two applicants to interview.

It was moved by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Rodriguez that **the Board of Trustees reviewed the applications submitted to fill the vacant position in District E on the Board, and selected the following candidates to be interviewed by the Board: Meghan Beyer, Kellie Crosby-Sturtz, and Alex Woodley.** The result of the vote was 5-1: (Yea: Adam Mayberry, Ellen Minetto, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriguez, and Beth Smith. Nay: Jeff Church.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

Vice President Nicolet recessed the meeting for 5 minutes.

8. Reports

8.03 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Susan Enfield reported on her activities including meetings with staff, community leaders, and the media. She thanked Emily Ellison, Chief Human Resources Officer, for her service to the District and wished her the best in her future endeavors.

3. Consent Agenda Items

It was moved by Trustee Rodriguez and seconded by Trustee Mayberry that **the Board of Trustees approves Consent Agenda Items 3.02 through 3.04.** The result of the vote was Unanimous: (Yea: Jeff Church, Adam Mayberry, Ellen Minetto, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriguez, and Beth Smith.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

- 3.02 The Board of Trustees accepted the Budget Transfer Reports and provided authorization to include budget transfers between functions or programs for the General Fund for the period October 1, 2022, through October 31, 2022, in the amount of \$232,920 and approves the transfers from the District's General Fund Contingency Account to the Assessment MAP budget for the additional costs for MAP testing (\$156,050) and to the Communications budget for the Thought Exchange subscription (\$57,600), in the official Board minutes as required by Nevada Revised Statute 354.598005.

3.03 The Board of Trustees approved the Award of Request for Proposal for Strategic Planning Facilitator, RFP# 51-P-09-23-AS, to Performance Fact, Inc. in the amount of \$105,000 for a term beginning December 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

3.04 The Board of Trustees approved the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Reno and the Washoe County School District for the 360 Blueprint Mentorship Program.

4. Legislative Items

4.01 PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT AND/OR PROVIDE DIRECTION ON THE 2023 WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM FOR THE UPCOMING 2023 NEVADA LEGISLATIVE SESSION TO INCLUDE THE AREAS OF FUNDING, ACADEMIC SUCCESS, STUDENT & STAFF HEALTH AND SAFETY, EDUCATOR SUPPORT, AND COMMUNITY CENTERED APPROACH TO PUBLIC EDUCATION

Dylan Shaver and Tess Opferman, Pinyon Public Affairs, presented the draft 2023 Washoe County School District Legislative Platform. The purpose of the legislative platform was to provide direction to the Superintendent and District legislative team on the stance of the District on various pieces of legislation since it was not possible for the Board to review all legislation the District would take positions on. Highlights from the Platform included the District's Bill Draft Request (BDR) on systemic modernization, 10% pay increase for all education personnel, clear and forceful language regarding unfunded mandates, and creating opportunities for students to thrive on their own terms.

Trustee Rodriguez wondered why the District was only asking for a 10% increase. Mr. Shaver indicated the revenue to support a 10% increase was available and it was a sustainable amount. It was not clear if asking for a higher percentage would be sustainable.

The Trustees discussed if the 10% figure was appropriate or if the District should consider including a higher percentage. They were concerned if only 10% was requested, then school districts could end up receiving even less. Some Trustees were concerned how any additional funds would be allocated and if there were ways to ensure it would be used for a 10% across the board increase.

Trustee Church questioned if any additional funds could be used for salary increases or if the additional funds would be subject to negotiations first. He was uncomfortable approving such a request because he was not sure if he wanted to mandate the other

school districts in Nevada use additional funds just for salaries since their school boards might want to use the funding for something else.

Trustee Rodriguez asked if the Platform would allow the Board to champion other bills they were interested in supporting or if that was the purview of Pinyon Public Affairs. Mr. Shaver mentioned Pinyon Public Affairs would review legislation using the Platform as a guide. They would then submit bills to Superintendent Enfield and her team to review and determine if a supporting, neutral, or opposing should be taken on any specific bills. If the Board wanted to take a strong position, there were other avenues available that could be used.

Trustee Smith remarked that she would be interested in seeing additional language included in the Legislative Platform regarding the weighted funding formulas and how they were applied to all students, especially those who fell into more than one category, class size requirements, the funding equation used that placed Washoe County on the bottom in terms of per pupil amounts, and student behavior and discipline mandates.

Trustee Mayberry requested additional information on what a data-driven system was, competency-based learning models, and how to streamline the licensing and hiring processes without minimizing the requirements. Deputy Superintendent Keo explained the intent of a data-driven system was to leverage current assessment data, as well as other data collected by the District, and not increase the number of assessments occurring. Competency-based learning was finding ways for students to demonstrate competency in a topic or subject instead of focusing on the number of "seat" hours as a demonstration of understanding of a particular topic. In terms of streamlining the licensing process, the District wanted to make it easier for experts in Career and Technical Education (CTE) fields to become teachers.

Trustee Rodriguez wondered if there was time to make changes to the draft Platform based on the information provided during the presentation. Superintendent Enfield remarked the intent of the review was to allow staff to hear from the Trustees and gather input based on the discussion. A revised 2023 Legislative Platform could be brought back in December for final approval.

It was moved by Trustee Rodriguez and seconded by Trustee Mayberry that **the Board of Trustees changes the 10% increase to a 20% increase and moves the location of the language to the first page of the document.**

Vice President Nicolet opened the motion for discussion.

Trustee Smith indicated she would prefer to provide feedback on the Platform and then have staff present the revisions at a future meeting where the Board could provide final approval.

Vice President Nicolet remarked that she would like to have input from the Office of Business and Finance before making any final decisions.

Trustee Smith requested a friendly amendment that would allow for a proposed 20% increase to be reviewed by staff and feedback brought back, along with the final draft of the Platform, to the Board for additional review.

Trustee Church stated he was not comfortable with the 20% figure.

The motion was withdrawn by Trustee Rodriguez and seconded by Trustee Mayberry to allow for an alternative motion.

It was moved by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Mayberry that **the Board of Trustees directs Superintendent Enfield to explore a 20% increase with research from staff and legislative partners and bring the information back for consideration at the December 13 Regular Meeting.**

Vice President Nicolet opened the motion for discussion.

Trustee Church clarified the motion was not the final motion for the agenda item.

Vice President Nicolet stated that was correct. The motion was only related to a 20% salary increase.

The result of the vote was 5-1: (Yea: Adam Mayberry, Ellen Minetto, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriguez, and Beth Smith. Nay: Jeff Church.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

The Board continued their discussion on items they would like to see as part of the Legislative Platform, including a review of the funding formula and weighted amounts, traffic safety, human trafficking, student behavior and discipline, streaming licensing, and limits on any possible new taxes. Superintendent Enfield cautioned that was important for the Platform to be broad and not focus on too many specifics. She urged the Trustees to determine if topics they were interested in could be included as part of the larger headings.

It was moved by Trustee Church and seconded by Trustee Rodriguez that **the Board of Trustees directs Superintendent Enfield to consider the opinions expressed and provides additional information at the next meeting.** The result of the vote was Unanimous: (Yea: Jeff Church, Adam Mayberry, Ellen Minetto, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriguez, and Beth Smith.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

5. Finance Items

5.01 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 BUDGET PROCESS AND 4-YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN

Mark Mathers, Chief Financial Officer, and Jeff Bozzo, Budget Director, provided a presentation on the development of the District's budget, the Pupil Centered Funding Plan (PCFP), the State Education Fund, and the creation of a 4-year financial plan. If the state adhered to the spirit of the PCFP, the District should see an increase in revenue because of the strength of the economy. The impacts of a possible recession on the State Education Fund and State General Fund were reviewed. Policy questions related to the development of the State Education Fund were posed. The outlook for the District's Fiscal Year 2024 budget was presented.

Vice President Nicolet asked what the state budget process was like with a new governor. Mr. Mathers explained a new governor did not have the opportunity to provide a lot of input into the new budget because they took office in January and the legislative session began in February. New governors were forced to heavily rely on the prior governor's recommended budget, which was based on the projections from the Economic Forum made in early December.

Vice President Nicolet recessed the meeting for 20 minutes.

6. Items for Presentation, Discussion, Information and/or Action**6.01 PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE 2022/23 'A' MAJOR PROJECTS PROGRAM THAT INCLUDES PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THE ATTACHED LIST OF PROGRAM PROJECTS AND ASSOCIATED COSTS FOR EACH PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000,000 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CAPITAL FUNDING PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

Adam Searcy, Chief Operations Officer, explained the 2022/23 'A' Major Projects Program was presented to and approved by the Capital Funding Protection Committee in September 2022. The Program included one project, which was a new elementary school in the north Spanish Springs area. The current and projected growth in the community and elementary school enrollment for the area was reviewed. He noted the District did not want to build new schools unless they were absolutely necessary. The budget for the Program was for the design phase only. The District would continue to monitor the growth and re-evaluate the project prior to presenting any item to begin construction.

Trustee Church inquired about the capacity of John C. Bohach Elementary School. Mr. Searcy stated the capacity of the school was about 715 students. The current enrollment of the school was 800 students.

Trustee Rodriguez thanked staff for bringing the recommendation. He highlighted that the Spanish Springs and the North Valleys areas were the fastest growing sections of Washoe County.

It was moved by Trustee Rodriguez and seconded by Trustee Mayberry that **the Board of Trustees approves the Washoe County School District Capital Improvement Program, to include the 2022/23 'A' Major Projects Program in the amount of \$3,000,000 to provide for projects throughout the District.**

The result of the vote was Unanimous: (Yea: Jeff Church, Adam Mayberry, Ellen Minetto, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriguez, and Beth Smith.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

6.02 QUALITY OF EDUCATION – REVIEW OF SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENT (SBA) MATHEMATICS DATA IN GRADES THREE TO EIGHT AND HOW THE WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (WCSD) USES THE INFORMATION TO IMPROVE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES IN OUR SCHOOLS

Dr. Troy Parks, Chief Academic Officer, and Joe Ernst, Chief Accountability Officer, provided a presentation on Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) math data in grades 3 through 8 and some high school math data. The District numbers mirrored the national trends occurring, which was that the 2021-22 School Year numbers had increased 3 percentage points from the 2020-21 School Year, but the numbers were still down 6 percentage points from the 2018-19 School Year or pre-pandemic levels. The math learning recovery from the learning loss related to the pandemic was not occurring as quickly as the English Language Arts (ELA) data. The math data was reviewed by subpopulation to show there were clear disparities and gaps, which had increased during the pandemic, that had to be addressed. The District data was compared with the State of Nevada data, state charter school data, Clark County School District data, and data from other states who participated in SBA. High school math data was reviewed. Information on how the District was working to improve math pathways to create a smooth transition from middle school math to high school math. The District was also looking at developing equitable grading practices aligned to the essential standards, so students were able to show progress and achieve a passing grade, even if they did not master the standards. The strategies to addressing the challenges were presented.

Vice President Nicolet asked if District-sponsored charter schools were included as part of the District data or as part of the state charter school data. Mr. Ernst indicated the

individual school district-sponsored charter schools were included as part of the state's data, but were not included as part of either the state charter school data or the individual school districts' data.

Trustee Smith appreciated the comparison with other states because it showed the District was tracking with everyone else. She did want to see improvement in the scores, but she took some comfort in knowing what was occurring in the District was occurring elsewhere in the country.

Superintendent Enfield provided additional information on the use of SBA and why there were many across the country interested in looking at other ways to measure learning outcomes. One area she was interested in having additional conversations about was using a growth measure that would show where a students began and where they ended up.

Trustee Smith requested additional information on how the District was aligning middle school math classes to ensure they were setting students up for success in high school. Dr. Parks explained the reason for the intense focus on the essential standards for middle school math was to help set the students up for success. The District held deliberate conversations with high school math teachers and 8th grade math teachers to ensure the skills needed to be successful in algebra and geometry were taught in 8th grade. The District was hoping to see the results of those conversations soon.

Vice President Nicolet highlighted it was important to start working on the skills needed for algebra and higher math sooner than the 8th grade. She would like to see a greater focus beginning in 3rd and 4th grades since that appeared to be where the decline in achievement began.

Trustee Church expressed disgust that 66% of students did not meet the standards. He felt the agenda item should be an action item so the Board could provide direction on what should be done to improve scores. He did not believe the District was doing enough to address the problems and a committee on education should be established by the Board. He was also interested in addressing drug testing, chronic absenteeism, community involvement, and other areas. He did not understand how 66% of students were not meeting standards and the District had a graduate rate of 85%.

Trustee Mayberry asked if SBA, which was required by the state, aligned with the District's curriculum. Mr. Ernst stated the state and District standards were aligned with SBA; however, he was concerned with the rigor with which the standards were assessed. The problems included on the assessments were extremely complex and he believed all school districts were working to improve the rigor on the curriculum that was previously based on the state criterion tests.

Superintendent Enfield cautioned the Trustees and community not to use a single data point to measure the success of a student. The story of a student's success was not based on one test but on the culmination of their years in school. It was important to think broadly when it came to student success.

7. Public Comment

7.01 PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board received emails from the following:

Shelley Buchanan
Liz Lepe
Ariel Van Cleve
Beth Grant
Erica Krysztof
Emily Hobson
Annalisa Walker
Greg Burge

8. Reports

8.01 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

This item was not heard.

8.02 BOARD REPORTS

Members of the Board of Trustees reported on their activities, meetings, and events.

A farewell video for Trustee Taylor was shown and well wishes extended to her future endeavors.

9. Closing Items

9.01 NEXT MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The next Regular Meeting would take place on December 13, 2022

9.02 ADJOURN MEETING

There being no further business to come before the members of the Board, Vice-President Nicolet declared the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Diane Nicolet, Vice-President

Ellen Minetto, Clerk

From: Dianne Glass
Sent: Sunday, November 20, 2022 4:09 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Joey Gilbert for School Board District E

Washoe County School Board Members,

I vote for Mr. Joey Gilbert for School Board District E and ask that he be selected to serve our district.

I have heard Mr. Gilbert speak on several occasions and also in a few debates. Mr. Gilbert is articulate, focused, uses facts, calm, professional and is extremely qualified for this position. Not only does the Board need to be balanced but it needs members who have children in our schools and those who will debate and negotiate with opposition in a professional and caring manner.

I believe Mr. Gilbert has all the qualifications and more to get our schools into a position of competitiveness and enhance the educational experience for children to learn the basics and get Nevada off the bottom rung. Nevadans Children deserve an education that will help them be First and not Last in the United States for Education.

The candidates who have been chosen from out of state have only created chaos and never implemented or improved our schools. It's past time for Positive Changes in Nevada Education.

Sincerely,
Dianne Glass
Reno, NV 89523

From: Mike Fiannaca
Sent: Sunday, November 20, 2022 4:37 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Board of Trustees vacancy appointment

Dear Trustees:

I am writing to urge you each to appoint Joey Gilbert for the vacancy left by Angie Taylor's departure from the Board.

I know, have spoken with, and have listened carefully to Mr. Gilbert regarding his thoughts for improving education outcomes for all Washoe County students, and have concluded that he is an exceptionally qualified candidate because:

- he has publicly articulated a clear understanding of the many issues and serious problems facing the WCSD,
- he developed a performance improvement plan in consultation with education experts that became a central element in his recent bid for governor of Nevada (<https://gilbertforgovernor.com/solutions-to-problems-of-nevada/>),
- has been actively engaged with our school system having diligently attended many of the Board meetings for several years,
- has spoken with and sought the advice of many concerned individuals and groups about his vision for improving the educational outcomes of students in the district,
- is a highly motivated single parent of a 12-year old daughter in the district,
- is a well known, highly knowledgeable, respected attorney at law operating in Washoe and Clark counties,
- is undeniably one of the most passionate advocates for excellence in our educational system that I have met.

I am not aware of any potential candidate that has expressed any thoughts or has developed any improvement plan outside of that which the Board itself has worked on. Therefore, Mr. Gilbert would prove to be a major asset to the Board in helping the WCSD to achieve its stated mission to "create an education system where all students achieve academic success, develop personal and civic responsibility, and achieve college and career readiness for the 21st century."

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

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Best Regards,

Mike Fiannaca

President, Sparks Florist, Inc.



From: Matthew True
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 2:04 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] AGENDA ITEM 2

My name is Matthew true, I am the parent of 5 Washoe County school district students as well as 3 more grandkids in the school district here.

With regards to the application of Joey Gilbert to replace Angie Taylor I am in support of that. I believe Joey Gilbert has demonstrated a sincere and heart felt Concern for Our local school district and the kids in it. Regardless of what some may claim about Joey Gilbert It has been my observation that he is Committed 100% to our kids. He's a very well educated and very successful member of our community .

I believe our school board Does not currently represent In an equal manner The diverse set of beliefs and values with regards to our kids and how their education should be delivered. Many claim they care about diversity but I feel or I have observed A lack of interest in diversity of thought from those very same people. If you don't like angry parents coming down and yelling at you Perhaps it is time to allow someone else A place beside you.

Thank you, have a happy Thanksgiving and may God-bless you all.

From: Heather Kamami
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 2:05 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Open Seat for School Board

To the Board of Trustees:

When choosing the best person to fill the open seat on the school, many factors should be considered.

Schools exist to serve kids and their parents. The school boards primary focus should always be CHILDREN, not the faculty and staff. Joey Gilbert is the only candidate that has a child in the school district, his 12 year old daughter.

Joey Gilbert has been standing up for children and parents for the past 3 years. He has taken legal action to fight for all families, even those who did not have the means to fight on their own. He has put himself in the public eye to help us all, not just his own needs. He has already proven he will serve his community with all his might.

The other candidates, I have never heard of them. They have not put themselves in the public eye, showing that they are willing to fight for our kids. I have not seen them reaching out to the community or standing up for all families. They have not proven themselves and how far they are willing to go for our kids. They have not taken any action in the last 3 years to help fight for families.

Joey, he ran for governor this year, that's how much loves Nevada and his community. While campaigning he went to every county to speak to the community members and to parents. He listened to their hearts to hear directly from them what issues and problems they face with their children. He has put in lots of leg work familiarizing himself with the problems that are affecting our schools and what areas need to be addressed. Can the other candidates say they have put in that kind of leg work? How many families have they spoken to? They have not spoken to me, but Joey has. Joey has responded directly to me when I have reached out to him, I was not ignored.

He has clearly proven that he will do what needs to be done. He will not sit ideally by as our school system continues to crumble and fail our kids.

He is the candidate that I want to see on the school board because I know he will face all issues head on. He will not back down or give in and say "Oh Well".

Joey Gilbert is the person I want on the board fighting for my kids.

Heather Kamami
I have a Senior and a 7th grader

From: V Myer
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 2:54 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item 7, Mr. Gilbert for Trustee

To our current School Board Trustees and Superintendant of Washoe County,

Currently before you is an opportunity to vote for a new Trustee to represent Washoe County school children and their parents. My vote is for Mr. Joey Gilbert, as he is a highly qualified, and high quality candidate. Mr. Gilbert has shown, through his recent run for Governor of our great State that he is a person who genuinely cares about our kids and the quality of their education. Throughout his campaign, he offered many ideas and showed much concern for the current state of our schools and actually visited all 16 counties and Carson City, with one of his goals being to reach out to the people regarding education in their county.

This position is normally held out to an election by the people. Because the new seat will be an appointment due to whatever circumstance, this does not negate the people's voice.

There is before you only one choice for this appointment, Mr. Joey Gilbert, as the most qualified, and most supported candidate for Trustee. Cast your vote for the people's choice, Joey Gilbert.

Sincerely,
Victoria Myer

From: Graeme Reid
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 2:56 PM
To: Public Comments; Church, Jeffrey; Minetto, Ellen; Rodriguez, Joseph M; Smith, Elizabeth A; Taylor, Angela; Mayberry, Adam; Nicolet, Diane M
Cc: COLLEEN WESTLAKE
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Washoe County School Board District E Trustee Appointment - Joey Gilbert
Importance: High

To Public Comment & Trustees,

First let me state that I do not agree with the rush to appoint another trustee, particularly before the newly elected trustee for District B, Colleen Westlake takes her seat and is able to vote. I also do not agree that appointment is the appropriate procedure. We currently have three trustees who are the beneficiaries of hand-picked selections – and now you intend to add a fourth? Out of seven. That is both problematic and undemocratic. A special election should be convened.

That said, and after the year Joey Gilbert has had, I was surprised of to learn of his interest in serving on our school board. If he is willing to serve, it is an opportunity not to be squandered.

While I am also a lawyer, I did not know Joey at the beginning of the year. I, like many, remembered him from his appearance on ‘The Contender’ and I certainly was aware of his ‘knuckles’ advertising campaign that can be seen all around town and in the airport. I got to know Joey (and his daughter) a little this year from meeting him on the campaign trail and I have been consistently impressed with his knowledge, passion and tenacity, particularly when it comes to education and all of the associated issues. He understands the importance of education to the future of our children and country and the divisive politics that are in play. I first witnessed this at a debate for candidates running for Governor back in January and, out of the fifteen, Joey was by far the most knowledgeable on education. You may not agree with Joey politically, but diversity of thought should be the goal of an effective public board.

Joey would have made a great Governor and he will make a great trustee.

Now, regarding the mainstream-media-fueled hysteria that Joey is an “election denier,” I would simply say that Joey was perfectly within his rights to contest his primary gubernatorial election. Was he correct that it was rigged? I don’t know (we certainly didn’t have a thorough investigation), but I do know that those loudly and condescendingly proclaiming that our elections are not rigged can’t prove that fact either. When “convenience” is prioritized over security for partisan gain, the system becomes vulnerable to those with malicious intent. It is unfortunate that the law, as written and applied, is that candidates, such as Joey, are the ones required to do (and

fund) the work that law enforcement should be doing; the alternative being to blindly accept that everything is rosy. If anything can be taken from the last six or seven years, it is that there is a large and bipartisan portion of the country's population that believes there are problems with our elections.

Lastly, and to preemptively address the presumed forthcoming attacks of "antisemitism" directed at one of Joey's supporters, all I can say is that they are false. They are false allegations cynically started by activist "journalists" that are as biased at the outfits they write for. These false allegations were thereafter spread by local partisan activists (and, shockingly, some elected officials) who foolishly believe they operate in a consequence free environment - something I witnessed personally. I fully expect that these false allegations will raise their ugly head again in an attempt to tar Joey with the same brush and to attempt to discredit him as a candidate and person. I ask you to resist the temptation to do so and to fully question the source and foundation of the attacks.

You will be hard pressed to find a more qualified candidate than Joey Gilbert and he would be a fantastic addition to the board.

Yours sincerely,

Graeme Reid

Graeme A. Reid, Esq.
REID LAW OFFICES, P.C.

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From: Patty Toone
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 4:26 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda #2

Please enter my comments into the public record.

I am requesting the board appoint Joey Gilbert to fill the vacant seat for District E.

Joey Gilbert has a wealth of knowledge and experience to bring to the school board and help our students.

It is unfortunate the position will be appointed by the board vs elected by the people.

It is my hope the board will appoint Joey Gilbert, the best candidate for District E

Respectfully,
Patricia Toone

From: Fred Myer
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 5:26 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Joey Gilbert for Trustee

Vote for Joey Gilbert for Trustee. Mr. Gilbert has a lot of experience, has a daughter in school in Washoe County, and he has a plan for our schools to bring quality back to our schools for our kids. He's easily the most qualified person for the position. Vote for Joey Gilbert.

Fred Myer

From: Jill Tolles
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 7:12 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item 2.01

I would like to offer my strong support for Alex Woodley to fill the open seat in District E. I have known Mr. Woodley for years through his service at the City of Reno and as the former President of the Education Alliance Board, where we have served together. He brings integrity, passion and community experience that will both inspire and add invaluable leadership to our Washoe County School District students.

Thank you for serving our students during these challenging times and for your leadership in our community moving forward.

Sincerely,
Jill Tolles

Sent from my iPad

From:
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 8:10 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] School Board Open Seat in District E

As you consider filling the open seat on the Board, I would like to offer my support for candidate Kellie Crosby-Sturtz. I believe she would make an excellent addition to the Board. Thanks you.

Reed Williams,
Reno, NV

From: Ivet Contreras
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 8:15 PM
To: BoardMembers; Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public comment — support for Woodley for trustee

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this email to demonstrate my full support for Alex Woodley to be considered for WCSD Trustee. He is a well known and respected leader who genuinely cares about his neighbors. I can attest to his great character, honest and practical leadership, and his willingness to listen and take necessary action to respond to our community.

I am a former WCSD student, a current parent of a WCSD student and a local business owner who trusts Alex Woodley to advocate for every student, parent and school staff member.

Thank you,
Ivet Contreras
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From: jennifer simeo
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 8:39 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] District E Open Seat

Hello Washoe County School Board,

I'm writing to support candidates Alex Woodly and Kelly Crosby-Sturtz for the open seat in District E. I believe either candidate will be an excellent representative for our community and the educational needs of our youth.

Thank you,

Jennifer Simeo
Reno, NV

Sent from my iPhone

From:
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 9:16 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] School Board appointment

We are fortunate to have such high quality applicants to be part of our school board trustees. I believe two of the most outstanding candidates are Alex Woodley, who would bring a unique perspective to our board because of her life story, and Kellie Crosby-Sturtz, who has the unique experience of having served on the NV Dept. of Education Standards Council. Either of these two women would be outstanding members of our Board of Trustees. I hope you will choose between them. You have an awesome duty that will affect every child who goes through our system. Good luck!
Janice and Patrick Flanagan, Reno NV 89509.

From:
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 9:22 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Joey Gilbert for the open seat

I would like my comment entered into the public record. I approve of Joey Gilbert for the open seat on the school board. Please restore our faith in the board by selecting him to save our students.

Sincerely, Barb Mathers

From: Susan McMurray
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 9:30 PM
To: Public Comments
Cc: suzopedia@gmail.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] regarding School Board Trustee District E

Hello,
I would like to have my comments entered into the public record:

I support Joey Gilbert for School Board Trustee, District E. Mr. Gilbert has a school-age daughter and has attended school board meetings for the last three years. He is very well acquainted with the issues and problems the school board has to consider when evaluating trade-offs and making decisions. He will support my main concern, ensuring students get a quality education. I have talked with teachers and teachers' aids who say they are limited in the feedback they can provide students regarding academic achievement and even more limited when it comes to non-academic topics such as gender identity. Teachers cannot suggest that students wait before jumping off the biological bridge. They will get written up.

We owe it to Washoe County students to make sure they have the skills they need to get ahead. Let's focus on the fundamentals such as reading, writing, and mathematics. Students can consider their gender identity when they are finished with school.

Mr. Gilbert will fight for students to get a good education. He will state his opinions and listen to others also. The Board will benefit from the constructive dialog, as will our children. How long will we be ok with an education system ranked among the lowest in the nation?

Best regards,

Susan McMurray

Reno, NV. 89502

From:
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 10:01 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item 2.01

Dear Board of Trustees and Dr. Enfield,

I have read through all the letters of intent for each of the candidates for Dr. Taylor's open seat.

I was very impressed by Alex Woodley. Reading about how he attended a Title I school, lived in a one bedroom apartment, was on medicaid and welfare tells me that he has an intimate understanding of how many of the students in Washoe County School District are living, and the importance of school in their lives. It makes me think of many of the students with whom I worked when I was at Drake Elementary School. Reading about all of his public service also warmed my heart. I also appreciate that he has worked with children in a school setting. As a parent, a teacher, volunteer, and community member, I deeply appreciate that he recognizes the importance of working collaboratively and his desire to find common ground.

Reading Meghan Beyer's letter of intent also grabbed my attention. She has been a substitute teacher in our district, which I deeply appreciate both as a current teacher and as a past substitute teacher. It gives a person first hand knowledge of the students, the schools, and the district. She has students in the district which tells me that she has a vested interest in doing what is best for students. She is willing to listen to and have discussions with people who have opinions that differ from her own.

I feel compelled to voice my concern about Joey Gilbert. There are many things that disturb me about the possibility of Mr. Gilbert being a member of our board of trustees. He is an election denier. He has threatened to sue the Washoe County School District at least once. He has shared disinformation about the district among other things. It is clear to me that he does not want what is best for students, teachers, staff, or the school district.

I appreciate you all taking the time to read my public comment.

Respectfully,

Kristen De Haan
Mother of two AACT graduates currently attending UNR

From: Tracey Thomas
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 10:07 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] School Board Candidates

I have reviewed the applications of all the candidates you are reviewing today. While there are many fine members of our community, Joseph Gilbert is the only candidate that will benefit our "community" the most. Washoe County's school board no longer has the convenience of viewing your position through a microscopic lens. Your actions no longer just impact students and staff within the school district. They impact our entire community.

Mr. Gilbert is a highly respected and accomplished member of our community who will bring much support from our community, young and old, to this board. I would suggest even a monthly "Lunch with Joey" program where high school students who have maintained perfect attendance are entered into a drawing to represent their school that month. So, one student from each high school will be drawn to have lunch with Mr. Gilbert each month. But, I am sure he has plenty of ideas already to improve attendance and academics in our schools.

I ask that you please put our kids, your staff, and our community the priority of your decision and not politics.

Thank you,

Tracey Thomas

From:
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 11:00 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] WCSD Board of Trustees 11/22/2022 Meeting -- Agenda Item 2.01 Public Comment

Dear WCSD Board of Trustees,

I would like to heartily recommend that the Board interview Alex Woodley to fill the Board vacancy created by the election of Angela Taylor to the Nevada Assembly. I have known Alex for almost 5 years. His career and life have been devoted to the service of our country and our community. Alex has demonstrated his dedication to the success and wellness of our county's kids over many years. He is not running as an afterthought, he's running because he truly believes that every kid deserves a chance at a bright future. He has a track record of working on education and community partnerships to support academic achievement and workforce development for pre-school through to high school and college students. He knows how to work across constituencies and build bridges between various interests.

Alex would make an excellent representative for the students and parents of District E as well as our entire community.

Thank you,
Chris Morgan

Chris Morgan
Morgan Holdings LLP

From:
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 11:20 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please do not appoint Joey Gilbert

Hello,

I am writing as a concerned mother of two WCSD students and citizen. Please do not appoint Joey Gilbert, he is divisive, threatens to sue everyone when he disagrees with them from the school district itself to youth sports and even tried to sue after losing his bid for Governor. He does not represent what WCSD needs in a Trustee.

Thank you,

Aubree Dixon

From: LaVonne Brooks
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 11:22 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Appointment

Wish to voice my support for Alex Woodley. I've known Alex for over 15 years and he is a community minded leader. He understands facts and is strong enough to stand up for what is right for our children. He has administrative experience and will be a thoughtful competent board member.

LaVonne Brooks

CEO

High Sierra Industries—WARC

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From: kathie julian
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 11:27 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Kellie Crosby-Sturtz

To Whom It May Concern:

After having reviewed the statements and CVs of the various candidates for this open school board position, I urge you to select **Ms. Kellie Crosby-Sturtz**. Her extensive background in public school education, her considerable experience on education-related boards, and her relevant academic background (including a Masters in Education) recommends Ms. Crosby-Sturtz to this position on the WCSD Board of Trustees.

Sincerely,

KathieJulian

Incline Village, NV 89450

From: Karen Stout-Gardner
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 12:06 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] District E School Board Open Seat Candidates

I am most in favor of 2 candidates, and am firmly against one candidate.

PRO:

1)Kellie Crosby-Sturtz:

I am in favor of Crosby-Sturtz because she has an extensive background in education, is currently an educator who understands "budget constraints, staffing needs, and social struggles within the community." She has a background in school technology, testing and curriculum development, staff training. She has worked hands-on with early childhood through 8th grade and also with adult education, and has functioned in managerial capacity.

2)Alex Woodley:

I am in favor of Woodley because of his deep commitment to education as a transformative tool, which comes from his personal background experiences. He has extensive background in management, with public interaction via public workshops, problem-solving and communications work. He has background in budgeting and staffing. He worked to develop youths academically and personally as a Group Home House Manager. He has an extensive background working with Hispanic groups in various programs. He has a background in management and working with regulatory agencies, has been responsible for oversight of programs.

CON:

1) I am very much against Joey Gilbert, who has shown himself to be an extremist with a personal, self-serving agenda. It appears that he has not demonstrated himself to be a fact-based individual. As a result, I would not like to see him have anything to do with our educational programs in Nevada, and do not want to see him have anything to do with our students. We need an individual who has a history of a balanced approach to life and profession, a track record of being able to deal well with other people. We need a team player. Gilbert provided no resume, no history of relevant experiences in education that would fit him for a position on the School Board. This should not be an entry-level position for an unqualified applicant. We have better options for the District E School Board position.

Please Enter my comments into the Records.

I would like to state that I do not agree with having another appointed member on the board. We have gone the better of the last 2 years with 3 appointees as Trustees. I believe we should have had a special election. I question why the rush; it took several months to appoint the last 3 Trustees that were selected by the board. I do understand the strategy as most people do.

I have attempted to do research on each Trustee candidate for District E and have found little go on for most of the candidates. I however am very familiar and know who Joey Gilbert is and what he proposes and believes in. He is most assuredly an advocate for the children and parents and would keep within the guidelines set forth by the state. If you study his qualifications with an open mind, you will undoubtedly confess that Mr. Gilbert has the necessary ability to negotiate and navigate his way through complex issues. Mr. Gilbert would add valuable leadership strengths and fill in where there currently are gaps in leadership. Mr. Gilbert has already shown this in the fact that he already has formulated some great ideas.

From my research of the candidates on your list, I have found that Mr. Gilbert seems to be the only one that has a school aged child. It is not only in his best interest for the community to assist in bringing our school district from the bottom ranked school but a personal one.

I fully support Mr. Gilbert in his efforts to make Washoe School District successful.

Best Regards,

Janet Butcher

From: bonnie hill
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 3:46 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] latest School board appointment

Good day to you all.

here is my opinion: Joe Gilbert is not someone we want on a School Board. He is extreme; he is not a good example for our children...especially pre-teens and teens.

I hope you will consider most any other candidate. My preferences would be Alex Woodyly or Kelly Crosby-Sturt.

Thank you.

Bonnie K. Hill

mother, grandmother, great grandmother.

Reno, NV 89521

From: Pam Darr
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 4:39 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Open seat on school board

Please read into public comments

Joey Gilbert for School Baord

Dear Washoe County School Board,

Without any hesitation, Joey Gilbert is the best candidate running the school board. as he has more experience on the problems facing our schools as he ran for governor and visited all 17 counties. Joey Gilbert epitomizes determination, fairness, and compassion. Joey has worked with education experts and has a plan to solve the issues facing the schools in Washoe Valley. Vote for Joey Gilbert!!!!

Sincerely,

Pam Darr

From: Darci Fletcher
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 6:11 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Joey Gilbert for Washoe County School Board Trustee District E!

Hello and thank you for reading!

I highly recommend Mr. Gilbert for the vacant seat for District E. He comes very highly qualified for the position and is the right person for the job!

Thank you again,
a concerned citizen and grandmother with grandchildren attending WCSD!

With gratitude,

Darci Fletcher

From: Charles
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 6:30 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Joey Gilbert

PLEASE!!! I BEG YOU KEEP That asshole self serving conspiracy believing / spreading evil demonic person OFF any school boards. The man is bent on enabling far right BS to be spread into our schools. DUMP THE CHUMP!!!

From: SUSAN HOOG
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 7:18 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Washoe County School Board comment for candidate for Seat District E

Hi,

I would like to submit that I support Alex Woodly or Kelly Crosby-Sturtz for the WCSB open seat District E. I'm appreciative of both of their backgrounds and experience they would bring to the board for guiding our School District.

Thank you,
Susan Hoog
Realtor



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From: Maggie Babb
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 7:52 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item 2.01

Hello Board Members,

My name is Maggie Babb and I am a teacher in the Washoe County School District. As you begin the process of filling Angie Taylor's board seat, I hope you will take this email into consideration.

As a teacher in the district, I am very concerned to see that Joey Gilbert is attempting to become a board member. I believe this person would be dangerous to have on our board and does not reflect the values that our district holds. Mr. Gilbert is a troubling person in our community. By not initially accepting election results that were not in his favor, Mr. Gilbert has come off as petulant, aggressive and uneducated about the processes inherent to civic duty. And now Mr. Gilbert is asking to be placed in a leadership role, a role that would directly impact all of the children in our community. This is not the type of leadership that should be allowed in our school district.

Thank you for your consideration,

Maggie

From: Jenny Snaza
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 7:58 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Open Seat

Dear Trustees,

I do not feel that Joey Gilbert should be considered to fill the empty seat. He has shown that he does not have the best interest of the students at heart and has polarized the people in our region.

Please consider Alex Woodley and Meghan Beyer as the top candidates due to their commitment to improving public education.

Thank you!

Jenny Snaza (teacher and WCSD parent)

Sent from my iPhone (please excuse typos)

From: Lindsey Millard
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 8:06 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Open seat

Dear Trustees,

I do not feel that Joey Gilbert is a good candidate for the open seat. We need people who are willing to work together, not against, our teachers, staff, and students. Joey Gilbert does not have our districts best interest at heart.

Sincerely,
Lindsey Millard

From: RC
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 8:07 AM
To: Church, Jeffrey; Minetto, Ellen; Smith, Elizabeth A; Rodriguez, Joseph M; Public Comments; Mayberry, Adam; Nicolet, Diane M; BoardMembers; Taylor, Angela
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Regarding Item 3.01

Please read my comments into the record.

A Board Member should have zero input or say on their own replacement. Even the Reno City Council's Neoma Jardon had more integrity than to do this. The Board Member currently representing District E must recuse itself from all discussion and voting on the replacement for District E. In the very least it gives the appearance of impropriety and the Board needs to consider its publicly questionable image having suppressed the right of the people in District E to choose their own representative by a vote.

Sincerely,
Reva Crump

From: Lenni DePaoli
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 1:49 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Joey Gilbert school board

Sent from my iPhone

From: Susan McRae
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 8:20 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] We do NOT support Joey Gilbert for Trustee Candidate

My husband and I do NOT support Joey Gilbert for candidate for the position of Trustee.

As a former WCSD teacher, mother of a current WCSD teacher and grandparent of two children who attended WCSD schools from K-12, I am alarmed by Joey Gilbert's divisive views and combative attitude.

Susan I. McRae
Edward Kenneth McRae
Sparks, Nv. 89436

From: Lance Allen
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 8:21 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Joey Gilbert

In my opinion Joey Gilbert is not suitable to be a school board member.

Lance Allen
Sent from my iPhone

From:
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 8:21 AM
To: Rodriguez, Joseph M; Smith, Elizabeth A; Taylor, Angela; Mayberry, Adam; Minetto, Ellen; Church, Jeffrey; Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item 2.01

Please read my comments into the record.

Joey Gilbert is infinitely more qualified, knowledgeable and educated than any other candidate. Joey Gilbert has been a warrior for the children of Washoe County and has been at the school board meetings for years now defending the rights of our children to receive a quality academic education. In his recent run for Governor he actually worked with experts in the field and formulated a plan for all of Nevada children to receive a quality academic education and to stop Nevada schools from competing for the lowest academic ranking amongst the states; he is a champion for children. Ask yourselves, does any other candidate for this position come with a plan developed by experts?

Joey Gilbert grew up and was educated right here in Washoe County. He knows the people and is familiar with the inner workings of this county. As a Nevadan, he is in touch with the heartbeat and pulse of this community which is a perspective this Board will be losing, and will become blatantly deficient, when replacing the current District E representative.

R. Clark



From: Erlendson, Emily J
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 8:27 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Public Comment

Dear Trustees,

I do not feel that Joey Gilbert is a good candidate for the open seat.

Sincerely,

Emily Erlendson

From: Kris Klein
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 8:27 AM
To: BoardMembers; Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Replacement School Board Member

Hello,

I just heard that Joey Gilbert is interested in filling a position on the Washoe County School Board. I am very opposed to this and do not support his appointment. I feel we need a more neutral member of the community serving on the School Board to better represent our diverse school community.

Thank you for considering this.

Kris Klein
Reno, NV 89503

From: Lunardelli, Jesseca
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 9:06 AM
To: BoardMembers; Public Comments
Subject: Agenda Item 2.01

Dear Trustees,

As a 10 year 5th grade teacher for WCSD, I do not feel that Joey Gilbert is a good candidate for the open seat. I sincerely hope you will heed the warning and concerns of those who will be affected by this decision. Thank you.

Sincerely
Jesseca Lunardelli

From: dylan evans
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 9:10 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item 2.01

Dear Trustees,

As a parent of a child currently enrolled in the WCSD, I do not feel that Joey Gilbert is a good candidate for the open seat. I sincerely hope you will listen to the parents of the students that will be affected by this decision. Thank you.

Sincerely
Dylan Evans

From: Erlendson, Kathleen
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 9:12 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Letter for agenda item 2.01

Dear Trustees,

I do not feel that Joey Gilbert is a good candidate for the open seat.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Erlendson

From: Charles
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 9:13 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Candidates, Agenda item 2.01

Greetings,

I am a citizen of Reno and have attended schools such as Mt. Rose, Elmcrest, Clayton and graduated from Hug HS as part of my education. My children attended school here and I have the first of hopefully many more grandchildren that will attend school in this district.

My educational and professional successes are partly the result of uniquely gifted, intuitive, caring uplifting individuals within the schools and community that impacted me in a positive way. It's for that reason that I give back to the community whether it's giving to local charities providing for the less fortunate or volunteering on boards supporting children and education. That is how I came to know Alex Woodley.

In my volunteer work, I had a chance to work alongside Alex Woodley. I admire Alex for his character, intellect, his compassion for others and his willingness to get involved to solve and reach goals. I have seen Alex in action as he is a do-er, more than he is a talker. His proof is in the body of his accomplishments. He truly understands what it means to be something from seemingly nothing. He lives the concept and mantra of "Nobody Left Behind". He is genuine.

I would choose Alex Woodley 100 times out of 100 as a qualified leader and he is my recommendation to fill the position on the Board of Trustees.

Sincerely,

Charles Pasillas

From: Fernainy, Jessica
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 9:13 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: letter for agenda item 2.01

Dear Trustees,

I do not feel Joey Gilbert is a good candidate for the open seat. He has absolutely no place sitting on a school board and has a history of NOT supporting teachers.

Thank you,

Jessica Fernainy
Special Education Resource Case Manager

From: Burkhardt, Anne
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 9:17 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Candidate Gilbert

Dear Trustees,

As a 11 year 5th grade teacher for WSCD, I do NOT feel that Joey Gilbert is a good candidate for the open seat. I sincerely hope that you will the heed the warning and concerns of those who will be affected by this decision. Thanks you.

Thanks,
Anne Burkhardt

From: Darla A. Lee
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 9:23 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Replacement Trustee for District E

The obvious best choice for replacing the Trustee for School District E is Joseph Gilbert. He is highly qualified and knowledgeable of the needs of WCSC, he has a child currently in the school system, and has been involved in school board meetings. Please bring some balance to the school board by selecting Joey Gilbert.

Darla Lee
Sparks, NV

From: Donna Clontz
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 9:35 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Appoint Alex Woodley to Distrct E - Item 2.01

Hello Board Members:

I've known Alex Woodley since 2004 as a neighbor and as a manager of the Code Enforcement team at the City of Reno. He's now the City of Reno's Director of Parking & Code Enforcement.

Alex has proven his abilities to work well in government, to do tremendous outreach in the community to solve citizen's problems in a caring and professional way. He always treats others with respect while explaining and enforcing the community's rules as he does his job. It is a rare quality and makes him an asset to the school board as its members discuss and solve the many pressing issues before them.

He served his country a a Marine and later as a law enforcement officer at Lake Tahoe before coming to Reno in 2004. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Geography/Urban Development from the University of Nevada Reno; and his Masters of Science in Organizational Management from Western Governors University.

He brings with him a life experience that would serve the community well as a member of the Washoe School board. He understands the big problems facing this community and has the intelligence and fortitude to listen to others and come to reasoned solutions with the other board members on behalf of the students, parents, staff and community.

I most heartily recommend Alex Woodley for appointment to the open seat in District E.

-----Donna Clontz
Community Elder Advocate
Washoe County Senior Advisory Board Member
AARP Nevada Volunteer Age-Friendly/Livable programs
Former Chair Reno Senior Citizen Advisory Board
Former Chair Ward 5 NAB
Former Reno Police Auditor

Reno, NV 89533

From: Amie B
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 9:37 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Candidates

Dear Board Members,

I have been a teacher for 19 years. I have been teaching in WCSD for the last 9 years. I am extremely concerned to hear that Joey Gilbert is being considered for Angie Taylor's open seat. This man has an agenda that does not serve the students in our district. Our students, teachers, and all employees deserve better than a man with a political agenda like his. We need a person dedicated to education, not politics.

Sincerely,
Amie Braik

From: Laurie Newman
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 9:40 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Item 2.01

Dear School Board Members,

First and foremost, I would like to thank Dr. Taylor for her time serving the children and community of Washoe County and wish her well on her future endeavors.

I want to give input regarding item 2.01. I feel that in making a decision today, it is imperative to remember the importance of choosing a member that can put students and faculty first. We need someone with not only a comprehensive understanding of the inner workings of a school, but also someone who will move forward in welcoming all students, including those with different lifestyle choices than their own.

That being said, I would endorse Alex Woodley. His experiences growing up in Title I schools will help him understand the struggles that many WCSD families encounter daily. As a parent, family, community member, and school volunteer, he can demonstrate understanding of a variety of aspects of school culture.

Meghan Beyer's letter also shows signs of understanding school culture. She has been a teacher and a substitute teacher so she has first hand knowledge of what it is like to be in a classroom day in and day out. Being that her children are currently enrolled in the district shows me that she has a vested interest. She also seems willing to listen to opinions other than her own.

Contrarily, I have concerns regarding Joey Gilbert. He is an election denier and has also threatened to sue WCSD. That does not show putting students nor the public first. He also shares misinformation online. If there is anything we should be teaching children it is to fact check information before sharing. Additionally, how can the public trust someone who blatantly shares misinformation?

Also possibly concerning is John Reyes. I say possibly because I do not know if he ascribes to the same political ideologies as his mother, Cathy Reyes. Ms. Reyes, who recently ran for school board, is associated with "Save WCSD", a group that spread misinformation about WCSD and wants to restore "traditional" values, values that are not inclusive of all members of society.

I do appreciate the time you have taken to read this comment and am truly wishing you a good experience in choosing our next WCSD board member.

Sincerely,
Laurie Newman

Sent from my iPhone

From: Candice Wilkins
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 9:41 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Kelly Crosby- Sturtz

Hello. I am writing to voice my support for Kelly Crosby- Sturtz for school board.

From: Anderson, Leigh E
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 9:52 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Joey Gilbert

Dear Trustees,

I do not feel that Joey Gilbert is a good candidate for the open school board seat. He has no experience in schools and does not have the best interest of WCDS or teachers at heart.

Sincerely,

Leigh Anderson, M.A. CCC-SLP
Speech Language Pathologist
Patóloga de Habla y Lenguaje
Smithridge S.T.E.M Academy (MTW)
Roger Corbett Elementary (ThF)

From:
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 10:06 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Joey Gilbert for Trustee District E

As a father of 5 and grandfather of 7 children, the EDUCATION of this generation is vital to the future of our country. We know that **NEVADA ranks at the BOTTOM of the USA in education.**

I want to see **Joey Gilbert** appointed for the open **Trustee position District E**. He is the only applicant with a daughter in the district going to school (12 year old) —He has been at the school board meetings over the past three years. He has knowledge on the problems facing our schools as he ran for governor and visited all 17 counties talking to the people and educators in this State.

Joey Gilbert has worked with education experts, and is well informed about the problems that are facing the schools AND he has developed plans to solve those problems.

Joey Gilbert is willing to fill that open position and is well qualified. **Joey Gilbert is MY choice for School Board Trustee District E.**

Rod Moser PA PhD

From: Sanchez, Jafeth E
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 10:09 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Support for Alex Woodley

Dear Board of Trustees,

I am writing this email as a parent of children in this district, as someone whose entire career has been dedicated to the field of education, and as a resident of District E. To move our district forward, I am **fully supportive of having Alex Woodley** as the next Trustee for District E. To be clear, I am adamantly against the other candidates who applied to this position and am especially against having Joey Gilbert on the board; he has repeatedly made comments that divide and exclude the community, which is completely counterproductive to what is needed in our district.

On the other hand, Alex Woodley's record of success in helping and being involved in our community speaks volumes; I have no doubt he will remain dedicated to supporting our students and families of WCSD by using his strong qualities and characteristics to review data, make essential decisions, and always center the work on how to best support our students in attaining the education they deserve.

For over a decade, we have collaborated on numerous professional endeavors in our community, and his passion for education has always been at the center. Additionally, he is a transparent, caring, and compassionate individual, and I have no doubt he would be an invaluable resource to WCSD and your Board of Trustees. I ask for your **highest consideration for Alex Woodley as Trustee for District E!**

Kindly,

Jafeth E. Sanchez, PhD

From: Wayne Gordon
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 10:16 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Appointment of replacement director

Yesterday, I sent an email to each of the trustees. I am sending this (basically the same) for inclusion on the record in the deliberation to fill Ms Taylor's seat on the Washoe County School District

I am requesting the appointment of Joey Gilbert to the soon to be empty seat on the WCSD Board of Directors.

The board has been very careful to appoint only people who agree with their viewpoint to the several positions that have become vacant, thus keeping an incestuous condition in the board. You hear only your own thoughts, not new or other. Additionally, the person appointed has an unfair advantage to get elected in the next regular election and with harvesting donations from teaches' unions, as was the the case with Mayberry vs Reid.

As a result you do not have a diversity of views on the board. And are not able to tackle the real problems with our schools, which is not educating the students and violence on the campuses. With the election of Coleen Westlake, at least, you may have to consider the ideas of her and Jeff Church to improve our school district. They are not "radical right-wing" nor disruptive, nor undermining the district, they have ideas for possibly improving the district but the current board will not listen (<https://www.rgj.com/story/opinion/voices/2022/09/16/vote-protect-washoe-students-maga-extremists/10399643002/>). You will no longer get to fence off other views as you has been the going on to prevent alternate views.

"Freedom of speech" does not just apply to the ability to bring grievances to light, but also brings additional ideas, which the board has been able to not have nor discuss. We need to have more speech, not less; more ideas and more open discussion.

I believe that as Mr. Gilbert has a daughter in the school system, he has a good reason to insure that it is properly run and financed, and therefore I request his appointment. Unless of course, you will open an open and fair election.

Wayne Gordon

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"From whence shall we expect the approach of danger? Shall some trans- Atlantic military giant step the earth and crush us at a blow? Never. All the armies of Europe and Asia...could not by force take a drink from the Ohio River or make a track on the Blue Ridge in the trial of a thousand years. No, if destruction be our lot we must ourselves be its author and finisher. As a nation of free men we will live forever or die by suicide." -- Abraham Lincoln

"Of all tyrannies, a tyranny sincerely exercised for the good of its victims may be the most oppressive. It would be better to live under robber barons than under omnipotent moral busybodies. The robber baron's cruelty may sometimes sleep, his cupidity may at some point be satiated; but those who torment us for our own good will torment us without end for they do so with the approval of their own conscience." — C. S. Lewis

From: Adi Cabral
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 10:17 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support of Alex Woodley

Hello,

I send this message as a Washoe County resident and family member of WCSD students, teachers, staff, and administrators. The community of educators in my family runs deep. I urge you to support Alex Woodley for the WCSD Board of Trustees District E.

Thank you!

-Adi Cabral (they/them/theirs)
Associate Professor of Theatre
(Voice and Movement)
University of Nevada, Reno
Certified Teacher of Fitzmaurice Voicework
Certified Teacher of Knight-Thompson Speechwork

~Please note that my email notifications are only active M-F from 9 am to 5 pm Pacific.~

From: Alex Alcantar
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 10:25 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment - Please do not consider Joey Gilbert for the trustee opening

Hello,

My name is Alex Alcantar and I am the parent of a 4th grader at Jessie Beck Elementary School. I understand that Joey Gilbert is being considered for the open trustee position. I would like to take this opportunity to plead with the Board to not consider him at all when filling this position.

Joey Gilbert, and the people like him, are toxic to our community. He has proven to be extremely homophobic, transphobic, racist, and adheres to barely coherent conspiracy theories. Where he goes, chaos follows. If he wants to bring that to partisan public races, that's his prerogative but we cannot allow somebody like him in our school board. He will not have the best interest for all students in mind, given his public hatred of the LGBTQ+ community. This district has gay students. It has trans students. It has gay teachers. It probably has trans teachers. These people deserve to have a board of trustees that will advocate for them as well, not actively against them. We need to teach our children tolerance and acceptance for the members of their community that might be different than them, not try to eliminate these members of our community completely. Our kids will be just fine learning about important topics such as the impact of racial discrimination in our country, it doesn't make them hate their country it makes them understand their country's past and how they can do better in the future.

Our goal should be to have a school district where everyone is welcome, where everyone is accepted, and where everyone has a voice and an advocate. Joey Gilbert does not want this. He wants to get into a position where he can impose his hateful will on our schools. He wants to create chaos and in that chaos further his own political ambition while stepping on the rights and dignity of marginalized populations within our community. He will work to destroy the opportunity we have for our children to grow up as tolerant and accepting people, just to further his own hateful agenda and political aspirations. Why would we allow this? Please understand that his supporters are a very vocal minority, no matter what "geometry" he tries to use to portray himself as somebody the community at large wants. I assure you many, many more of us do not want him in this position.

I beg this board to consider all children and all staff when making their decision. We teach our kids to stand up to bullies, we do not put bullies in positions of power.

I sincerely appreciate the board's time in reading this email.

All the best,
Alex Alcantar

From: Lindsey Moser
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 10:25 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Joey Gilbert for Trustee District E

I am the mother of 5 and grandmother of 7 children. The EDUCATION of this generation is vital to the future of our country. We know that **NEVADA ranks at the BOTTOM of the USA in education**. The Washoe County School Board has NOT performed to improve the education of the next generation. This must change.

I want to see **Joey Gilbert** appointed for the open **Trustee position District E**. He is the only applicant with a daughter in the district going to school (12 year old) —He has been at the school board meetings over the past three years. He is a practicing attorney here in Reno and understands the law. He has knowledge on the problems facing our schools as he ran for governor and visited all 17 counties talking to parents and educators all over this State.

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Joey Gilbert is willing to fill that open position and is well qualified. **Joey Gilbert** is **MY choice for School Board Trustee District E**.

Lindsey Moser

From: Alejandra Hernandez-Guillen
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 10:37 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] WCSD District E open seat

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for Alex C. Woodley to be considered to fill the WCSD District E vacancy. As an alumna of Washoe Country School District, Kindergarten to High School, I find Mr. Woodley's experience to be evident of his lifelong dedication to public education in northern Nevada. Mr. Woodley would effectively represent first-generation students from underrepresented and low-income households.

Thank you for your consideration,

Best,



Alejandra Hernandez-Guillen

Developmental Specialist III
Nevada Department of Health and Human Services
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From: Karla Hernandez
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 10:39 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] WCSD District E vacancy

Dear members of the selection committee,

As a proud alumna of Washoe County Schools (Smithridge and Kate Smith Elementary, Dilworth Middle School and Reed High School), I write to express my strong support for Mr. Alex Woodley as a very qualified candidate to fill the District E vacancy. As an education administrator, I've had the pleasure of working with Mr. Woodley and I can attest to his enthusiasm and drive as an education advocate. Upon reviewing Mr. Woodley's resume, it is evident that he has decades-long experience that make him an unparalleled candidate. I am certain Mr. Woodley will remain dedicated to augment educational equity in our Northern Nevada community.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Dr. Karla Hernández

From:
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 10:40 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] District E, WCSD Board

Dear WCSD Board selection committee,

As an alumna of Washoe Country School District and now parent of two WCSD students I want to endorse Mr. Alex Woodley as a candidate for District E vacancy. After reviewing Mr. Woodley's resume, it is evident that he is an effective leader and involved community member. Specifically, Mr. Woodley has concrete experience working in educational setting and with education leaders and various stakeholders. Having Mr. Woodley serve on the board would be advantageous for our entire northern Nevada community.

Sincerely,

Laura Barrios

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone



November 22, 2022

Dear Honorable Board Members:

I am delighted to know Mr. Alex Woodley has applied for President Taylor's vacated seat upon her successful bid to the Nevada State Legislature. While it's wildly obvious Mr. Woodley is qualified academically, I believe his biggest contribution to any board lucky enough to have him is his commitment to unity even in disagreement and his selflessness when it comes to the team's overall mission.

I began working with Mr. Woodley in 2004 when he was the Code Enforcement Manager at the City of Reno and me a Council Liaison. As you can probably relate, most of the constituent neighborhood complaints can become quite emotional and personal. I learned so much from working with Mr. Woodley, especially taking notice of his special gift to meet people where they are with a focus on amiable solutions. We successfully launched data-driven practices approved by the City Council, including the Reno Clean and Green Program (neighborhood focused clean-ups) and UNR student/neighbor conflict resolution. During preparation, planning and execution Mr. Woodley was indispensable in reaching goals set by the Council. His ability to empathize with constituents while also upholding laws and policies are character traits that I can only wish to cultivate with consistency.

I think more importantly to you, as a board member, is Mr. Woodley's compassion, kindness and respect for all stakeholders' positions and a real commitment to finding solutions for the betterment of the whole. I have met very few people with the gift to disagree while maintaining the highest respect for his fellow human. Finally, as a US Veteran of the armed forces, it must be noted his commitment to his country has never ceased as a public servant and endures in his seeking this appointment.

I urge you, for the betterment of the school district policy board and the community as a whole, to appoint Mr. Woodley,

Sincerely,

Kitty Jung, District 3 Washoe County Commissioner



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From:
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 10:51 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] District E vacancy, WCSD Board

Dear members of the board,

I write to express my support for Alex Woodley as a strong candidate for the District E vacancy. From the seven candidates, Alex Woodley stands out for various reasons. Alex Woodley has served on committees dedicated to advance health initiatives, in addition to various efforts which benefit our Washoe County community at large. Alex Woodley understands the needs of working families and the unique challenges faced by underrepresented people.

Thank you for considering Alex Woodley to become a finalist.

Respectfully,

Jesus E. Pulido - *concern parent of WCSD student*

From: Diana Mackey
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 10:56 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Gubernatorial hopeful Joey Gilbert: No regrets about Jan. 6 - Nevada Current

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Diana Mackey

Sent from my iPad

From: Karen Ross
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 10:59 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] School Board Member Appointment

Dear Washoe County School Board,

With Angie Taylor's departure from the School Board due to her election to the Nevada Assembly, I would like to offer my support for the appointment of Alex Woodley to Ms. Taylor's vacant position.

Some years ago I was the co-founder of a leadership development program (LEAD) for up and coming young business leaders, sponsored by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Alex was one of our students. His class was one of the most committed of any we had the privilege to work with throughout the years, and Alex was actively involved throughout the process in his goal to enhance his community involvement.

Many years later, I have been impressed to watch Alex mature and grow in his career with City of Reno, and in his leadership and involvement with the community. I believe Alex would be an excellent choice to lend some diversity and broad community perspective to the Washoe County School District Board.

Please consider this my personal endorsement of Alex Woodley to fill this vacant seat.

Kindly,

Karen C. Ross

Sent from my iPad

From: Paul Mitchell
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 11:01 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Alex Woodley

I humbly submit this letter of support for Alex Woodley, who is an applicant for the potentially vacant seat in District E. I've known Mr. Woodley for more than 20 years. We've played a lot of basketball together on the UNR campus. Those games, plus the fact that we're both native (north) east coasters, have led to many conversations afterward about life, relationships, raising kids and the love shared for the city of Reno and the surrounding community. Mr. Woodley has poured his heart and soul into making this area he's proud to call home. Mr. Woodley is a product of the Washoe County School District, has seen his daughter go through the same school district, has served this country through the military, has worked and currently works for the city of Reno. The largest city in the state of Nevada, has, essentially, chosen one path for its future. The state's second largest city has chosen multiple paths for its future. Those paths include opportunities that are going to require multiple educational levels along with multiple paths of communication. As a Dominican American, Mr. Woodley, a Spanish speaker, is well aware, and sensitive to, of our evolving community.

Respectively,

Paul Mitchell
Reno Resident

From: Alicia Barber
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 11:14 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public comment for 11/22/22 Item 2.01

Dear members of the Washoe County School Board,

I am writing to enthusiastically urge you to appoint **Kellie Crosby-Sturtz** to the Washoe County School District Board of Trustees position newly vacated by Angie Taylor. Kellie Crosby-Sturtz has abundant experience in the educational field and can truly hit the ground running. She will be an invaluable asset to the Board in its future deliberations.

Sincerely,

Alicia Barber, PhD

From: Amanda Rios
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 11:15 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Alex Woodley, WCSD Board of Trustees

I am writing this email as former faculty and resident of District E. I am **fully supportive of having Alex Woodley** as the next Trustee for District E.

Alex Woodley's record of success in helping and being involved in our community speaks volumes; I have no doubt he will remain dedicated to supporting our students and families of WCSD by using his strong qualities and characteristics to review data, make essential decisions, and always center the work on how to best support our students in attaining the education they deserve.

I ask for your **highest consideration for Alex Woodley as Trustee for District E.**

Kindly,

Amanda Rios

From: Peter Barber
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 11:19 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Kellie Crosby-Sturtz

Dear Board Members,

I am proud to support Kellie Crosby-Sturtz for the vacant seat on the WCSD Board of Trustees. As a grandparent of two granddaughters currently attending school in the WCSD I believe that it is important to have someone with a solid educational background and relevant experience making decisions that affect the education of our children. Kellie Crosby-Sturtz's entire career has shown an unparalleled commitment to education and she has my unqualified support.

Peter Barber

Reno, NV 89511

From: Kevin Perez
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 11:25 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment

Dear Board of Trustees,

My name is Kevin Perez and I am writing to you to show support for Alex Woodley as the next candidate for District E. Mr. Woodley has always been a proud member of our community and his dedication to our students is nothing short of admirable. Mr. Woodley would put students' needs before the interest of others and keep working to keep our schools safe.

I encourage you to listen and trust Mr. Woodley as we work together to build a stronger community for our students.

Thank you for your time,

Kevin

From: Taylor Shortt, Michael
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 11:27 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Make Sure Joey Gilbert Stays Off of Our School Board

I implore you to keep Joey Gilbert as far away from our schools as possible. I have met the man on one occasion, and he seemed self-absorbed to say the least. I know people who went to high school with him who have described him engaging in horrific actions that ruined people's lives for his own amusement. He is not only immoral but unreliable. I have known people who hired him as an attorney only to have him fail to show up to the trial. That did not stop him from charging for his services. His professional career thus far speaks for his inclination towards self-serving and dishonorable behaviors. He is a horrible role model for our children and a dangerous threat to our district.

From: Shelley Buchanan
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 11:31 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] edit to submitted public comment

Comment on Agenda item 6.02

11/22/2022

Dear Trustees and board members,

In 2017, the [Nevada legislature](#) looked at the time schools must dedicate to testing in our state. In support of [SB303](#), Senator Woodhouse stated , “These tests have become an impediment to doing the underlying activity they were intended to measure—the education of our children.”

WCSD teacher, and now Assemblywoman Natha Anderson, submitted the [SBAC schedule](#) at Pine Middle School as evidence. She showed how 9 weeks of their school year is disrupted due to SBAC testing. Students and educators from all over Nevada [testified](#) the harmful effects of the amount of testing we do in Nevada. Students testified how pressured they felt to do well on SBACs, many to the point of tears. Teachers testified how testing cuts into instructional time, forced librarians to close libraries for testing, and removed support professionals (like SPED para-professionals and counselors) away from their duties to help with test administration. (If you haven’t watched these [testimonies](#), I highly urge you to do so.)

As a former educator myself with K-12 experience in three different Nevada districts, I have seen the negative impact over-emphasis on high stakes and standardized tests have, not only on our students but on the profession of teaching.

In 2019, [an audit](#) was done on the amount of testing that occurs in Nevada. The report found that 84% of Nevada District Test Directors stated too much time was spent on the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBAC).

Despite this, unfortunately our legislature did not choose to limit the emphasis on high stake testing.

Although the time taken on tests like the SBACS are a concern, the use of SBAC scores themselves is just as concerning. For a long time, states and districts have used high stakes tests to drive curriculum and instruction. The punitive consequences of low scores on these exams makes it unreliable as a measure of teacher effectiveness or student achievement. Focus on raising test scores inhibits academic growth rather than raising it: content and teaching is narrowed to what is tested and [instructional pacing](#) is aligned to test schedules, not student understanding of content. Temporary gains in test scores hide the lack of long-term significant growth, especially for ELL, IEP, FRL, and minority students. These effects are especially damaging to students already struggling who desperately need more meaningful instructional time aimed at growth not common standards. Likewise, high SBAC scores may hide the lack of growth for GT students.

Yes, we need to know how students are doing, but the SBAC exam does very little to inform parents and teachers as to what students need. Test scores are not available until after class placement is assigned and students have graduated on to the next grade level. More holistic data is already available and can provide a better understanding of where our students stand.

From [2018 – 2021](#) levels of staff stress have climbed significantly. In 2018, 44% of all staff felt burnt out. In 2021, that number jumped to 57%. In 2018, 39% said they don't know if they'll make it to retirement. Now the number has jumped to 49%. It is imperative that the district focus on those things that will reduce work level stress and increase retention. More training will not resolve the issues of large class sizes and inadequate prep time. Teaching assignments in the classroom should be prioritized.

Although the SBAC exams are mandated by the state, the Board could take three actions:

- Acknowledge the shortcomings of the SBACs publicly and resist making policy based on these scores alone.
- Work with other districts to push for change at the legislative level. In other states, such as Florida, groups of school boards have come together to demand a reduction in mandated standardized high stakes testing in schools. This would be a show of alliance with educators and families who have trying to fight back against the increasing amount of time our students must spend taking tests instead of learning.
- Question any district policies that encourage teachers and admin to structure instruction based on test content, such as more rigid alignment with SBAC content and rigid adherence to pacing guides based on test schedules.

Students are still struggling from the after effects of the pandemic, and teachers are trying to fill learning gaps caused by over a year of academic and social interruption. Now more than ever, our district needs to focus on those things which do lead to student learning and teacher retention.

As over [100 educational researchers](#) stated in a 2016 report on California's use of the SBAC, "Testing is not the magic bullet for school improvement."

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- Shelley Buchanan
Parent and former WCSD teacher

Shelley Buchanan

From: Karen Barber
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 11:38 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Vacant board position

To The Washoe County School Board and the Washoe County Community:

I fully support Kellie Crosby-Sturtz to be considered to fill the Board vacancy in District E. With her extensive relevant work experience and her professional educational qualifications, I believe she is exceptionally qualified to fulfill the mission of the Board which is stated:

To support and supervise all WCSD schools to ensure that the learning and social-emotional needs of each student are being met. This includes support for students, teachers, principals, all staff, and families.

As a concerned parent, grandparent and great grandparent, I am fully aware of the challenges our School Board faces. Kellie Crosby-Sturtz is capable of meeting those challenges.

Karen Barber

Reno, NV 89511

From: Claudia F. Castañeda
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 12:03 PM
To: BoardMembers
Cc: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] District E Seat

Greetings Board Members,

I write in support of Mr. Alex Woodley to be selected for District E Seat, as a parent and a voter in Northwest Reno.

He has shown his commitment for education and the community. By his work, service and volunteer experience listed on his resume, as well as volunteering for citizenship fairs, Latino Stakeholders Council, mentoring youth and always extending a helping hand to all. I have witnessed him helping all the community and advocates for all. He would be an excelente new member.

Thank you,
Claudia Castañeda, MSW
Community Relations Specialist
Student Recruitment Specialist
Small Business Consultant
Parent and voter

From: Judy Ashby
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 12:06 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Open Seat

Dear Trustees,
I do not feel that Joey Gilbert or Adrienne Potter would be good candidates for the open seat on the board.
Thank you,
Judy Ashby
Resident, parent and teacher in District E

From: janice jones
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 12:09 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please add to Public Record for item #2

Joey Gilbert is the best choice for the open Trustee District E position.

You saw how hard he worked as a candidate for Governor. You saw his energy, his dedication and his level headed thinking.
He finds solutions. You need someone this strong working for our kids and for all of us.

Joey Gilbert has worked with education experts, and is well informed about the problems that are facing the schools AND he has developed plans to solve those problems. Joey will definitely "hit the ground running".

Joey Gilbert is well qualified and is MY choice for School Board Trustee District E.

Janice Jones
Sparks, NV

From: Sally Burrows
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 12:12 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] School board

Please delete Joey Gilbert from your list of candidates to the school board.
This man would be a horrible choice. The last thing we need is someone to sow division on the board.
Thank you, and my grandchildren thank you .
Sally Burrows
Reno, NV

Sent from my iPad

From: Terri Ogden
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 12:26 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment: Agenda Item 2.01

Dear Trustees,

I do not think that Joey Gilbert is a good candidate for the open seat. Mr. Gilbert does not set a good example for our children with his denial of truth nor does his past behavior in engaging with students prove him worthy. Did you know Mr. Gilbert engaged in a name calling Twitter war with students of Spanish Springs High School in 2020-2021? That may seem trite or silly but that kind of behavior is inappropriate for someone who wants to serve on the school board. This is just one of many examples of why I think and feel Joey Gilbert is not a good candidate for the open seat.

Sincerely,
Terri Ogden

From: Katie McDowell
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 12:27 PM
To: Public Comments; BoardMembers
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item 2.01

Dear Board of Trustees and Dr. Enfield,

I am a high school teacher in Washoe County, and am a fourth generation Northern Nevadan. I have grown up in our great city as have my parents, grandparents, and great grandparents, and now I have a young daughter who will eventually be a student in the district. I have had the honor of serving our city through teaching our students in the community. I have read through all the letters of intent for each of the candidates for Dr. Taylor's open seat.

I feel compelled to voice my concern about Joey Gilbert. There are many things that disturb me about the possibility of Mr. Gilbert being a member of our board of trustees. He is an election denier. He has threatened to sue the Washoe County School District on numerous occasions. He has publicly condemned public education, harassed teachers (myself included), and his followers even put my school in a code yellow lockdown when they tried to burst through security for a virtual board meeting during school hours, threatening the wellbeing of students.

His approach to serving on the board has very clearly been from the foundation of hate, proving a point that serves only those who believe what he believes, without acknowledging the needs of *all* students in this district. His choices will only serve a select few in our district, if that. Students and teachers **WILL** be harmed with him in a seat. He has shared disinformation, perpetuated rumors, and caused distress to countless individuals who serve this community. It seems clear to me that he does not want what is best for students, teachers, staff, or the school district.

I appreciate you taking the time to read my public comment and implore you to do the right thing--the thing that reaches the ultimate good for our students, families, our teachers, and the communities in which they reside.

Sincerely,

Katie McDowell

From: Carlos Hernandez-Guillen
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 12:34 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] District E, WCSD Board

Dear WCSD Board selection committee,

As an alumnus of Washoe Country School District and first-generation graduate, I want to express my strong support of Mr. Alex Woodley to be considered as a qualified candidate to fill the District E vacancy. Mr. Woodley is a proven advocate for public education and leader within our community. Mr. Woodley has dedicated years to initiative which foster equity, diversity and inclusion. Mr. Woodley possesses a valuable set of skills that can greatly benefit WCSD.

Respectfully,

Carlos Hernandez-Guillen
Maintenance Systems Supervisor
SK Food Group, Inc.

From: Mark S. Bacon
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 12:36 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Board choices

I strongly support Alex Woodyly and Kelly Crosby-Sturtz for the board. Both are responsible, local voices of reason.
Mark Bacon

Reno 89511

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Tout va bien.

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Tout va bien.

From: Melissa M McGovern
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 1:49 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Trustee for District E

Good afternoon,

I am writing this email as a a resident of District E and parent of children in this district, as someone whose entire career has been dedicated to the field of education, specifically the education of those most vulnerable in out community, I am **fully supportive of having Alex Woodley** as the next Trustee for District E. To be clear, I am adamantly against the other candidates who applied to this position and am especially against having Joey Gilbert on the board; he has repeatedly made comments that divide and exclude the community, which is completely counterproductive to what is needed in our district.

On the other hand, Alex Woodley's record of success in helping and being involved in our community speaks volumes; I have no doubt he will remain dedicated to supporting our students and families of WCSD by using his strong qualities and characteristics to review data, make essential decisions, and always center the work on how to best support our students in attaining the education they deserve.

For over a decade, we have collaborated on numerous professional endeavors in our community, and his passion for education has always been at the center. Additionally, he is a transparent, caring, and compassionate individual, and I have no doubt he would be an invaluable resource to WCSD and your Board of Trustees. I ask for your **highest consideration for Alex Woodley as Trustee for District E!**

Kindly,

Melissa McGovern, M.S., UCAN Clinic Coordinator
Nevada Center for Excellence in Disabilities
Dept. of Speech Pathology & Audiology
University of Nevada, Reno

Reno, NV 89557

From: Beth Martin
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 1:52 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BOT Meeting 11/22/22

Greetings board members,

I have set time aside to go through potential board members letter of intent. I am interested in learning more about Meghan Beyer and Alex Woodley. Mr. Woodley is a community activist and Mrs. Beyer's history shows a commitment to the community. I think either of them would put our students first and ensure that they are getting an excellent education and are safe in our schools. I feel positive involvement is an important trait to have as you consider your next appointment to the board.

I also must mention that I looked over another letter of intent that left me questioning the applicants intentions. Joey Gilbert continues to work against our district, against our leadership team, against our board, and worst of all against our students. He pedals false information to our students and parents, publicly speaks negatively of teachers, fought against vaccinations and mask wearing when returning from COVID, and will be the first one the encourage a parent to take their child out of WCSD. He's not working to support our district, he's working to break it down! Mr. Gilbert serving on the board would be an injustice to our WCSD student body, employees, and community members who are in fact, doing what's best for kids.

Respectfully,

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Beth Martin

From: Cisneros, Cristal
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 2:03 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: For Agenda Item 2.01

Dear Trustees,

I do not feel that Joey Gilbert is a good candidate for the open seat. He is asking his supporters to “SaveWCSD”. Yes, there are areas of growth for our district, but we do not need to be ‘saved’. Joey Gilbert has historically been combative with our school district and only wants to further his own agenda. He does not care about our students, or our district overall, and therefore should not be a representative of WCSD.

Thank you for your time,
Cristal Wilson

Cristal Wilson, M.Ed.
Instructional Coach/Learning Facilitator
Corbett Elementary School

From: Liz
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 2:51 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No for Joey Gilbert

Dear Trustees,

I've been a WCSD teacher for 20 years and currently teach third grade. I absolutely do NOT feel comfortable with Joey Gilbert being a candidate for the open seat. He does not support teachers and his actions these past few years are reprehensible. The past things he's posted on his Facebook page that are derogatory and completely unprofessional, are not supportive of students or teachers. His professional background and very radical opinions will not help our students or district. His agenda is clear and his opinions of our hard work are disrespectful and disheartening. I love my job and work hard for my students. I'm a National Board Certified Teacher and support our district; yet will not hesitate to leave if Joey Gilbert is on the board. We need someone who supports our students, staff, and board.

Thank you for your time,
Liz Lepe
Lenz Elementary School
MMFT BSEd NBCT

From: Ariel Van Cleve
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 3:03 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please Appoint Joey Gilbert to Represent District E

Dear Trustees,

I urge you to appoint Joey Gilbert as a replacement for Angela Taylor to represent District E. It is important that we have trustees interested more in improving our students' educations than they are in protecting the status quo because the status quo in our county is atrociously low math and English proficiency scores, high absentee rates, and thriving student drug cultures. I believe Joey care about addressing these trends and that he will work with the board to create solutions.

I understand some may have concerns about his personal style and political resume; however, I believe that actions speak louder than words and that his political investment demonstrates his investment in our community and his dedication to improving our school district. Additionally, his resume as a statewide candidate has given him exposure to school districts across the state and has perhaps also given him connections through which our school district can learn from and communicate ideas with other communities as we all seek educational improvement.

In conclusion, Joey Gilbert is a qualified candidate for this seat; and I request that he be appointed as the next trustee for Washoe County School Board District E. Thank you for your time!

Regards,
Ms. Ariel Van Cleve

From: Grant, Beth
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 3:05 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Agenda item 2.01

Dear Trustees,
I do not feel Joey Gilbert is a good candidate for the position.
Thank you,

Beth Grant

From: Erica Krysztof
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 3:15 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] school board appointment

I am writing to express my concern regarding potential appointees to the school board.

I do not feel that Joey Gilbert is an appropriate representative. I feel that he is running, not to improve the lives and education of students in the district, but to improve his career. He is so divisive with his political opinions that I feel that he would alienate a good portion of his constituents. That being said, and in wanting to keep an open mind, I was still willing to listen to what he had to say. Unfortunately, the speech that I just heard from Mr. Gilbert was obviously a recycled campaign speech designed to inflame and outrage. His big promise was an anonymous hotline that he would set up. If he had done his homework or was truly a “product of the system” (he is the product of private schools and I’m concerned that he doesn’t know the difference), he would know that there is already a hotline in place. It is on the district website, on flyers in the school hallways, and in student newsletters.

Does the district have issues? Of course. Do improvements need to be made? Of course. Is Joey Gilbert the person to do it? No. I never heard with whom he would collaborate. Given his hatred for the system he is trying to join, how could he possibly work with others and who would be able to work with him? I heard nothing of this and would never support a candidate who was so negative, threatening, inflammatory and has no knowledge of the system that he so desperately wants to overhaul.

I also have concerns regarding Adrienne Potter and some of her positions regarding public education but it seems that maybe she has withdrawn her candidacy?

As for whom I would like for you to appoint, as it stands right now, I’d write in Jeff (last name unheard) who spoke during your public comments if I could.

Thank you,
Erica Krysztof

From: Emily Hobson
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 3:46 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Alex Woodley as Trustee for District E

Dear Board,

I am writing this email as a lifelong educator and Reno resident. To move our district forward, I am fully supportive of having Alex Woodley as the next Trustee for District E. I oppose the other candidates who applied to this position and especially oppose Joey Gilbert, who has repeatedly stated comments and engaged in actions that divide and exclude members of our community and who would be a great detriment to the district.

On the other hand, Alex Woodley's record of success in helping and being involved in our community speaks volumes; I have no doubt he will remain dedicated to supporting our students and families of WCSD by using his strong qualities and characteristics to review data, make essential decisions, and always center the work on how to best support our students in attaining the education they deserve.

I ask for your support for Alex Woodley as Trustee for District E.

Sincerely,
Emily Hobson
Reno

From: Annalisa Walker
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 5:00 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] New trustee

Please do not consider Joey Gilbert for the position on the Board of Trustees. He does not have the best interest of the students, staff, and district in mind. His very public history of threats toward the district should be one reason he is automatically disqualified. He also has been outspoken about denying the past election and has made it clear he has an agenda that would not be helpful in moving our district in a direction that supports students.

Thank you,
Annalisa Walker
Retired Principal

Sent from my iPhone

From: Burge, Greg
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 5:16 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Agenda item 2.01

Dear Trustees,

I have been a teacher in this district for 15 years, and I want to emphatically say that I do not think that Joey Gilbert will be a good candidate for the vacant seat on the board.

Sincerely,

Greg Burge