
From: Erica Orme
Sent: Thursday, November 24, 2022 11:35 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Meghan Beyer-WCSD Board Candidate

To the Board of Trustees,

I am writing to recommend **Meghan Beyer**, candidate for the Washoe County School District Board. I am a parent of students at Westergard, Bilingshurst and McQueen High School. I met Meghan when she moved to Reno six years ago at a Westergard Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meeting. Meghan wanted to be involved at her children's school and saw opportunities to improve the student experience and support teachers and staff. She quickly became one of my closest friends as she jumped in and volunteered to support activities at the school. After a short time, Meghan took on the role of PTO President and served in this position for 2 years. During her time in this position Meghan brought much success to this role. She listened to teachers and parents' needs, implemented change and made the school shine in the community. With the teacher shortage during COVID, Meghan jumped in and became a regular substitute teacher at numerous schools in the district. She spent countless hours in the classrooms experiencing first hand what teachers are faced with.

In each of the activities Meghan has been involved in, she has demonstrated time and time again her passion to not only serve her community, but also the country. Meghan served in the US Navy where she met her husband who recently retired after 20 years of military service. She stood by his side and now has the opportunity to pursue her own passions in education to make the community stronger. Meghan's strength and dedication is inspiring. It has become her personal mission to bring success to the Washoe County School District. Meghan is a unique and strong School District Board candidate with first hand experience as a parent, substitute teacher and as a PTO President. I am confident that Meghan will be an incredible asset to the Washoe County School District Board, teachers, parents and most importantly to students in the community in this position.

Sincerely,

Erica Orme
Parent & PTO member

From: Joel Bornstein
Sent: Sunday, November 27, 2022 9:33 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Meghan Beyer

To whom it may concern,

As I understand, my dear friend Meghan Beyer is being considered for a position with the WCSD. Upon hearing this, I felt completely compelled to reach out and express my admiration for her.

I remember quite clearly the first I met Meghan. It was at a very small gathering of PTO members in the computer room at Westergard Elementary School. The morale was rather low, as many long-standing members had moved on to the middle school. We were left feeling sad and defeated since we had gone without many of our beloved activities the year before. Meghan entered the group with such passion and creativity. Her ideas were fresh, plentiful, and surprisingly easy to execute. She rolled her sleeves up quite literally, creating backdrops, structures, and games from lumber, plaster and paint. She offered new techniques for networking and helped bring everyone's ideas together to create successful events.

Having 3 children herself, I am always amazed by her endless energy and calm demeanor. I have never seen her overwhelmed or angry, and she often takes on more tasks than assigned. Her motivation has always been the children, their families, and their teachers. How to bring joy to the children, a sense of community to the families, and support to the teachers. For her, it is about making a difference.

I just know that she would be an asset to any team that she joins because she treats everyone as an individual. Each person as a unique and important piece of the puzzle, that is our school district.

Thank you for your time,
Amy Bornstein

Sent from my iPhone

From: Adam Young
Sent: Thursday, November 24, 2022 9:03 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Joey Gilbert unfit

Hi, my name is Adam Young and my daughter is a 1st grader at Peavine Elementary. I won't make this lengthy but Joey is an unhinged Qanon conspiracy theorist who has absolutely zero qualifications for a position on the school board.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Morabito, Joe
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2022 4:52 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Board Candidates to Replace Angela Taylor - Halleluiah

It is good that racist, woke Angela Taylor will soon be off the School Board. This woman has done great damage to the children of Washoe County. So, why isn't Joey Gilbert being interviewed. I understand that he was interested in serving. I assume he lives in the district/area to be filled. And, which of these candidates are endorsed by the teacher's union. We need to know if any of their stooges are in consideration. Please advise. Joe Morabito

Joseph Morabito

From: Jennifer McCann
Sent: Thursday, December 1, 2022 9:55 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Meghan Beyer-Board of Trustees

To whom it may concern:

This email is in support of Meghan Beyer for the WCSD Board of Trustees. As a parent myself, I feel compelled to show support for Meghan because of her background, experience, and **realness**. She is a mom in this district for all ages and she has conveyed in her messaging how important it is to make sure the district is doing everything they can do to advocate for your children. We need someone like her in our district.

Jennifer Gianola

From: Leslie Mix
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 7:44 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] In support of Alex Woodley, District E

Dear Washoe County School District Trustees:

I am writing this email as a grandparent 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 and applaud all candidates for their willingness to serve the community through WCSD.

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 who will 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!**

Warm regards,

Leslie A. Mix

From: Kailey Taylor
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 11:15 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] School Board Appointment - Support for Meghan Beyer

Washoe County School Board Members,

I am writing to ask for your sincere consideration of Meghan Beyer for Washoe County School Board. Since I have known Meghan, I have had no doubt that her whole heart is set on doing what is best for her children, and others, when it comes to education. Meghan does her research, meets with teachers and principals, and invests her free time in helping with PTA and other school events. This speaks volumes considering she works full time and has three young children.

As someone about to become a first-time parent, my child's education has been one of my top concerns throughout this entire pregnancy. As I listen to friends who have been teaching for years, I have become more and more concerned with the public school system. Some stories I've heard recently break my heart. The first time I had some hope was when I heard Meghan was applying for an appointment to the School Board. I believe she has the passion, energy, and personal commitment to making our schools better for our children.

Respectfully,

Kailey Musso

From: Lu Ann M Pillar
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 1:08 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] School Board District E Vacancy

Hello,

I am writing regarding the upcoming appointment to fill the position for District E. Kellie Crosby-Sturtz and I are parents to former McQueen High School students. She has always been supportive, kind, and compassionate to every student and parent. Kellie would be an asset to the Washoe County School Board.

Kind wishes,
Lu Ann M. Pillar
(she/hers)

From: Felicia Mattle
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 1:17 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kellie Crosby-Sturtz for Trustee

Good afternoon.

I am writing to voice my support for Kellie Crosby-Sturtz for the position of Board of Trustee for District E.

I have know Kellie for the past 24 years. As a young mother, Kellie served as my nanny for my newborn child till about age 2. I know her to be a very dedicated and passionate individual, especially when it comes to the well being, emotional support and education of all children. She is extremely honest, responsible and I have enjoyed following her career in education and have been inspired how she is always learning as well as advocating for the benefits of students. For these reasons I believe she is an excellent candidate and would be remarkable on the Board of Trustees.

Sincerely,

Felicia Mattle

From:
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 1:44 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Alex Woodley to be appointed Trustee for District E

Honorable Trustees:

Thank you for the difficult work you do every day.

I am writing to wholeheartedly endorse Alex Woodley to be the next Trustee for District E. I have known Alex for more than a decade as a fellow public servant in his role with the City of Reno and in his capacity as a dedicated community builder and volunteer.

Alex brings many critical qualities as a candidate for this position: thorough knowledge of how public sector Boards work within the Open Meeting Law; experience with government budgets and labor matters; a deep commitment to working across all lines to find consensus solutions; sensitivity to the needs of our marginalized student populations as a person of color and a fluent Spanish speaker; and the discipline to set important goals and work as a team to achieve them through his military training and service as a US Marine. The Board and the District would be extremely fortunate to have Alex's experience and vision as a part of the WCSD Family.

I hope you will join me in supporting Alex Woodley for the District E appointment.

Respectfully,
Katy Simon Holland

*Katy Simon Holland, MA
President
Simon and Associates*

From: Karen Zavora
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 2:19 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Kellie Crosby-Sturtz

Dear Trustees,

I am writing in support of Kellie Crosby-Sturtz in her bid for the vacant Trustee E position. She would be an excellent Trustee, bringing her years of educational experience and service to children and families to the trustee table.

Ms. Kellie (as my son called her) is the librarian at the Honors Academy of Literature (HAL) where my son Henry previously attended school. During his time there, I got to know Ms. Kellie. She is an experienced educator, having worked in various roles within the school. She is committed to serving children and families. She is often the person leading the after school club, or recess club, often finding resources so students can have extra activities. She has sourced sports equipment for a sports club, old cameras for a photography club, Legos for a Lego Club. She is smart, articulate, and thoughtful with parents. And she is kind to students and gets to know them as individuals. In fact, I'm pretty sure Ms. Kellie knows the entire student body at HAL and could tell you about each child's interests, strengths, and needs.

I remember asking her if she could keep an eye on my son during kindergarten recess when he was feeling overwhelmed at the beginning of kindergarten. She didn't hesitate, or roll her eyes at a nervous new kinder mother. She simply replied, "On it." And she was. True to her word she helped Henry herself and also passed on to the aides at recess to help him if he looked a bit lost.

Ms. Kellie has two sons at UNR who are in the marching band. She has lived and supported and dedicated herself to the educational community in Washoe County and is passionate about serving children and their families. She can work within a team as a supporting member, but can also lead as well. She will listen to her constituents with genuine interest. Just as she listens to the parents at HAL.

I enthusiastically support her selection as Trustee. She would make a great addition to the Trustee team.

Kind regards,

Karen Zavora

Sent from my iPhone

From: ruth lenz
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 4:21 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kellie Crosby-Sturtz

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing this letter in support Kellie Crosby-Sturtz. I taught Kellie's son Ian violin for many years and got to see her in action as a parent and person throughout that time. Kellie is kind, perceptive, compassionate, considerate and assertive as both a parent and a friend. Recently I have also had the opportunity to visit one of her classes and saw that the children were thriving and comfortable and enthusiastic under her tutelage. Kelly is a fierce advocate for children. She wants to make sure they have fine arts classes and music, ideal circumstances for learning all curriculums and also an environment where ALL children feel supported and safe. She does not back down when she sees the need for change and she searches relentlessly for solutions that work. As her son's violin teacher, I saw how she balanced supporting him and making sure I had the help I needed to help him succeed. She had a lot of wisdom and finesse so that she didn't interfere too much or not enough. I really appreciate that. I think she would make a wonderful addition to the school board! Thank you...

Ruth Lenz, DMA

Sent from my iPhone

From: Grace F
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 4:46 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Applicant for Trustee position Kellie Strutz

I am writing on behalf of my friend of 20 years Kellie Strutz. Kellie is a strong advocate for the students and also their parents of Washoe county.

After Kellie achieved her Masters in Education I had the privilege of watching Her develop into a strong teacher and mentor not only for her 2 sons but also for all the students in the schools where she taught and the schools were her sons attended. She was very active in the studies, activities that the students were involved in. If there was a student that needed help of any kind Kellie was the first one to step up and help.

Kellie participated in many school programs, and boards helping to secure the best for all students .

With her experience and knowledge she would give 100% for the betterment of the Washoe County School District. I would appreciate your selecting for this board position.

Respectfully
Grace Fujii

Sent from my iPad

From: Claudia F. Castañeda
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 7:20 PM
To: BoardMembers
Cc: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] District E Seat

Greetings Board Members,

I write this email as a parent, a voter in Northwest Reno and as someone who has dedicated entire career to advocating for the community. I as to move our district forward, I am in **full support of having Mr. Alex Woodley** as the next Trustee for District E.

Mr. Woodley 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 has always advocated for education for all for over a decade. He would be an excellent new member. **I ask for your highest consideration for Mr. Alex Woodley as Trustee for District E.**

Thank you,
Claudia Castañeda, MSW

Reno, 89503
Community Relations Specialist
Student Recruitment Specialist
Small Business Consultant
Parent and voter

From: Concha Durham
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 8:50 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Recommendation for Alex Woodley

To whom it may concern,

It is my pleasure to recommend and support Alex Woodley for the WCSD Board of Trustees District E position. I have had the privilege of knowing Alex Woodley for more than ten years. He has always had the community's best interest in mind in every endeavor we have been involved with. I have always been impressed with his professionalism, dedication, commitment, and work ethic. As a mother who has had children in the Washoe County School District, I know that Alex will be a tremendous benefit to the district's students and staff. I can't think of anyone better equipped, more qualified, or more suited for the position.

Sincerely,
Concha Durham

From: Christina Kim
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 11:04 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Recommendation of Ms. Kellie

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing this letter of support to recommend that Ms. Kellie Crosby-Sturtz be selected as a member of the Washoe County School Board. I am a parent of two children who attend the Honors Academy of Literature (HAL), which is where Ms. Kellie works as the school librarian. In previous years at HAL, Ms. Kellie has also worked as a teacher/educator.

I have seen, first hand, Ms. Kellie's commitment and devotion to enriching the learning experiences of the diverse student body at HAL. As a librarian, she has worked tirelessly to improve the school library to increase its collection of books by organizing and managing annual book fairs. In addition to enhancing the book collection, she has also created for an intellectually stimulating library environment by securing STEM materials and chessboards to be available for use by all students.

As an educator, I have witnessed Ms. Kellie work as a team player and support to teachers and students during MAP testing. Specifically, during the school shut downs caused by the pandemic, Ms. Kellie administered MAP testing to confused primary/elementary grade students participating in online school-all with the utmost patience and grace.

By selecting Ms. Kellie to serve on the school board, the trustees would be gaining an incredible asset who I believe will skillfully and faithfully serve our community of teachers, students and families with their best interests in mind. It is my honor and privilege to recommend Ms. Kellie as a member of the Washoe County School Board.

Sincerely,
Christina Kim

From: Dustin Coli
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 7:34 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] School Board District E Trustee selection

Dear WCSD Board of Trustees,

I am writing to you in regards to Kellie Crosby-Sturtz who is a finalist to fill the vacant District E Trustee seat. I have known Kellie for over 15 years and have worked with her in a variety of capacities.

I first met Kellie when her sons joined our Boy Scout Troop. At the time I was one of the leaders, and one thing that stuck out about Kellie was her dedication to her children and how she held them to high standards. It was not long before I learned that Kellie would extend this dedication to all of the members of the troop by taking on the role of Awards Chair. In this capacity Kellie sat on Boards of Review for rank advancement. Her questions to the scouts were always thoughtful and helped the scout realize their potential. Kellie would go further in her passion for the scouting program, by forming a new cub scout pack and serving as the Cubmaster for a time.

Kellie's dedication to education encompasses a long career, both working in early childhood education as well as teaching courses at TMCC. Education is a calling for Kellie and with every role she has served in the education system, Kellie has served admirably. She constantly seeks out unique and engaging opportunities for her students, and is a tireless advocate for all students regardless of ability. She believes in this district as both of her sons are products of it. Kellie truly has her finger on the pulse of education, and I have no doubt that she will serve the Washoe County School District with distinction. As a fellow educator I can think of no one better to serve on this board.

Sincerely,
Dustin Coli
High School Science Teacher

From: Lisa Lee
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 10:05 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kellie Crosby-Sturtz

Greetings esteemed Trustees,

I am writing to support trustee candidate, Kellie Crosby-Sturtz. Kellie is the librarian at the school my youngest child attends and where my eldest attended for 5 years before entering the medical academy at AACT. Kellie has shown kindness, inclusivity, patience, and her role is much more than "just a librarian." Kellie has been such a wonderful support to my son Ian, who lives with Williams Syndrome.

Kellie brings a variety of perspectives to the table. She is a "boots on the ground educator" and also a parent of a child, who like my Ian, has faced challenges due to special needs. More than that, Kellie is a wonderful support to us parents and always has a listening ear. No doubt these multiple perspectives and the willingness to listen will serve her well if selected for this role. I urge you to choose a candidate who continues to advocate and care for children and families on the frontlines.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email and for all you do.

Respectfully,

Lisa Lee, MA, CPRSS

From: Lisa Ruggerio
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 10:22 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Alex Woodley

Thank you Trustees and Superintendent for the opportunity to submit public comment in support of Mr. Woodley.

What an exciting time for the WCSD, the work you all are doing is exceptional on behalf of our children and teachers. Thank you so much for your ongoing commitment to student learning even during the most challenging times. I can't express my appreciation enough for your hard work and dedication. And I can't think of a more qualified applicant than Mr. Woodley to join you in your efforts. Mr. Woodley brings a depth of experience that will serve the Board of Trustees well. I first met Mr. Woodley while serving on the City of Reno Ward Three Neighborhood Advisory Board many years ago and have continued to work in partnership with Mr. Woodley on community projects. His unique understanding of our neighborhoods and what our children face everyday will be seen in his work at the Board table. You see Alex understands what many of our children face in their neighborhoods including our children living in poverty and children exposed to violence. As we all know our schools are not isolated to the challenges facing our neighborhoods and that is where Mr. Woodley shines. He will bring a love and understanding of our most vulnerable students and families. It is my greatest honor to recommend his appointment to the Washoe County School Board.

Thank you, again Trustees and Superintendent. I know I speak for many of our community - your hard work does not go unnoticed.

Sincerely,
Lisa Ruggerio

Hello Board of Trustee members for the Washoe County School District. My name is Sarah Wood and I am ecstatic to recommend to you today, Mrs. Kellie Crosby-Sturtz as the next District E representative for our community. Mrs. Kellie, as she is known by so many, has the skill-sets needed to be a wonderful member for the Washoe County Board of Trustees. She has spent years working in our community's schools in different positions. She's seen a lot and knows a great deal about the problems our community's children are facing. She's currently in the thick of it working at an inner-city school in the heart of downtown Reno. She gives her all and it makes a difference. Her students are learning how to be respectful, solve problems, and be responsible for their own actions, words, and possessions. Incredibly necessary skills for our children to learn and unfortunately skills many adults have forgotten. And let's remember, we are striving to build better environments for students who will one day become adults. She sees her students (and their parents, I might add) as they are and meets them where they are. I am one of those parents, by the way. She works with her students instead of against them, resolving conflict in healthy ways. All skills that work well in environments where opposition is likely to arise. We all have opinions and rightfully so but Mrs. Kellie is decisive NOT divisive. Oh how much we need that skill in our society today. She is aware of the real struggles in our schools. She sees them day in and day out. So much has changed in the schools even in just the last couple of years. She sees it. She desires to be a part of a solution and I commend her for holding such a desire. We need more people directing our schools who have actually WORKED in them. I am grateful for her desire to make such an impact. I support her serving on the board while having her particular viewpoint as an educator. I think her viewpoint as an educator is so crucial to the success of our schools.

Mrs. Kellie is what the Washoe County School District Board of Trustees needs!

Respectfully,

Sarah Wood