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**From:** Kar Werning  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 5, 2025 10:00 AM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] School board

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We must have open-minded, reasonable, intelligent people making decisions affecting the children of Washoe County. Please do not cave to loud voices looking to push their own agenda, to the detriment of our kids' wellbeing.


K. Werning

Reno

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Jackie Shelton  
**Sent:** Monday, January 6, 2025 1:04 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] School Board Vacancy

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Good morning,

While I don't envy your task in choosing the right person for this important role, I know you're up for the challenge. :)

I have reviewed the resumes and believe that Felipe Escamilla is the best person for this position. He has demonstrated an ability to build consensus, he values diversity and equality and he has a child in the public school system.

Thank you for all you're doing to make our community a better place.

Jackie

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Jackie Shelton

Pronouns: she/her



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**From:** BRUCE FOSTER  
**Sent:** Monday, January 6, 2025 2:07 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Board of Trustees Special Meeting - 1/7/2025

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

In light of the special meeting of the WCSD Board of Trustees for the express purpose of reviewing applicants for the vacant position of District C, I would like to be assured that they would be vetted thoroughly per NRS.

I am concerned that a sitting Trustee, Alex Woodley, would be in participation in these proceedings (see below) and I would hope that the individual filling this seat would be of good character and integrity. All this having the very best interest and high standards/ expectations in mind for the students along with, more importantly, being an honorable example.

Respectfully,

B. Foster

## Sparks

Mr. Woodley,

We are writing today to invite and encourage you to resign from WCSD Board of Trustees. In light of the recent information and news reports, your sexting indiscretions demand that you step down. You have lost your status and credibility as a role model for our Washoe County school children. In fact, to the contrary, you are exactly what the kids DON'T need to look up to. Your apparent refusal to resign is a disgusting display of arrogance and an insult to this community.

You are a Marine. Honor, Courage, Commitment and Integrity are the guiding principles of a Marine. Do you think your fellow Marines would be pleased with your actions? You have violated these principles.

You are a father. Your newly graduated daughter must be mortified.

You are a husband. What must your wife, with a new baby be feeling?

You are a grandson. Is this how your grandmother raised you, to be persistent in your indulgences to the detriment of your community?

You are hurting your wife and children, the school district, and this community.

You can do this the easy way, or you can spend your future time, name, and platform on a no-win stakes for your political future.

It's clear you were hiding this issue from your wife by using your public servant, taxpayer cell phone instead of your personal cell so somewhere in the deep recesses of your soul, you know it is wrong.

You have a choice to make. Resign or put your family, our community, and Washoe County students through more shame and humiliation. You've done enough damage already. The only way to avoid further damage is to step down from the WCSD board.

School children are now aware that you, a governing board member, are sexting and the rumors are running wild. They are laughing and making fun of you as you pompously sit in that trustee seat ( or shall we call it the trustless seat). They should instead be getting the message that you are fired, that there are consequences when public officials use public taxpayer funds for such shenanigans. The kids were told, in last Tuesday's meeting, not to entertain themselves on their cell phones in class, but there

was Alex Woodley 'entertaining' himself on his phone... during the school board meeting. Are you getting the picture?

This is starting to blow up in the media. Here's the most recent article after last Tuesday's meeting.

<https://evrimagaci.org/tpg/washoe-county-school-trustee-faces-pressure-amid-sexting-scandal-59343>

Reno Discloses Sexting from Former City Code Enforcer, Current Trustee Alex Woodley's Official Phone — Our Town Reno

WCSD Trustee Alex Woodley, board members ignore recent sexting scandal

Alex Woodley Resigns from City of Reno Amid Allegations of 'Sexting' On City-Issued Cell Phone - Nevada Globe

The board must hold its members to a higher standard.

You thought you had a pass, but you've seen the latest articles, the tidal wave is yet to come. We will continue and persist in making the community aware of your years of indiscretions, going back to 2017, or does it go back further? And your fellow board members are complicit if they don't insist on your resignation. Resign today.

Extremely Concerned moms, dads, and grandparents of Washoe County

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**From:** Jamie Vaughn  
**Sent:** Monday, January 6, 2025 10:42 AM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] District C Trustee Choice

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Attention Trustees:


Regarding: District C Trustee Choice

As a concerned citizen and retired educator, I am writing to urge you to support Felipe Escamilla for the District C trustee position. I believe an effective School Board Trustee should possess certain qualities: the ability to foster consensus and work collaboratively, a commitment to diversity and equity in decision-making, and the experience of having a child in the public school system. After looking over all the resumes, Felipe Escamilla truly stands out to me.

Thank you,  
Jamie Vaughn  
Reno, NV

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**From:** Bergamini  
**Sent:** Monday, January 6, 2025 2:26 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Trustee Position Representing District C

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Hello

My name is Joanne Bergamini. I've lived in Washoe County for 40 years, both my kids went through the public schools here. I'm very concerned about the direction of public education, and when I saw that there is an open position for a new trustee position on the Board, I decide to read the candidate's applications.


I felt that the standout candidate is Tamara Oswald. She has shown a lifelong interest in public education, professionally and personally. The other candidates spoke mostly about their business and military experience, or that they have children who attended Washoe County schools. I don't think that's enough. Public education is the lifeblood of a healthy community, and this isn't the time to have inexperienced people trying to learn as they go.

Thank you for your time,

Joanne Bergamini

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**From:** Gaye McCollum-Nickles  
**Sent:** Monday, January 6, 2025 11:21 AM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] District C board member replacement

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I attend almost all of the WCSD Board meetings virtually. And I have watched just how important it is to have members who can play well together even though there may be differences of opinions. I've watched public comments that were treated with more respect than the public commenters may have deserved. I have also noted that there have been BoT members themselves who have engendered rancor in and outside of the meetings.

I've read the resumes. There are two or three candidates who will not bring with them an agenda meant to alarm or enrage; however, there is one candidate that stands out to me. Felipe Escamilla's resume shows that he is able to listen and to collaborate, to build consensus while valuing diversity and equity in our district. Those criteria will help build a better system that responds to all of our children. The more cooperative and cohesive our board, the less noise and nonsense.

Gaye McCollum-Nickles

Reno, NV. 89509


"No history is mute. No matter how much they own it, break it, and lie about it, human history refuses to shut its mouth. Despite deafness and ignorance, the time that was continues to tick inside the time that is."

— Eduardo Galeano, Uruguayan journalist



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**From:** Alanna Fitzgerald  
**Sent:** Monday, January 6, 2025 12:20 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Candidate for District C - public comment

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Hello, my name is Alanna Fitzgerald and I am a constituent of District D. The following is intended at public comment for the January 7, 2025 Trustee Special Meeting in regard to filling the opening in District C: I encourage you to carefully consider Felipe Escamilla for the opening. After reviewing the comments submitted by and resumes of all applicants I believe he would be an effective trustee. It appears that he has many of the characteristics needed for a high-functioning Board member such as the ability to work collaboratively and build consensus. It appears that he also has well developed awareness about issues related to diversity and equity.

Thank you for considering this input about the candidate for District C.


Respectfully,

Alanna Fitzgerald

## Batchelder, Jennifer

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**From:** Susan Thompson  
**Sent:** Monday, January 6, 2025 7:14 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Candidates for Trustee Position

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Dear WCSB Trustees,

As the parent of a student who recently graduated from a Washoe County high school and as a Washoe County resident who wishes to live in a community alongside well-educated fellow citizens equipped to positively contribute to our community and economy, I am writing to support the selection of qualified candidates to interview for the trustee position vacated by Joe Rodriguez.

Attributes I believe are important in the consideration of candidates for the Washoe County School board include ability and desire to collaborate, build consensus, and find solutions that reflect the diversity of our community, while being good stewards of our tax dollars. Of the candidates up for consideration who appear to possess these qualities I support Felipe Escamilla, Jason Bushey, James Phoenix, and Tamara Oswald.

Washoe County needs now, more than ever, leaders who are truly invested in our community and not those who prioritize sowing division for political gain. I say this as a citizen who, this past year, served as a juror in a criminal trial and also volunteered to be a poll worker on November 5 helping people vote. I considered both to be an honor and civic duty working with my fellow citizens to support our community, irrespective of our diverse backgrounds and political beliefs. I hope the next trustee will embody this same sense of civic duty and support the development of rich curricula which includes art, theater, music, foreign language, government/civics, and be a strong advocate for access to a diverse selection of culturally relevant books in our school libraries that help our children become creative, fair-minded, well-adjusted, and collaborative members of our community.

Sincerely,

Susan Thompson