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**From:** Larry and Meredith  
**Sent:** Friday, January 10, 2025 8:17 AM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support for Beth Smith

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Please continue to support Beth Smith as president of the school board. She's done a good job! We need her insight and experience. Thank you all for your dedication to this important work.

Meredith Ford  
Washoe resident

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**From:** Lee, Chantal  
**Sent:** Friday, January 10, 2025 12:46 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Public Comment: Support for the Retention of Beth Smith as School Board President

**Public Comment to the Washoe County School District Board of Trustees**  
**Subject: Support for the Retention of Beth Smith as School Board President**

Dear Members of the Washoe County School District Board of Trustees,

As a dedicated educator with 16 years of professional experience within our District and currently serving as the Principal of Poulakidas Elementary School, I am writing to express my strong support for the retention of Beth Smith as School Board President.

Beth Smith has consistently demonstrated a deep commitment to supporting teaching and learning, which is evident through her focus on fostering an environment that prioritizes the success and well-being of both students and educators. Her professionalism, ethics, and values are impeccable, and she continuously exemplifies integrity in her decision-making and interactions.

Furthermore, Beth Smith is a staunch advocate for high-quality public education. Her dedication to maintaining and enhancing the standards of our schools makes her an exceptional leader. Retaining her in the role of School Board President will ensure the continuity of her effective leadership and vision for the District.

I am confident that under her continued leadership, the Board will advance the mission of our District, ensuring that every student has access to the quality education they deserve.

Thank you for considering my support for the retention of Beth Smith in this critical role.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Chantal Lee, M.Ed.  
Principal, Poulakidas Elementary School



**Chantal Lee**  
**Principal**  
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**From:** Riordan, Colbee  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 12, 2025 5:00 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Public Comment for School Board President

*Good Evening,*

*I am writing to express support to retain Beth Smith as our President of the WCSD Board of Trustees. President Smith's unwavering commitment to advocating for our students, staff, and families has made a profound impact on our community.*

*Under her guidance, we have seen significant advancements in educational policies and initiatives that prioritize the well-being and growth of our students. Her ability to listen to the concerns of families and staff, while also championing innovative solutions, demonstrates her dedication to our school district.*

*The challenges our district faces are many, yet her strong leadership and vision instills confidence that we are on the right path. President Smith consistently puts the needs of our students first, advocating for resources and support that empower both educators and learners alike.*

*I urge the board to retain Beth Smith as our President of the Board of Trustees. Her fierce advocacy is essential for the progress we have made and the future we collectively aspire to achieve for students.*

*Sincerely,*

*Colbee Riordan*

*WSPA President*



**Colbee Riordan**  
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**From:** Will, Michelle  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 12, 2025 9:19 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Public Comment

Dear School Board Members,

I am writing this letter to express my wholehearted support for Beth Smith as she seeks to continue serving as President of the Washoe County School Board. As a principal within this district, I have witnessed firsthand the profound impact of Beth's leadership and dedication to our schools, teachers, and students.

Beth's commitment to our district is both personal and professional. As a parent of two students currently enrolled in our schools, she deeply understands the challenges and opportunities within our education system. She consistently uses this insight to advocate for policies and initiatives that prioritize the well-being of our students and support for our educators.

Throughout her tenure, Beth has demonstrated unwavering dedication, even amidst significant challenges, including political tensions, unfounded rumors, and personal attacks. Despite these distractions, her focus has remained on what truly matters: ensuring that every student in our district has access to high-quality education and that our teachers are equipped with the resources and support they need to succeed.

Beth has worked tirelessly to promote collaboration, transparency, and accountability within the district. She is a leader who listens to diverse perspectives, values constructive dialogue,

and strives to make informed decisions that reflect the best interests of our entire community.

Her resilience, integrity, and passion for education make her an exemplary leader and advocate for our schools. I am confident that under Beth's continued leadership, our district will continue to thrive and build on the progress we have made.

Thank you for considering my recommendation. I urge you to support Beth as she seeks to remain President of our school board, as her steadfast dedication to our schools, teachers, and students is an invaluable asset to our district.



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**From:** Kacey Edgington  
**Sent:** Friday, January 10, 2025 4:25 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support for President Smith

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Dear Washoe County School District Board of Trustees,

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the continuation of Beth Smith as the president of our school board. Over her tenure, she has demonstrated exceptional dedication and leadership, making a profound impact on our district and the students we serve. President Smith's steadfast commitment to the WCSD Strategic Plan and our district values has been nothing short of inspiring. Her ability to approach complex challenges with intentionality and thoughtfulness ensures that decisions are not only well-informed but also aligned with the best interests of students, families, and educators.

Her leadership has fostered a collaborative environment, where diverse perspectives are valued, and innovative solutions are encouraged. Whether addressing pressing issues or advancing long-term district priorities, President Smith consistently communicates with clarity, compassion, and transparency. She has built trust among stakeholders and strengthened community engagement. In addition to her communication skills, her ability to lead with both vision and pragmatism has driven significant progress in improving student outcomes, expanding opportunities, ensuring equity, and enhancing fiscal responsibility. Her contributions have set a standard for excellence that reflects the values and aspirations of our community.

As our district continues to navigate both opportunities and challenges, President Smith's proven track record of effective leadership, coupled with her unwavering dedication, makes her the ideal person to continue serving in this role. Her impact resonates far beyond board meetings, shaping a brighter future for all of our students.

I strongly encourage the board to support the continuation of Beth Smith as school board president. Her exemplary service has been, and will continue to be instrumental in achieving our shared vision for education.

Thank you for considering my perspective, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like further insights or information.

Sincerely,

Kacey Edgington



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**From:** Capovilla, Nikki  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2025 9:22 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Beth Smith

Dear Board of Trustees,

I am writing to express my support for our School Board President, Beth Smith. Her leadership has been instrumental in guiding our district through challenges while fostering a collaborative and innovative environment.

Under Beth Smith's leadership, we have seen significant improvements in school safety, smaller class sizes, increased, and much deserved, funding for our teachers and the addition of administrative assistance for stand-alone principals. The aforementioned improvements have truly benefitted our students, teachers and school communities. Her commitment to transparency and open communication has strengthened the trust between the board, staff and families.

I am confident that Beth Smith will continue to lead with integrity. I ask for you to support her continued leadership as our School Board President for the benefit of our students, staff and community.

Sincerely,




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**From:** Katie Silva  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 14, 2025 9:32 AM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Beth Smith Recommendation

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I would like to express my enthusiastic support for Beth Smith as she runs for President of the Washoe County School District School Board. Beth was one of the very first friends I made when I moved to Reno 14 years ago, and I've had the privilege of working with her closely during my time on the Huffaker PTA board. Over the years, I've witnessed her unwavering dedication to our schools and her genuine investment in helping students thrive.

Beth's strength and resilience are truly inspiring. Even as she faced and overcame the challenges of cancer, she continued to serve on the school board with grace and determination. Her ability to balance this with being an incredible mother to her two sons and a devoted wife speaks volumes about her character and commitment.

Beth is a passionate advocate for our community, and I am confident she will bring the same level of care, leadership, and hard work to the role of President that she has demonstrated in every aspect of her life.

Best,  
Katie Silva