From: Katie Silva

**Sent:** Friday, July 16, 2021 12:33 PM

**To:** McNeill, Kristen; Public Comments; BoardMembers

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Regarding Masks in Schools

Dear Dr. McNeill and Trustees,

I am writing because I strongly feel that masks should be worn indoors by all individuals (age 2 and older) who are not fully vaccinated. This is aligned with CDC recommendations. Because we are unable to vaccinate our children under age 11, they are vulnerable and need to be protected. Although I can encourage my children to wear masks in schools, it makes little difference if other children are unmasked around them.

With the new delta variant affecting younger people and being much more transmissible, the current policy is irresponsible. I kept my 7-year-old and 5-year-old twins home from school for a year. Our kids need to be in school, but it needs to be done safely. Please make a decision for all of our children that is based on science and guidelines, and refrain from following the chants of a loud minority.

Best, Katie Silva Huffaker Elementary Parent

From: Marika Moore

**Sent:** Saturday, July 17, 2021 4:28 AM **To:** BoardMembers; Public Comments

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] IMPORTANT concerns for fall school year

Good early morning to you!

I can't sleep at the thought that I am figuring out how I will be homeschooling my WCSD kids who should be attending public school this fall if they are forced to wear masks. They absolutely will not be vaccinated either, or bullied into the pressure of either.

You are right to take precautions about public pressure. However, you know very well that masks are ineffective and dangerous (unhealthy!). It has been scientifically proven. I wish for your own sake that you wouldn't wear them either.

There is a huge amount of the population that feels the same as I do and those that don't are unfortunately brainwashed. The marketing by the media has been effective. Nevertheless, those of the public that actually contribute to society instead of staring at fake news will be pulling our kids from public school and joining the class action lawsuit against these issues if necessary. You know it will be too hard for some to pull their kids but they resent the masks too. I truly hope you make the right decision, for heaven's sake, and stand up for ultimately good to prevail.

The agenda of fear and hate I see being pushed consists of masks, vaccinations and CRT (called it what you want: social benchmark, social justice, etc) is evil. I hope you chose to stand up against these abhorrent tactics.

As always, you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Marika Moore

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Marika Moore Owner, Moore Than Locks

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From: Pablo Nava Duran

**Sent:** Monday, July 19, 2021 10:17 AM

**To:** Public Comments; Taylor, Angela; McNeill, Kristen

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] District D

## Dear Board Members,

I want to inform you that the appointment of replacingTrustee Kurt Thigpen and IT technology for my getting a new laptop for my sister for the upcoming school year. I won't be here for a special meeting tomorrow but I will be here next Monday for the District D finalist. I will talk about the District D candidates who I really believe should move or advance to final selection for next Monday. I currently live in District A, which is Jeff Church district, but I live close to District D. My neighborhood (NEil Road) is split between district A and D and it is gerrymandering, I hopefully this map should be fixed with the redistricting begins.

First, I think Beth Smith should be the right fit for represent District D for the trustee position. I saw her cover letter and resume is very excellent and very professional because I'm impressive that she has nearly 20 years of professional work experience and does do lot of volunteer experiences, Beth Smith is originally from New Hampshire, she graduated with bachelor degree with communication, and she moved to Reno NV for working at Atlantis as Promotion Manager. She has more than 10 years marketing experience, mostly working at IGT company. She focus relationship with business representatives with project management, company engagement, revenue and growth. She is excellence communcator and team builder with the commitment of workplace, community, and cared about diversity and inclusion program. She also the chairwoman of WCSD Zoning Asority Committee for least three years and this position is not always easy and it quite challenging with community don'y always agree with scholl zones changes that affect students emotionally and affect mental health issues. She volunteer TMCC NEvada Promise Scholar which she mentor students who graduate from high school and helping them scholarship by texts, email, and in-person talks. She cared about Caughin Ranch ES performance plan and this scholl rank probably first in the Nevada education, other than Hunsberger ES. She also cared about diversity about women in the workforce and most white-collar workforce is over-represent men and mostly womens in the workplace are likely to have or experience sexual harassment and often facing quid pto quo and hostile enviontment.

Second, I think Selena Robb should be the right fit for represent District D for the Trustee position. She served WCSD for 36 years as an employee, 20 years as an Administrator. She was a principal at Wooster HS from 1994 to 2002 She established the International Baccalaureate (IB program, which it help Wooster HS become a positive place for education, and many students applied to go to this school for IB programs. She gaining Wooster HS procetive as opening at Damonte Ranch HS and demographic change at Wooster HS. With out the IB program, Wooster HS will be Title one program. She was part of the Zoning Committee in early 2000s when opening at Damonte Ranch HS and they have to rezone Galena HS and Wooster HS. She make lots decisions starting moving Pleasant Valley out of Pine MS/Galena HS and move to Damonte Ranch MS/HS, remain Hidden Valley at VAughn MS/Wooster HS, rezone Neil Road area from Vaughn MS/ Wooster to Pine MS/Galena and Damonte Ranch HS, and split Neil Road area into two or possibly three ES. Neil Road area was originally zoned for Colbert ES until 2003 when it split into three ES schools (Smithridge, Dodson, and Colbert ES).. She was also part of the first principal at Damonte Ranch HS from 2002 to 2005. Without her, the Neil Road area would remain zoned for Vaughn MS and Wooster HS, Hidden Valley would be rezoned out of Vaughn/Wooster HS to move to Damonte Ranch MS/HS, and Pleasant Valley would remain Pine MS/Galena HS. Also, Wooster HS would be Title one school just like Hug HS and the IB program would likely move out of Wooster HS, the Neil Road area would be even worse today, and I wouldn't be here or speaking to you today if she wasn't here.

For IT department, I got called from the IT department and they wanted me to choose a specific laptop. I would choose
the HP ProBook x360 laptop for my sister for the upcoming school year and she will be attending Pine MS as a six grader
next month.

Sincerely,

Pablo Nava Duran

From: Pamela Payne

**Sent:** Monday, July 19, 2021 2:52 PM

**To:** Public Comments **Subject:** Public Comments

Dear Superintendent McNeil and BOT Members, First and foremost, thank you! Thank you for leading us through a crazy school year. You have endured quite a bit of abuse this year and I recognize how hard you all have been working at keeping our school community safe. I appreciate that. I am writing to you as a community member and WCSD teacher to ask you to consider keeping the mask mandate in place for the upcoming school year, regardless of vaccination status of students, teachers and other staff/faculty. As of now, I know the policy is that all individuals in the school building ages 10 and up must wear a mask, at all times. I am really hoping to keep this policy in place so that the Delta variant does not get out of control once our schools reopen. Washoe County test positivity rate has been increasing and the southern part of our state is currently a Covid hot spot, so it only seems prudent to keep that mask mandate in order to protect our children and staff/faculty. The pandemic is not over. That is a simple fact, which I know you are aware of. There are many people unvaccinated, which is worrisome. Since rates are increasing, schools are at risk too. There are studies that have been published, which found that places that reopened schools despite levels of Covid-19, saw accelerated spread. I am very concerned about the Delta variant. Since vaccinations rates are still too low in our community, we need to mask up. I know masks are inconvenient for people, however, they also protect lives. I thank you for your consideration. Sincerely,

Pamela B. Payne, Ph.D., CFLE

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Pamela B. Payne

From: Publico, Adriana

**Sent:** Monday, July 19, 2021 4:58 PM

**To:** Public Comments

**Subject:** In Support of Beth Smith's Candidacy

Dear WCSD Board of Trustees,

I have gotten to know Beth Smith over the past couple years and value her leadership, judgment, tact, and above all else, her strong sense of equity and justice for all students. We would be lucky to have her serve on our board and she has my whole-hearted recommendation in this endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration,

Adriana

Adriana Publico (she/her/hers)
Staffing Coordinator
Washoe County School District

http://www.washoeschools.net/employment

## DAILY REMINDER

- Wear Face Coverings At All Times
- Maintain Social Distancing
- Wash Your Hands & Use Hand Sanitizer
- Help Keep Our Facilities Clean
- Perform a Self-Screening every day before school

