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**From:** Crystal Roberts  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 12:04 AM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Scott Benton for the school board

Hello. I am writing to you today in support of Mr Scott Benton for the school board. Mr Benton has been a God send to my family the past few years. As a single mother of two I was not able to provide Christmas for my children and Mr Benton made sure my children were covered for Christmas. As a father of three children we all know he doesn't have a lot of money however he shared with my two children ensuring they had a wonderful Christmas.

Scott Benton not only has integrity but he truly cares about everyone including children. Mr Benton has three children, two of whom are in the public school system and he has experienced the frustrations that are met by many parents today. He has sat and talked in length to many of us and he is prepared to bring his knowledge to the tables.

Scott knows what is needed as a leader and a parent. And right now more than ever we need parents to help lead us back in the direction we need to be. Many parents such as myself feel we are not being heard and as such we are frustrated. Scott acknowledges our frustrations and gives feedback which to me means the world that he doesn't ignore me but truly hears my frustrations.

Scott is raising three beautiful intelligent children who lead by his examples and are well defined and role models in our community. You would do well by adding Mr Benton to your school board. I ask that you consider him as a addition that can lead us into the next generation of leaders like himself.

I grew up in this town. I went from grade school to college here. I know what it took then as a student and what it takes now as a parent to get the school system back on track. I am no stranger to this district. I am a graduate of Wooster High School and a parent of a graduate of Sparks high. I have 1 student left in the district and so to me who sits on this board matters very much. This school district matters greatly. My parents trusted this school board and I have as well with my babies. I trust you care as well about who runs your school systems!! And that person would be Scott Benton!!!

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely

Crystal Roberts

Mother of a Sophomore and a graduate of Sparks High.

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**From:** Jen Mortensen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 6:31 AM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Board applications to replace Trustee Calvert

Dear Board of Trustees,

I'm writing to voice my opposition to the candidate Graeme Reid. Mr. Reid specifically referenced the College of Education and Human Development at UNR in his application letter. He called the Dean, Dr. Easton-Brooks racist. He can't believe the University "permits" the content on the website. He thinks it's "outrageous" that the Dean (a black man who studies equity in education) would dare say anything about George Floyd and Black Lives Matter.

I have worked in this college as a professor for the past six years. I also attended UNR as an undergraduate and graduate student for 7 years. The idea of having a WCSD Trustee that is in such illogical opposition to the major institution that educates and produces many (most?) WCSD teachers is unacceptable. Even beyond our college, the higher administration "permits" the content on our website because the entire university supports the mission we have for our students - and believes in academic freedom. Mr. Reid bolded words on our Deans statement such as "equity" and "diversity" as if they are proof that the COHED is some propaganda machine.

We are a college in a R1 university with faculty who produce and consume science related to teacher training and education. We train our teachers about equity and diversity because it is CRITICAL to being a competent educator in a this district. We also send all of our pre-service teachers to intern at WCSD. They tend to have wonderful experiences, but I am very concerned by the possible takeover of a board seat by someone so antithetical to our mission. I would never expect everyone to fully agree on all issues, but not understanding that diversity and equity are important in terms of serving WCSD children, is concerning.

Thank you for all the hard work you do.

Jennifer Mortensen, Ph.D., CFLE

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~Jen

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**From:** Toole, Lorraine  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 7:41 AM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Board of Trustee

Good Morning,

I would like to give my support to Scott Benton to fill the empty seat as board of trustee. He is an amazing family man and puts his sole into our community and its members.

Thank You

Lorraine Toole  
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O'Brien STEM

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**From:** Amber Joiner  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 9:50 AM  
**To:** Public Comments; Church, Jeffrey; Minetto, Ellen; Rodriguez, Joseph M; Smith, Elizabeth A; Taylor, Angela; Nicolet, Diane M  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Note of Support for Scott Benton, District F

Dear School Board Trustees,

I am writing to express my strong support for Scott Benton as you consider candidates for your open position in District F. I have known Scott for five years in various capacities, and I know he would be an excellent Trustee! He is a person of high integrity and intelligence, and he is a collaborative and considerate colleague.

I first met Scott in one of his many volunteer roles working with children when my daughter joined the organization. He was helpful, welcoming, and extremely hard working for the kids and families he coached. On a personal level, Scott is also an incredible father who would bring a valuable parent perspective to the board. His kids are in our WCSD public schools at various levels, so he understands first-hand what many parents and children are experiencing.

Scott is also very experienced working in a challenging environment. His day job for many years has been working with people who are homeless. This role has given him a lot of experience handling confrontation and difficult situations, which he does with respect and patience. He is always looking for ways to help individuals in crisis to improve their lives.

Most recently, Scott has been the chair of your Safe and Healthy Schools Commission, which I also serve on. In that role, he leads the meetings in compliance with the many legal rules while ensuring fair and open dialogue among the members. As a colleague on this Board, he has been very collaborative. Most importantly, he is always focused on what's best for our kids.

Thank you for considering Scott's candidacy. I hope to see him join you on the Board in the future.

Sincerely,  
~Amber Joiner

**Amber Joiner, PhD**