
From: Dianne Glass
Sent: Sunday, November 20, 2022 4:09 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Joey Gilbert for School Board District E

Washoe County School Board Members,

I vote for Mr. Joey Gilbert for School Board District E and ask that he be selected to serve our district.

I have heard Mr. Gilbert speak on several occasions and also in a few debates. Mr. Gilbert is articulate, focused, uses facts, calm, professional and is extremely qualified for this position. Not only does the Board need to be balanced but it needs members who have children in our schools and those who will debate and negotiate with opposition in a professional and caring manner.

I believe Mr. Gilbert has all the qualifications and more to get our schools into a position of competitiveness and enhance the educational experience for children to learn the basics and get Nevada off the bottom rung. Nevadans Children deserve an education that will help them be First and not Last in the United States for Education.

The candidates who have been chosen from out of state have only created chaos and never implemented or improved our schools. It's past time for Positive Changes in Nevada Education.

Sincerely,
Dianne Glass
Reno, NV 89523

From: Mike Fiannaca
Sent: Sunday, November 20, 2022 4:37 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Board of Trustees vacancy appointment

Dear Trustees:

I am writing to urge you each to appoint Joey Gilbert for the vacancy left by Angie Taylor's departure from the Board.

I know, have spoken with, and have listened carefully to Mr. Gilbert regarding his thoughts for improving education outcomes for all Washoe County students, and have concluded that he is an exceptionally qualified candidate because:

- he has publicly articulated a clear understanding of the many issues and serious problems facing the WCSD,
- he developed a performance improvement plan in consultation with education experts that became a central element in his recent bid for governor of Nevada (<https://gilbertforgovernor.com/solutions-to-problems-of-nevada/>),
- has been actively engaged with our school system having diligently attended many of the Board meetings for several years,
- has spoken with and sought the advice of many concerned individuals and groups about his vision for improving the educational outcomes of students in the district,
- is a highly motivated single parent of a 12-year old daughter in the district,
- is a well known, highly knowledgeable, respected attorney at law operating in Washoe and Clark counties,
- is undeniably one of the most passionate advocates for excellence in our educational system that I have met.

I am not aware of any potential candidate that has expressed any thoughts or has developed any improvement plan outside of that which the Board itself has worked on. Therefore, Mr. Gilbert would prove to be a major asset to the Board in helping the WCSD to achieve its stated mission to "create an education system where all students achieve academic success, develop personal and civic responsibility, and achieve college and career readiness for the 21st century."

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

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Best Regards,

Mike Fiannaca

President, Sparks Florist, Inc.



From: Matthew True
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 2:04 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] AGENDA ITEM 2

My name is Matthew true, I am the parent of 5 Washoe County school district students as well as 3 more grandkids in the school district here.

With regards to the application of Joey Gilbert to replace Angie Taylor I am in support of that. I believe Joey Gilbert has demonstrated a sincere and heart felt Concern for Our local school district and the kids in it. Regardless of what some may claim about Joey Gilbert It has been my observation that he is Committed 100% to our kids. He's a very well educated and very successful member of our community .

I believe our school board Does not currently represent In an equal manner The diverse set of beliefs and values with regards to our kids and how their education should be delivered. Many claim they care about diversity but I feel or I have observed A lack of interest in diversity of thought from those very same people. If you don't like angry parents coming down and yelling at you Perhaps it is time to allow someone else A place beside you.

Thank you, have a happy Thanksgiving and may God-bless you all.

From: Heather Kamami
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 2:05 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Open Seat for School Board

To the Board of Trustees:

When choosing the best person to fill the open seat on the school, many factors should be considered.

Schools exist to serve kids and their parents. The school boards primary focus should always be CHILDREN, not the faculty and staff. Joey Gilbert is the only candidate that has a child in the school district, his 12 year old daughter.

Joey Gilbert has been standing up for children and parents for the past 3 years. He has taken legal action to fight for all families, even those who did not have the means to fight on their own. He has put himself in the public eye to help us all, not just his own needs. He has already proven he will serve his community with all his might.

The other candidates, I have never heard of them. They have not put themselves in the public eye, showing that they are willing to fight for our kids. I have not seen them reaching out to the community or standing up for all families. They have not proven themselves and how far they are willing to go for our kids. They have not taken any action in the last 3 years to help fight for families.

Joey, he ran for governor this year, that's how much loves Nevada and his community. While campaigning he went to every county to speak to the community members and to parents. He listened to their hearts to hear directly from them what issues and problems they face with their children. He has put in lots of leg work familiarizing himself with the problems that are affecting our schools and what areas need to be addressed. Can the other candidates say they have put in that kind of leg work? How many families have they spoken to? They have not spoken to me, but Joey has. Joey has responded directly to me when I have reached out to him, I was not ignored.

He has clearly proven that he will do what needs to be done. He will not sit ideally by as our school system continues to crumble and fail our kids.

He is the candidate that I want to see on the school board because I know he will face all issues head on. He will not back down or give in and say "Oh Well".

Joey Gilbert is the person I want on the board fighting for my kids.

Heather Kamami
I have a Senior and a 7th grader

From: V Myer
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 2:54 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item 7, Mr. Gilbert for Trustee

To our current School Board Trustees and Superintendent of Washoe County,

Currently before you is an opportunity to vote for a new Trustee to represent Washoe County school children and their parents. My vote is for Mr. Joey Gilbert, as he is a highly qualified, and high quality candidate. Mr. Gilbert has shown, through his recent run for Governor of our great State that he is a person who genuinely cares about our kids and the quality of their education. Throughout his campaign, he offered many ideas and showed much concern for the current state of our schools and actually visited all 16 counties and Carson City, with one of his goals being to reach out to the people regarding education in their county.

This position is normally held out to an election by the people. Because the new seat will be an appointment due to whatever circumstance, this does not negate the people's voice.

There is before you only one choice for this appointment, Mr. Joey Gilbert, as the most qualified, and most supported candidate for Trustee. Cast your vote for the people's choice, Joey Gilbert.

Sincerely,
Victoria Myer

From: Graeme Reid
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 2:56 PM
To: Public Comments; Church, Jeffrey; Minetto, Ellen; Rodriguez, Joseph M; Smith, Elizabeth A; Taylor, Angela; Mayberry, Adam; Nicolet, Diane M
Cc: COLLEEN WESTLAKE
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Washoe County School Board District E Trustee Appointment - Joey Gilbert
Importance: High

To Public Comment & Trustees,

First let me state that I do not agree with the rush to appoint another trustee, particularly before the newly elected trustee for District B, Colleen Westlake takes her seat and is able to vote. I also do not agree that appointment is the appropriate procedure. We currently have three trustees who are the beneficiaries of hand-picked selections – and now you intend to add a fourth? Out of seven. That is both problematic and undemocratic. A special election should be convened.

That said, and after the year Joey Gilbert has had, I was surprised of to learn of his interest in serving on our school board. If he is willing to serve, it is an opportunity not to be squandered.

While I am also a lawyer, I did not know Joey at the beginning of the year. I, like many, remembered him from his appearance on ‘The Contender’ and I certainly was aware of his ‘knuckles’ advertising campaign that can be seen all around town and in the airport. I got to know Joey (and his daughter) a little this year from meeting him on the campaign trail and I have been consistently impressed with his knowledge, passion and tenacity, particularly when it comes to education and all of the associated issues. He understands the importance of education to the future of our children and country and the divisive politics that are in play. I first witnessed this at a debate for candidates running for Governor back in January and, out of the fifteen, Joey was by far the most knowledgeable on education. You may not agree with Joey politically, but diversity of thought should be the goal of an effective public board.

Joey would have made a great Governor and he will make a great trustee.

Now, regarding the mainstream-media-fueled hysteria that Joey is an “election denier,” I would simply say that Joey was perfectly within his rights to contest his primary gubernatorial election. Was he correct that it was rigged? I don’t know (we certainly didn’t have a thorough investigation), but I do know that those loudly and condescendingly proclaiming that our elections are not rigged can’t prove that fact either. When “convenience” is prioritized over security for partisan gain, the system becomes vulnerable to those with malicious intent. It is unfortunate that the law, as written and applied, is that candidates, such as Joey, are the ones required to do (and

fund) the work that law enforcement should be doing; the alternative being to blindly accept that everything is rosy. If anything can be taken from the last six or seven years, it is that there is a large and bipartisan portion of the country's population that believes there are problems with our elections.

Lastly, and to preemptively address the presumed forthcoming attacks of "antisemitism" directed at one of Joey's supporters, all I can say is that they are false. They are false allegations cynically started by activist "journalists" that are as biased at the outfits they write for. These false allegations were thereafter spread by local partisan activists (and, shockingly, some elected officials) who foolishly believe they operate in a consequence free environment - something I witnessed personally. I fully expect that these false allegations will raise their ugly head again in an attempt to tar Joey with the same brush and to attempt to discredit him as a candidate and person. I ask you to resist the temptation to do so and to fully question the source and foundation of the attacks.

You will be hard pressed to find a more qualified candidate than Joey Gilbert and he would be a fantastic addition to the board.

Yours sincerely,

Graeme Reid

Graeme A. Reid, Esq.
REID LAW OFFICES, P.C.

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From: Patty Toone
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 4:26 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda #2

Please enter my comments into the public record.

I am requesting the board appoint Joey Gilbert to fill the vacant seat for District E.

Joey Gilbert has a wealth of knowledge and experience to bring to the school board and help our students.

It is unfortunate the position will be appointed by the board vs elected by the people.

It is my hope the board will appoint Joey Gilbert, the best candidate for District E

Respectfully,
Patricia Toone

From: Fred Myer
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 5:26 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Joey Gilbert for Trustee

Vote for Joey Gilbert for Trustee. Mr. Gilbert has a lot of experience, has a daughter in school in Washoe County, and he has a plan for our schools to bring quality back to our schools for our kids. He's easily the most qualified person for the position. Vote for Joey Gilbert.

Fred Myer

From: Jill Tolles
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 7:12 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item 2.01

I would like to offer my strong support for Alex Woodley to fill the open seat in District E. I have known Mr. Woodley for years through his service at the City of Reno and as the former President of the Education Alliance Board, where we have served together. He brings integrity, passion and community experience that will both inspire and add invaluable leadership to our Washoe County School District students.

Thank you for serving our students during these challenging times and for your leadership in our community moving forward.

Sincerely,
Jill Tolles

Sent from my iPad

From:
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 8:10 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] School Board Open Seat in District E

As you consider filling the open seat on the Board, I would like to offer my support for candidate Kellie Crosby-Sturtz. I believe she would make an excellent addition to the Board. Thanks you.

Reed Williams,
Reno, NV

From: Ivet Contreras
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 8:15 PM
To: BoardMembers; Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public comment — support for Woodley for trustee

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this email to demonstrate my full support for Alex Woodley to be considered for WCSD Trustee. He is a well known and respected leader who genuinely cares about his neighbors. I can attest to his great character, honest and practical leadership, and his willingness to listen and take necessary action to respond to our community.

I am a former WCSD student, a current parent of a WCSD student and a local business owner who trusts Alex Woodley to advocate for every student, parent and school staff member.

Thank you,
Ivet Contreras
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From: jennifer simeo
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 8:39 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] District E Open Seat

Hello Washoe County School Board,

I'm writing to support candidates Alex Woodly and Kelly Crosby-Sturtz for the open seat in District E. I believe either candidate will be an excellent representative for our community and the educational needs of our youth.

Thank you,

Jennifer Simeo
Reno, NV

Sent from my iPhone

From:
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 9:16 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] School Board appointment

We are fortunate to have such high quality applicants to be part of our school board trustees. I believe two of the most outstanding candidates are Alex Woodley, who would bring a unique perspective to our board because of her life story, and Kellie Crosby-Sturtz, who has the unique experience of having served on the NV Dept. of Education Standards Council. Either of these two women would be outstanding members of our Board of Trustees. I hope you will choose between them. You have an awesome duty that will affect every child who goes through our system. Good luck!
Janice and Patrick Flanagan, Reno NV 89509.

From:
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 9:22 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Joey Gilbert for the open seat

I would like my comment entered into the public record. I approve of Joey Gilbert for the open seat on the school board. Please restore our faith in the board by selecting him to save our students.

Sincerely, Barb Mathers

From: Susan McMurray
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 9:30 PM
To: Public Comments
Cc: suzopedia@gmail.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] regarding School Board Trustee District E

Hello,
I would like to have my comments entered into the public record:

I support Joey Gilbert for School Board Trustee, District E. Mr. Gilbert has a school-age daughter and has attended school board meetings for the last three years. He is very well acquainted with the issues and problems the school board has to consider when evaluating trade-offs and making decisions. He will support my main concern, ensuring students get a quality education. I have talked with teachers and teachers' aids who say they are limited in the feedback they can provide students regarding academic achievement and even more limited when it comes to non-academic topics such as gender identity. Teachers cannot suggest that students wait before jumping off the biological bridge. They will get written up.

We owe it to Washoe County students to make sure they have the skills they need to get ahead. Let's focus on the fundamentals such as reading, writing, and mathematics. Students can consider their gender identity when they are finished with school.

Mr. Gilbert will fight for students to get a good education. He will state his opinions and listen to others also. The Board will benefit from the constructive dialog, as will our children. How long will we be ok with an education system ranked among the lowest in the nation?

Best regards,

Susan McMurray

Reno, NV. 89502

From:
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 10:01 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item 2.01

Dear Board of Trustees and Dr. Enfield,

I have read through all the letters of intent for each of the candidates for Dr. Taylor's open seat.

I was very impressed by Alex Woodley. Reading about how he attended a Title I school, lived in a one bedroom apartment, was on medicaid and welfare tells me that he has an intimate understanding of how many of the students in Washoe County School District are living, and the importance of school in their lives. It makes me think of many of the students with whom I worked when I was at Drake Elementary School. Reading about all of his public service also warmed my heart. I also appreciate that he has worked with children in a school setting. As a parent, a teacher, volunteer, and community member, I deeply appreciate that he recognizes the importance of working collaboratively and his desire to find common ground.

Reading Meghan Beyer's letter of intent also grabbed my attention. She has been a substitute teacher in our district, which I deeply appreciate both as a current teacher and as a past substitute teacher. It gives a person first hand knowledge of the students, the schools, and the district. She has students in the district which tells me that she has a vested interest in doing what is best for students. She is willing to listen to and have discussions with people who have opinions that differ from her own.

I feel compelled to voice my concern about Joey Gilbert. There are many things that disturb me about the possibility of Mr. Gilbert being a member of our board of trustees. He is an election denier. He has threatened to sue the Washoe County School District at least once. He has shared disinformation about the district among other things. It is clear to me that he does not want what is best for students, teachers, staff, or the school district.

I appreciate you all taking the time to read my public comment.

Respectfully,

Kristen De Haan
Mother of two AACT graduates currently attending UNR

From: Tracey Thomas
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 10:07 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] School Board Candidates

I have reviewed the applications of all the candidates you are reviewing today. While there are many fine members of our community, Joseph Gilbert is the only candidate that will benefit our "community" the most. Washoe County's school board no longer has the convenience of viewing your position through a microscopic lens. Your actions no longer just impact students and staff within the school district. They impact our entire community.

Mr. Gilbert is a highly respected and accomplished member of our community who will bring much support from our community, young and old, to this board. I would suggest even a monthly "Lunch with Joey" program where high school students who have maintained perfect attendance are entered into a drawing to represent their school that month. So, one student from each high school will be drawn to have lunch with Mr. Gilbert each month. But, I am sure he has plenty of ideas already to improve attendance and academics in our schools.

I ask that you please put our kids, your staff, and our community the priority of your decision and not politics.

Thank you,

Tracey Thomas

From:
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 11:00 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] WCSD Board of Trustees 11/22/2022 Meeting -- Agenda Item 2.01 Public Comment

Dear WCSD Board of Trustees,

I would like to heartily recommend that the Board interview Alex Woodley to fill the Board vacancy created by the election of Angela Taylor to the Nevada Assembly. I have known Alex for almost 5 years. His career and life have been devoted to the service of our country and our community. Alex has demonstrated his dedication to the success and wellness of our county's kids over many years. He is not running as an afterthought, he's running because he truly believes that every kid deserves a chance at a bright future. He has a track record of working on education and community partnerships to support academic achievement and workforce development for pre-school through to high school and college students. He knows how to work across constituencies and build bridges between various interests.

Alex would make an excellent representative for the students and parents of District E as well as our entire community.

Thank you,
Chris Morgan

Chris Morgan
Morgan Holdings LLP

From:
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 11:20 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please do not appoint Joey Gilbert

Hello,

I am writing as a concerned mother of two WCSD students and citizen. Please do not appoint Joey Gilbert, he is divisive, threatens to sue everyone when he disagrees with them from the school district itself to youth sports and even tried to sue after losing his bid for Governor. He does not represent what WCSD needs in a Trustee.

Thank you,

Aubree Dixon

From: LaVonne Brooks
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 11:22 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Appointment

Wish to voice my support for Alex Woodley. I've known Alex for over 15 years and he is a community minded leader. He understands facts and is strong enough to stand up for what is right for our children. He has administrative experience and will be a thoughtful competent board member.

LaVonne Brooks
CEO
High Sierra Industries—WARC

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From: kathie julian
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 11:27 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Kellie Crosby-Sturtz

To Whom It May Concern:

After having reviewed the statements and CVs of the various candidates for this open school board position, I urge you to select **Ms. Kellie Crosby-Sturtz**. Her extensive background in public school education, her considerable experience on education-related boards, and her relevant academic background (including a Masters in Education) recommends Ms. Crosby-Sturtz to this position on the WCSD Board of Trustees.

Sincerely,

KathieJulian

Incline Village, NV 89450

From: Karen Stout-Gardner
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 12:06 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] District E School Board Open Seat Candidates

I am most in favor of 2 candidates, and am firmly against one candidate.

PRO:

1)Kellie Crosby-Sturtz:

I am in favor of Crosby-Sturtz because she has an extensive background in education, is currently an educator who understands "budget constraints, staffing needs, and social struggles within the community." She has a background in school technology, testing and curriculum development, staff training. She has worked hands-on with early childhood through 8th grade and also with adult education, and has functioned in managerial capacity.

2)Alex Woodley:

I am in favor of Woodley because of his deep commitment to education as a transformative tool, which comes from his personal background experiences. He has extensive background in management, with public interaction via public workshops, problem-solving and communications work. He has background in budgeting and staffing. He worked to develop youths academically and personally as a Group Home House Manager. He has an extensive background working with Hispanic groups in various programs. He has a background in management and working with regulatory agencies, has been responsible for oversight of programs.

CON:

1) I am very much against Joey Gilbert, who has shown himself to be an extremist with a personal, self-serving agenda. It appears that he has not demonstrated himself to be a fact-based individual. As a result, I would not like to see him have anything to do with our educational programs in Nevada, and do not want to see him have anything to do with our students. We need an individual who has a history of a balanced approach to life and profession, a track record of being able to deal well with other people. We need a team player. Gilbert provided no resume, no history of relevant experiences in education that would fit him for a position on the School Board. This should not be an entry-level position for an unqualified applicant. We have better options for the District E School Board position.

Please Enter my comments into the Records.

I would like to state that I do not agree with having another appointed member on the board. We have gone the better of the last 2 years with 3 appointees as Trustees. I believe we should have had a special election. I question why the rush; it took several months to appoint the last 3 Trustees that were selected by the board. I do understand the strategy as most people do.

I have attempted to do research on each Trustee candidate for District E and have found little go on for most of the candidates. I however am very familiar and know who Joey Gilbert is and what he proposes and believes in. He is most assuredly an advocate for the children and parents and would keep within the guidelines set forth by the state. If you study his qualifications with an open mind, you will undoubtedly confess that Mr. Gilbert has the necessary ability to negotiate and navigate his way through complex issues. Mr. Gilbert would add valuable leadership strengths and fill in where there currently are gaps in leadership. Mr. Gilbert has already shown this in the fact that he already has formulated some great ideas.

From my research of the candidates on your list, I have found that Mr. Gilbert seems to be the only one that has a school aged child. It is not only in his best interest for the community to assist in bringing our school district from the bottom ranked school but a personal one.

I fully support Mr. Gilbert in his efforts to make Washoe School District successful.

Best Regards,

Janet Butcher

From: bonnie hill
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 3:46 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] latest School board appointment

Good day to you all.

here is my opinion: Joe Gilbert is not someone we want on a School Board. He is extreme; he is not a good example for our children...especially pre-teens and teens.

I hope you will consider most any other candidate. My preferences would be Alex Woodyly or Kelly Crosby-Sturt.

Thank you.

Bonnie K. Hill

mother, grandmother, great grandmother.

Reno, NV 89521

From: Pam Darr
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 4:39 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Open seat on school board

Please read into public comments

Joey Gilbert for School Board

Dear Washoe County School Board,

Without any hesitation, Joey Gilbert is the best candidate running the school board. as he has more experience on the problems facing our schools as he ran for governor and visited all 17 counties. Joey Gilbert epitomizes determination, fairness, and compassion. Joey has worked with education experts and has a plan to solve the issues facing the schools in Washoe Valley. Vote for Joey Gilbert!!!!

Sincerely,

Pam Darr

From: Darci Fletcher
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 6:11 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Joey Gilbert for Washoe County School Board Trustee District E!

Hello and thank you for reading!
I highly recommend Mr. Gilbert for the vacant seat for District E. He comes very highly qualified for the position and is the right person for the job!
Thank you again,
a concerned citizen and grandmother with grandchildren attending WCSD!

With gratitude,
Darci Fletcher

From: Charles
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 6:30 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Joey Gilbert

PLEASE!!! I BEG YOU KEEP That asshole self serving conspiracy believing / spreading evil demonic person OFF any school boards. The man is bent on enabling far right BS to be spread into our schools. DUMP THE CHUMP!!!

From: SUSAN HOOG
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 7:18 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Washoe County School Board comment for candidate for Seat District E

Hi,

I would like to submit that I support Alex Woodly or Kelly Crosby-Sturtz for the WCSB open seat District E. I'm appreciative of both of their backgrounds and experience they would bring to the board for guiding our School District.

Thank you,
Susan Hoog
Realtor



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From: Maggie Babb
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 7:52 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item 2.01

Hello Board Members,

My name is Maggie Babb and I am a teacher in the Washoe County School District. As you begin the process of filling Angie Taylor's board seat, I hope you will take this email into consideration.

As a teacher in the district, I am very concerned to see that Joey Gilbert is attempting to become a board member. I believe this person would be dangerous to have on our board and does not reflect the values that our district holds. Mr. Gilbert is a troubling person in our community. By not initially accepting election results that were not in his favor, Mr. Gilbert has come off as petulant, aggressive and uneducated about the processes inherent to civic duty. And now Mr. Gilbert is asking to be placed in a leadership role, a role that would directly impact all of the children in our community. This is not the type of leadership that should be allowed in our school district.

Thank you for your consideration,

Maggie

From: Jenny Snaza
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 7:58 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Open Seat

Dear Trustees,

I do not feel that Joey Gilbert should be considered to fill the empty seat. He has shown that he does not have the best interest of the students at heart and has polarized the people in our region.

Please consider Alex Woodley and Meghan Beyer as the top candidates due to their commitment to improving public education.

Thank you!

Jenny Snaza (teacher and WCSD parent)

Sent from my iPhone (please excuse typos)

From: Lindsey Millard
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 8:06 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Open seat

Dear Trustees,

I do not feel that Joey Gilbert is a good candidate for the open seat. We need people who are willing to work together, not against, our teachers, staff, and students. Joey Gilbert does not have our districts best interest at heart.

Sincerely,
Lindsey Millard

From: RC
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 8:07 AM
To: Church, Jeffrey; Minetto, Ellen; Smith, Elizabeth A; Rodriguez, Joseph M; Public Comments; Mayberry, Adam; Nicolet, Diane M; BoardMembers; Taylor, Angela
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Regarding Item 3.01

Please read my comments into the record.

A Board Member should have zero input or say on their own replacement. Even the Reno City Council's Neoma Jardon had more integrity than to do this. The Board Member currently representing District E must recuse itself from all discussion and voting on the replacement for District E. In the very least it gives the appearance of impropriety and the Board needs to consider its publicly questionable image having suppressed the right of the people in District E to choose their own representative by a vote.

Sincerely,
Reva Crump

From: Lenni DePaoli
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 1:49 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Joey Gilbert school board

Sent from my iPhone

From: Susan McRae
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 8:20 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] We do NOT support Joey Gilbert for Trustee Candidate

My husband and I do NOT support Joey Gilbert for candidate for the position of Trustee.

As a former WCSD teacher, mother of a current WCSD teacher and grandparent of two children who attended WCSD schools from K-12, I am alarmed by Joey Gilbert's divisive views and combative attitude.

Susan I. McRae
Edward Kenneth McRae
Sparks, Nv. 89436

From: Lance Allen
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 8:21 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Joey Gilbert

In my opinion Joey Gilbert is not suitable to be a school board member.

Lance Allen
Sent from my iPhone

From:
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 8:21 AM
To: Rodriguez, Joseph M; Smith, Elizabeth A; Taylor, Angela; Mayberry, Adam; Minetto, Ellen; Church, Jeffrey; Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item 2.01

Please read my comments into the record.

Joey Gilbert is infinitely more qualified, knowledgeable and educated than any other candidate. Joey Gilbert has been a warrior for the children of Washoe County and has been at the school board meetings for years now defending the rights of our children to receive a quality academic education. In his recent run for Governor he actually worked with experts in the field and formulated a plan for all of Nevada children to receive a quality academic education and to stop Nevada schools from competing for the lowest academic ranking amongst the states; he is a champion for children. Ask yourselves, does any other candidate for this position come with a plan developed by experts?

Joey Gilbert grew up and was educated right here in Washoe County. He knows the people and is familiar with the inner workings of this county. As a Nevadan, he is in touch with the heartbeat and pulse of this community which is a perspective this Board will be losing, and will become blatantly deficient, when replacing the current District E representative.

R. Clark



From: Erlendson, Emily J
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 8:27 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Public Comment

Dear Trustees,

I do not feel that Joey Gilbert is a good candidate for the open seat.

Sincerely,

Emily Erlendson

From: Kris Klein
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 8:27 AM
To: BoardMembers; Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Replacement School Board Member

Hello,

I just heard that Joey Gilbert is interested in filling a position on the Washoe County School Board. I am very opposed to this and do not support his appointment. I feel we need a more neutral member of the community serving on the School Board to better represent our diverse school community.

Thank you for considering this.

Kris Klein
Reno, NV 89503

From: Lunardelli, Jesseca
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 9:06 AM
To: BoardMembers; Public Comments
Subject: Agenda Item 2.01

Dear Trustees,

As a 10 year 5th grade teacher for WCSD, I do not feel that Joey Gilbert is a good candidate for the open seat. I sincerely hope you will heed the warning and concerns of those who will be affected by this decision. Thank you.

Sincerely
Jesseca Lunardelli

From: dylan evans
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 9:10 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item 2.01

Dear Trustees,

As a parent of a child currently enrolled in the WCSD, I do not feel that Joey Gilbert is a good candidate for the open seat. I sincerely hope you will listen to the parents of the students that will be affected by this decision. Thank you.

Sincerely
Dylan Evans

From: Erlendson, Kathleen
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 9:12 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Letter for agenda item 2.01

Dear Trustees,

I do not feel that Joey Gilbert is a good candidate for the open seat.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Erlendson

From: Charles
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 9:13 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Candidates, Agenda item 2.01

Greetings,

I am a citizen of Reno and have attended schools such as Mt. Rose, Elmcrest, Clayton and graduated from Hug HS as part of my education. My children attended school here and I have the first of hopefully many more grandchildren that will attend school in this district.

My educational and professional successes are partly the result of uniquely gifted, intuitive, caring uplifting individuals within the schools and community that impacted me in a positive way. It's for that reason that I give back to the community whether it's giving to local charities providing for the less fortunate or volunteering on boards supporting children and education. That is how I came to know Alex Woodley.

In my volunteer work, I had a chance to work alongside Alex Woodley. I admire Alex for his character, intellect, his compassion for others and his willingness to get involved to solve and reach goals. I have seen Alex in action as he is a do-er, more than he is a talker. His proof is in the body of his accomplishments. He truly understands what it means to be something from seemingly nothing. He lives the concept and mantra of "Nobody Left Behind". He is genuine.

I would choose Alex Woodley 100 times out of 100 as a qualified leader and he is my recommendation to fill the position on the Board of Trustees.

Sincerely,

Charles Pasillas

From: Fernainy, Jessica
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 9:13 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: letter for agenda item 2.01

Dear Trustees,

I do not feel Joey Gilbert is a good candidate for the open seat. He has absolutely no place sitting on a school board and has a history of NOT supporting teachers.

Thank you,

Jessica Fernainy
Special Education Resource Case Manager

From: Burkhardt, Anne
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 9:17 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Candidate Gilbert

Dear Trustees,

As a 11 year 5th grade teacher for WSCD, I do NOT feel that Joey Gilbert is a good candidate for the open seat. I sincerely hope that you will the heed the warning and concerns of those who will be affected by this decision. Thanks you.

Thanks,
Anne Burkhardt

From: Darla A. Lee
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 9:23 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Replacement Trustee for District E

The obvious best choice for replacing the Trustee for School District E is Joseph Gilbert. He is highly qualified and knowledgeable of the needs of WCSC, he has a child currently in the school system, and has been involved in school board meetings. Please bring some balance to the school board by selecting Joey Gilbert.

Darla Lee
Sparks, NV

From: Donna Clontz
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 9:35 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Appoint Alex Woodley to District E - Item 2.01

Hello Board Members:

I've known Alex Woodley since 2004 as a neighbor and as a manager of the Code Enforcement team at the City of Reno. He's now the City of Reno's Director of Parking & Code Enforcement.

Alex has proven his abilities to work well in government, to do tremendous outreach in the community to solve citizen's problems in a caring and professional way. He always treats others with respect while explaining and enforcing the community's rules as he does his job. It is a rare quality and makes him an asset to the school board as its members discuss and solve the many pressing issues before them.

He served his country as a Marine and later as a law enforcement officer at Lake Tahoe before coming to Reno in 2004. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Geography/Urban Development from the University of Nevada Reno; and his Masters of Science in Organizational Management from Western Governors University.

He brings with him a life experience that would serve the community well as a member of the Washoe School board. He understands the big problems facing this community and has the intelligence and fortitude to listen to others and come to reasoned solutions with the other board members on behalf of the students, parents, staff and community.

I most heartily recommend Alex Woodley for appointment to the open seat in District E.

-----Donna Clontz
Community Elder Advocate
Washoe County Senior Advisory Board Member
AARP Nevada Volunteer Age-Friendly/Livable programs
Former Chair Reno Senior Citizen Advisory Board
Former Chair Ward 5 NAB
Former Reno Police Auditor

Reno, NV 89533

From: Amie B
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 9:37 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Candidates

Dear Board Members,

I have been a teacher for 19 years. I have been teaching in WCSD for the last 9 years. I am extremely concerned to hear that Joey Gilbert is being considered for Angie Taylor's open seat. This man has an agenda that does not serve the students in our district. Our students, teachers, and all employees deserve better than a man with a political agenda like his. We need a person dedicated to education, not politics.

Sincerely,
Amie Braik

From: Laurie Newman
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 9:40 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Item 2.01

Dear School Board Members,

First and foremost, I would like to thank Dr. Taylor for her time serving the children and community of Washoe County and wish her well on her future endeavors.

I want to give input regarding item 2.01. I feel that in making a decision today, it is imperative to remember the importance of choosing a member that can put students and faculty first. We need someone with not only a comprehensive understanding of the inner workings of a school, but also someone who will move forward in welcoming all students, including those with different lifestyle choices than their own.

That being said, I would endorse Alex Woodley. His experiences growing up in Title I schools will help him understand the struggles that many WCSD families encounter daily. As a parent, family, community member, and school volunteer, he can demonstrate understanding of a variety of aspects of school culture.

Meghan Beyer's letter also shows signs of understanding school culture. She has been a teacher and a substitute teacher so she has first hand knowledge of what it is like to be in a classroom day in and day out. Being that her children are currently enrolled in the district shows me that she has a vested interest. She also seems willing to listen to opinions other than her own.

Contrarily, I have concerns regarding Joey Gilbert. He is an election denier and has also threatened to sue WCSD. That does not show putting students nor the public first. He also shares misinformation online. If there is anything we should be teaching children it is to fact check information before sharing. Additionally, how can the public trust someone who blatantly shares misinformation?

Also possibly concerning is John Reyes. I say possibly because I do not know if he ascribes to the same political ideologies as his mother, Cathy Reyes. Ms. Reyes, who recently ran for school board, is associated with "Save WCSD", a group that spread misinformation about WCSD and wants to restore "traditional" values, values that are not inclusive of all members of society.

I do appreciate the time you have taken to read this comment and am truly wishing you a good experience in choosing our next WCSD board member.

Sincerely,
Laurie Newman

Sent from my iPhone

From: Candice Wilkins
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 9:41 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Kelly Crosby- Sturtz

Hello. I am writing to voice my support for Kelly Crosby- Sturtz for school board.

From: Anderson, Leigh E
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 9:52 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Joey Gilbert

Dear Trustees,

I do not feel that Joey Gilbert is a good candidate for the open school board seat. He has no experience in schools and does not have the best interest of WCDS or teachers at heart.

Sincerely,

Leigh Anderson, M.A. CCC-SLP
Speech Language Pathologist
Patóloga de Habla y Lenguaje
Smithridge S.T.E.M Academy (MTW)
Roger Corbett Elementary (ThF)

From:
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 10:06 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Joey Gilbert for Trustee District E

As a father of 5 and grandfather of 7 children, the EDUCATION of this generation is vital to the future of our country. We know that **NEVADA ranks at the BOTTOM of the USA in education.**

I want to see **Joey Gilbert** appointed for the open **Trustee position District E**. He is the only applicant with a daughter in the district going to school (12 year old) —He has been at the school board meetings over the past three years. He has knowledge on the problems facing our schools as he ran for governor and visited all 17 counties talking to the people and educators in this State.

Joey Gilbert has worked with education experts, and is well informed about the problems that are facing the schools AND he has developed plans to solve those problems.

Joey Gilbert is willing to fill that open position and is well qualified. **Joey Gilbert is MY choice for School Board Trustee District E.**

Rod Moser PA PhD

From: Sanchez, Jafeth E
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 10:09 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Support for Alex Woodley

Dear Board of Trustees,

I am writing this email as a parent 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. To be clear, I am adamantly against the other candidates who applied to this position and am especially against having Joey Gilbert on the board; he has repeatedly made comments that divide and exclude the community, which is completely counterproductive to what is needed in our district.

On the other hand, 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, and I have no doubt he would 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!**

Kindly,

Jafeth E. Sanchez, PhD

From: Wayne Gordon
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 10:16 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Appointment of replacement director

Yesterday, I sent an email to each of the trustees. I am sending this (basically the same) for inclusion on the record in the deliberation to fill Ms Taylor's seat on the Washoe County School District

I am requesting the appointment of Joey Gilbert to the soon to be empty seat on the WCSD Board of Directors.

The board has been very careful to appoint only people who agree with their viewpoint to the several positions that have become vacant, thus keeping an incestuous condition in the board. You hear only your own thoughts, not new or other. Additionally, the person appointed has an unfair advantage to get elected in the next regular election and with harvesting donations from teaches' unions, as was the the case with Mayberry vs Reid.

As a result you do not have a diversity of views on the board. And are not able to tackle the real problems with our schools, which is not educating the students and violence on the campuses. With the election of Coleen Westlake, at least, you may have to consider the ideas of her and Jeff Church to improve our school district. They are not "radical right-wing" nor disruptive, nor undermining the district, they have ideas for possibly improving the district but the current board will not listen (<https://www.rgj.com/story/opinion/voices/2022/09/16/vote-protect-washoe-students-maga-extremists/10399643002/>). You will no longer get to fence off other views as you has been the going on to prevent alternate views.

"Freedom of speech" does not just apply to the ability to bring grievances to light, but also brings additional ideas, which the board has been able to not have nor discuss. We need to have more speech, not less; more ideas and more open discussion.

I believe that as Mr. Gilbert has a daughter in the school system, he has a good reason to insure that it is properly run and financed, and therefore I request his appointment. Unless of course, you will open an open and fair election.

Wayne Gordon

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"From whence shall we expect the approach of danger? Shall some trans- Atlantic military giant step the earth and crush us at a blow? Never. All the armies of Europe and Asia...could not by force take a drink from the Ohio River or make a track on the Blue Ridge in the trial of a thousand years. No, if destruction be our lot we must ourselves be its author and finisher. As a nation of free men we will live forever or die by suicide." -- Abraham Lincoln

"Of all tyrannies, a tyranny sincerely exercised for the good of its victims may be the most oppressive. It would be better to live under robber barons than under omnipotent moral busybodies. The robber baron's cruelty may sometimes sleep, his cupidity may at some point be satiated; but those who torment us for our own good will torment us without end for they do so with the approval of their own conscience." — C. S. Lewis

From: Adi Cabral
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 10:17 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support of Alex Woodley

Hello,

I send this message as a Washoe County resident and family member of WCSD students, teachers, staff, and administrators. The community of educators in my family runs deep. I urge you to support Alex Woodley for the WCSD Board of Trustees District E.

Thank you!

-Adi Cabral (they/them/theirs)
Associate Professor of Theatre
(Voice and Movement)
University of Nevada, Reno
Certified Teacher of Fitzmaurice Voicework
Certified Teacher of Knight-Thompson Speechwork

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From: Alex Alcantar
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 10:25 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment - Please do not consider Joey Gilbert for the trustee opening

Hello,

My name is Alex Alcantar and I am the parent of a 4th grader at Jessie Beck Elementary School. I understand that Joey Gilbert is being considered for the open trustee position. I would like to take this opportunity to plead with the Board to not consider him at all when filling this position.

Joey Gilbert, and the people like him, are toxic to our community. He has proven to be extremely homophobic, transphobic, racist, and adheres to barely coherent conspiracy theories. Where he goes, chaos follows. If he wants to bring that to partisan public races, that's his prerogative but we cannot allow somebody like him in our school board. He will not have the best interest for all students in mind, given his public hatred of the LGBTQ+ community. This district has gay students. It has trans students. It has gay teachers. It probably has trans teachers. These people deserve to have a board of trustees that will advocate for them as well, not actively against them. We need to teach our children tolerance and acceptance for the members of their community that might be different than them, not try to eliminate these members of our community completely. Our kids will be just fine learning about important topics such as the impact of racial discrimination in our country, it doesn't make them hate their country it makes them understand their country's past and how they can do better in the future.

Our goal should be to have a school district where everyone is welcome, where everyone is accepted, and where everyone has a voice and an advocate. Joey Gilbert does not want this. He wants to get into a position where he can impose his hateful will on our schools. He wants to create chaos and in that chaos further his own political ambition while stepping on the rights and dignity of marginalized populations within our community. He will work to destroy the opportunity we have for our children to grow up as tolerant and accepting people, just to further his own hateful agenda and political aspirations. Why would we allow this? Please understand that his supporters are a very vocal minority, no matter what "geometry" he tries to use to portray himself as somebody the community at large wants. I assure you many, many more of us do not want him in this position.

I beg this board to consider all children and all staff when making their decision. We teach our kids to stand up to bullies, we do not put bullies in positions of power.

I sincerely appreciate the board's time in reading this email.

All the best,
Alex Alcantar

From: Lindsey Moser
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 10:25 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Joey Gilbert for Trustee District E

I am the mother of 5 and grandmother of 7 children. The EDUCATION of this generation is vital to the future of our country. We know that **NEVADA ranks at the BOTTOM of the USA in education**. The Washoe County School Board has NOT performed to improve the education of the next generation. This must change.

I want to see **Joey Gilbert** appointed for the open **Trustee position District E**. He is the only applicant with a daughter in the district going to school (12 year old) —He has been at the school board meetings over the past three years. He is a practicing attorney here in Reno and understands the law. He has knowledge on the problems facing our schools as he ran for governor and visited all 17 counties talking to parents and educators all over this State.

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Joey Gilbert is willing to fill that open position and is well qualified. **Joey Gilbert is MY choice for School Board Trustee District E.**

Lindsey Moser

From: Alejandra Hernandez-Guillen
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 10:37 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] WCSD District E open seat

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for Alex C. Woodley to be considered to fill the WCSD District E vacancy. As an alumna of Washoe Country School District, Kindergarten to High School, I find Mr. Woodley's experience to be evident of his lifelong dedication to public education in northern Nevada. Mr. Woodley would effectively represent first-generation students from underrepresented and low-income households.

Thank you for your consideration,

Best,



Alejandra Hernandez-Guillen

Developmental Specialist III
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From: Karla Hernandez
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 10:39 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] WCSD District E vacancy

Dear members of the selection committee,

As a proud alumna of Washoe County Schools (Smithridge and Kate Smith Elementary, Dilworth Middle School and Reed High School), I write to express my strong support for Mr. Alex Woodley as a very qualified candidate to fill the District E vacancy. As an education administrator, I've had the pleasure of working with Mr. Woodley and I can attest to his enthusiasm and drive as an education advocate. Upon reviewing Mr. Woodley's resume, it is evident that he has decades-long experience that make him an unparalleled candidate. I am certain Mr. Woodley will remain dedicated to augment educational equity in our Northern Nevada community.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Dr. Karla Hernández