

Good afternoon, Mark

Time got away from me in responding - I have had a hectic week - at work, we are in the process of moving our offices/location. In addition, at this moment I am at the hospital with my son in law and daughter - who is in labor. Praying for a great delivery in the next few hours. Hopefully, I can make the meeting tomorrow.

I will just reiterate what Kim and Roger have stated and that is that we serve in a non-partisan capacity which allows us to focus on what is best for all our students and our primary duty is to hire the superintendent to enact/advise on the policies we create. I have dedicated/volunteered 24 years to this district, 10 of which were on the board. I can assure you that I take this non-partisan role very seriously and work hard to do what's best for our learners.

I believe there is a unified community - this is when I attend concerts, athletic events, theatre, community events and I see the joy and love in our kids. Adults can learn a lot from them.

Thanks for taking the time to reach out.
Christy

For Reference:

Roger Bearup, in his reply to my request, stated the board works as a 'group' and individual views don't matter. This is the reference Christy makes to both Kim Klein's and Roger's statement. Read Kim Kleins response if you'd like to know what Christy agrees with.

This was a common answer among those being recalled

We work in a non-partisan environment. We set our individual views aside. We look to experts, we implement best practices, we utilize researched strategies to address community needs.

The question then becomes:

What experts? Who decides what 'community needs' should be addressed, and where are your 'best practices' coming from? "Experts" in CRT, SEL and the 1619 project are finding their way into our schools. Very recently a LinkedIn ad was put out for an SEL advisor for Grandville Schools. Who makes these decisions? The 'community needs' being addressed are being decided by those with hidden agendas. All we're asking for is simple answers to simple questions, so we know where each board member stands.

I pointed out to all board members "We work as a non-partisan group and set individual ideologies aside" is a disingenuous statement. It's also condescending and should give everyone pause. Members that answer this way either have no concept of deductive reasoning (which is troubling) or they think so little of your ability to think logically they feel you'll fall for platitudes. Yes, boards work as a 'group', a group of individuals who all have a vote. If all those individuals have an ideology that conflicts with most Grandville residents, policies will be implemented that do not reflect the views of our community.

I further pointed out, if individual ideologies don't matter in entities that function as a group, then there should never be any questions posed to Supreme Court candidates. It is the exact same principle.

Conclusion:

Christy doesn't want to answer our questions. One can only speculate why. Rest assured there is a reason.

I suspect its because she knows her views conflict with most Grandville parents. If she felt she would gain widespread support by answering these questions, she would have taken the time to respond.

You as parents of students in Grandville schools DESERVE to know where your board members stand on topics important to you. Please hold them accountable. Even if you don't sign the petition to remove them, email them and ask them where they stand on matters important to you!

In an effort to eliminate ambiguity in vernacular and make answering as simple as possible a YES/NO questionnaire was sent to the three members being recalled. That email and those questions are below. No one has responded.

Good morning Kim, Jason and Christy,
This should take a grand total of less than 10 minutes.

Because it is you three who are up for recall I'm going to limit this request to you. I apologize for my persistence, but it would seem none of you believe you have any individual input into the direction of the board. That stance defies logic. I truly am looking to spread the truth about what you believe regarding topics I addressed. I view truth as the anecdote to misinformation. I would hope you agree.

To all of you I state again, I appreciate your service. Christy I do appreciate you taking time to answer even while potentially welcoming a brand new grand baby to this world. I pray all went well. I recognize your years of community service and the visibility of your 'Be Nice' project. Please don't assume I understand the import you attach to "Be Nice" when it comes to questions I ask. "Be Nice" may address some of my questions, but I don't have enough background to assimilate that.

While I would love to believe our board works in an ideologically and politically agnostic environment, human nature tells me this cannot be true. As I stated in an earlier email, if Supreme Court candidates are pressed for ideological stances, and they are dealing with matters of interpreting Constitutional Law, most certainly board members should expect to be questioned about their personal views on subjects important to the community.

I have purposefully tried to stay away from harsh or adversarial language as I truly believe we can disagree on major topics without being disagreeable. Your answers thus far are forcing me to at least be very forthright. Each of your answers have been extremely political (by political I mean having no substance), defy basic logic, and cannot be interpreted on either side of any issue. Being recalled, I would think each of you would welcome the opportunity to make clear your positions on topics of importance. The results of our exchanges so far trouble me.

We'll do this by your rules - Let's pretend the Grandville School Board is being asked to vote tonight on these issues. I'd like each of you to use your well polished, apolitical, team intellect and give me a "Yes", "No" vote, or ("More Info needed") to answer the following list of proposals. By all means, draw on the knowledge you've gleaned from your teams of experts, legal, health or otherwise.

- I'm not asking you to tell me we already have a policy in place. We are pretending these policy proposals are in front of the board tonight.
- I'm not asking you to tell me what board members do and don't do
- I'm not asking to know who you consult
- Note - there are no open-ended broad questions to answer. This is a simple Yes/No/Other questionnaire.

All I would like is a **YES** or **NO** vote on the following fictional proposals. If you don't feel you have enough information, need to consult experts you haven't already consulted, or have a problem with the wording please answer "**NEED MORE INFO**"

Yes or no Questions

Would you vote yes or no to continue affiliation with MASB if they don't cut ties with NASB

Would you vote yes or no on a proposal to force kids to wear masks again (regardless of governmental mandates)

Would you vote yes or no on a proposal to ban mandatory masking ever again (regardless of governmental mandates)

Would you vote yes or no on a proposal to quarantine healthy children for any reason now or into the future

Would you vote yes or no on a proposal to ban the quarantine of healthy children for any reason now or into the future

Would you vote yes or no on a proposal to enforce vaccination of our children even if the Governor or president mandated it for in person learning

Would you vote yes or no on a proposal to ban forced vaccination of our children even if the Governor or president mandated it for in person learning

Would you vote yes or no for a proposal to dedicate time or resources to educate our children on matters specifically of importance to the LGBTQ community

Would you vote yes or no for a proposal to ban the dedication of time or resources to educate our children on matters specifically of importance to the LGBTQ community

Would you vote yes or no for a proposal to dedicate time or educational resources to inform our children of same sex marriage

Would you vote yes or no for a proposal to ban the dedication of time or educational resources to inform our children of same sex marriage

Would you vote yes or no for a proposal to dedicate time or educational resources to help our children recognize the ability of one to pick their gender

Would you vote yes or no for a proposal to ban the dedication of time or educational resources to help our children recognize the ability of one to pick their gender

Would you vote yes or no for a proposal to allow students to use the bathroom of their choice

Would you vote yes or no for a proposal to ban students from using the bathroom of their choice and limiting them to the gender/sex of their birth

Would you vote yes or no for a proposal to teach about abortion in school

Would you vote yes or no for a proposal to ban teaching about abortion in school

Would you vote yes or no for a proposal to teach about White Supremacy

Would you vote yes or no for a proposal to ban teaching about White Supremacy

Would you vote yes or no for a proposal to teach about White Privilege

Would you vote yes or no for a proposal to ban teaching about White Privilege

Would you vote yes or no for a proposal to allow the display of LGBTQ Flags/propaganda in Grandville Schools

Would you vote yes or no for a proposal to ban the display of LGBTQ Flags/propaganda in Grandville Schools

Would you vote yes or no for a proposal to allow the display of BLM Flags on school property?

Would you vote yes or no for a proposal to ban the display of BLM Flags on school property?

Would you vote yes or no for a proposal to allow advertising LGBTQ or Transgender student groups/clubs on school property

Would you vote yes or no for a proposal to ban advertising LGBTQ or Transgender student groups/clubs on school property

Would you vote yes or no for a proposal to allow holding LGBTQ or Transgender student groups/clubs on school property

Would you vote yes or no for a proposal to ban the ability of LGBTQ or Transgender student groups/clubs to hold meetings on Grandville school property

Would you vote yes or no for a proposal to allow advertising Christian student groups/clubs on school property

Would you vote yes or no for a proposal to ban advertising Christian student groups/clubs on school property

Would you vote yes or no for a proposal to allow holding Christian student groups/clubs on school property

Would you vote yes or no for a proposal to ban the ability of Christian student groups/clubs to hold meetings on Grandville school property

Would you vote yes or no for a proposal to allow advertising Muslim student groups/clubs on school property

Would you vote yes or no for a proposal to ban advertising Muslim student groups/clubs on school property

Would you vote yes or no for a proposal to allow holding Muslim student groups/clubs on school property

Would you vote yes or no for a proposal to ban the ability of Muslim student groups/clubs to hold meetings on Grandville school property

Would you vote yes or no for a proposal to allow advertising Jewish student groups/clubs on school property

Would you vote yes or no for a proposal to ban advertising Jewish student groups/clubs on school property

Would you vote yes or no for a proposal to allow holding Jewish student groups/clubs on school property

Would you vote yes or no for a proposal to ban the ability of Jewish student groups/clubs to hold meetings on Grandville school property

Would you vote yes or no for a proposal to allow advertising Atheist student groups/clubs on school property

Would you vote yes or no for a proposal to ban advertising Atheist student groups/clubs on school property

Would you vote yes or no for a proposal to allow holding Atheist student groups/clubs on school property

Would you vote yes or no for a proposal to ban the ability of Atheist student groups/clubs to hold meetings on Grandville school property

Would you vote yes or no for a proposal to allow the display of any religious symbol on school property

2nd Response/Non-Response

Hi Mark,

WOW! Had a very very long 24 hours - I was fortunate to be with my daughter and son-in-law when they welcomed their precious baby boy, **Joseph Dominic Wagley, at 1:43 am**. He is a healthy boy - weighing 8 lbs 5 oz! They live in Grandville - so I will be able to see him everyday!

At this time, I am not completing your questionnaire. I know that is not what you want to hear but I feel my reply to your last email addressed why I was not answering questions specifically. Again, we are called to set our individual beliefs and focus on making decisions as a whole. Our two main jobs are to develop and carry out policy and hire and evaluate the Superintendent.

I am attaching a document that I have used for people to get to know me. I hope this gives you a better view of who I am. ****You can see that note at the end of this document**

Thanks for dedication to GPS,
Christy

Ms. Christy Buck is a 25-year resident of Grandville. She first came to the community after marrying Tim Buck, whose father was the City's longest serving Mayor. The Bucks loved Grandville and she too found herself embracing the community as her own and they raised three outstanding children – all proud alumni of Grandville Public Schools. In 1997, she immediately became an avid volunteer in her children's elementary school through their PTA – soon serving as the president. In addition, she volunteered her time to coach Little League softball and ASO Soccer.

The Bucks are a close family unit and is shown through their love of the game of tennis. The Buck family has been the rock of both the Girls and Boys tennis programs at Grandville, with Tim serving as Head

Coach. Together, Christy and Coach Buck have positively touched many young lives, instilling the thrill of competition and the importance of treating others with respect. They have built a tennis family and a reputation of sportsmanship across the OK Red Conference.

Christy passionately leads the Mental Health Foundation of West and is the creator of the evidence-based mental health and suicide prevention program “be nice.” Her career in mental health education

and stigma reduction has spanned over 36 years. Her own experience of a loved one’s mental illness led to her life’s mission to educate young people and others about mental illness. She works diligently to remove stigma and help people find where they can go to help themselves or a loved one.

Over the years, Christy has been recognized by many organizations for her hard work and leadership in the field. In 2012, Christy was honored with Grandville’s Distinguished Person of the Year Award, the Peacemaker Award from the Dispute Resolution Center of West Michigan in 2014, 2017 Hometown Hero from the American Red Cross, 2017 Athena Finalist, 2017 Art Van Charity of Hope Award, 2018 50 Most Influential Women in West Michigan and most recently, in 2021, the Fountain Hill Center Porchlight Award.

Her love of Grandville and her knowledge of the string of suicides the school district was experiencing in 2010, drove Christy to bring Live Laugh Love: Teaching our Children About Mental Health Curriculum created by the Mental Health Foundation to Grandville to be added to the 8th grade Health class. Very few districts were addressing mental health at the time and she soon found there was a need for more education for kids, parents, and teachers across West MI. She’s been relentless in bringing affordable mental health resources to Grandville schools and the community so that we can’t say we didn’t see it, or we didn’t know. She brings recognition to Grandville and what we are doing to save lives. In Grandville, we look after each other like family and we have the be nice. action plan to help us help each other!

Christy was elected to the Grandville School Board in 2011 and has actively served in leadership positions on the board with the last two years serving as President. Her focus is on what is best for the students and is always supporting ways to reach ALL students, so all Grandville students can reach their full potential. Earlier in her term on the school board, she was finding mental health resources for the

Grandville middle and high school students and teachers who were hitting dead ends in their quest for help. She's stood by parents who were at the end of their rope in finding help for their child in crisis.

Her commitment to mental health – how you think, act, and feel - is impeccable.

Within her Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church community she has served as the Youth Advisor and instructed Religious Education for 30 years. Christy and her husband Tim are proud parents of three amazing children, Demetrios (Photini), Katerina (Mark) and Isabella. Christy is a graduate of Michigan State University.