

Time For School Board Accountability!!!



No "F Minus" Please... Education Week Names Nevada 50th in the Nation for Education!!! Clark County School District is the 5th largest school district in the country. Since the 2006 election of Carolyn Edwards, the current District F Trustee and Board Vice President, the educational environment has steadily deteriorated. In January 2010 Education Week Magazine rated Nevada 50th in the Nation. This is the second year in a row for that notorious distinction. This is the result of bad management at the top. Current Trustees are trying to shirk the blame by any propaganda that they can come up with. The unfortunate conclusion is inescapable. Bad management followed by lies to avoid the blame is more than the taxpayers and parents can put up with. Taxpayers and students are both suffering from School Board Trustee management incompetence!!

Do you want another 4-years of F minus performance?

Why Reward Failure?

Our School Board got caught making back room deals to give top administrative staff big bonuses while they told teachers to take pay cuts. Does that sound like good management of your tax dollars?

Over 1/2 of our schools are failing "No child Left Behind!"

Do you believe the School Board propaganda that problems are the fault of everybody else but not the school board? Is it really the fault of bad parents, bad teachers and many other excuses? Could it be that these excuses are to explain away management incompetence by the School Board Trustees?

The School Board has regularly forced teachers to promote students who cannot pass their exams! They call it "Social Promotion".

School Board Trustees asked the Department of Education to accept a 50% graduation rate goal as good enough for high school success this year. Is a 50% graduation rate good enough goal to suit you? 50% fail.

School Board Trustees regularly break the law: violating open meeting laws, public records disclosure requests... failing to disclose personal financial conflicts before voting on contract issues.

Nevada lost millions in "Race To The Top" Federal Funding because the Clark County School Board did almost nothing to win the money.

Our School Board is run as a public relations driven system not an educationally oriented system. Is education or PR more important?

If you owned a big organization with a \$2 Billion annual budget and that organization had been ranked as the worst in the nation... would you reelect board of directors? Ken Small (Big Change) not the incumbent!

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HI!

I am Ken Small.

In addition to being an architect, I am also a "Recognized Educational Facility Planner." That means I know school planning too. I designed my first school building for CCSD during 1992 and have designed lots of school work in other places before that. In 2005, my daughter entered 1st grade at a CCSD Elementary school and I had quite an awakening! I realized that much of the story that CCSD "Planners" told me to design a school was simply not the truth about how the schools work. At first, I told the top staff in the planning department. Then I went to the Trustees and then the committees that the Trustees have abdicated their decision-making authority to. By 2007, none of that had worked. While attending the school board meetings to find out how to solve the problems I discovered many "Shenanigans" beyond what I had first imagined. By 2008, I set up a "Whistleblower" web site to make the shenanigans public so that the school board would have to stop ignoring me and do something about it. To my amazement, both the web site and presenting evidence of illegal activities to the School Board had no effect. Typically when parents or tax payers come to complain to the Trustees they sit there stone faced and ignore the person until they go away... By 2009, I realized that the Trustees think that they do not have to react to public concerns because they are immune! This was too much for me so I decided to run for the School Board!!! There is big money behind the present Trustees. So they think that they will win even though the school district is failing all around. I hope that you will prove them wrong and vote for me! **I know that I can help spend our money wisely to best help our kids when I get elected. I am running against incumbent School Board Vice President Carolyn Edwards.**

Ken

Ps: Did you know that...

(This is just a sample of what is going on!)

- Did you know that Clark County School District is failing "No Child Left Behind"?
- Did you know that Nevada was ranked 50th in the nation for education during January 2008 & January 2009?
- Did you know that 72% of students in Nevada are attending CCSD?
- Did you know that CCSD uses your tax dollars to feed kids brownies, cupcakes, cookies and chocolate milk for lunch and then blames "Bad teachers" and "Uneducated parents" because students are not learning?
- Did you know that 1998 newspaper articles and public information led voters to think that they voted for a \$3.5 billion bond fund to build and fix schools?
- Did you know that the Trustees went right on selling bonds during the last 4 years until they sold \$5.1 billion? (Even though you thought that you only authorized \$3.5 billion!)
- Did you know that there are 4 new unneeded elementary schools under construction now? (Opening next fall)
- Did you know that one of the 4 schools was designed to be in a subdivision that never got built? (So they moved it.)
- Did you know that the money that the Trustees spent on those unneeded schools was needed to fix existing schools?
- Did you know that those construction contracts started 1 year after the bust hit and enrollment was falling?
- Did you know that Ken Small stood up before the Trustees Board just before the vote was taken and told them that it was a mistake? (And he explained how to avoid the mistake!)
- Did you know that Ken told them that the phony enrollment projection statistics by CCSD staff were a lie?
- Did you hear that last year the School Board said that year around school was cheaper than 9-month school?
- Did you hear that this year they claim that there will be a huge savings because switching to a 9-month school year caused a huge savings? Because they built 4 unneeded schools and bought hundreds of unneeded portables, it is "cheaper" to operate a 9-month schedule than to "Mothball" those buildings! Of course, proper planning would have left us a lot more money to run education operations with far fewer unneeded school buildings to operate....
- Did you know that a big cause of cutbacks and layoffs is the "Need" to operate those unneeded buildings? It costs a lot of money to run an unneeded school!
- Did you know that during the last 4 years the Trustees have built public works projects like a regional detention pond, water mains, roads and things like that with money that voters thought would go to building schools? (In addition, the Trustees failed to get reimbursed for those utilities when developers connected to them!)

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