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Good morning, , no

I attended the meeting last night discussing the possibility of appointing people to school boards rather than electing them. Although I didn't stick through it until after 10:30, I did see that there was about three people FOR this idea and over 35 against, including the Nevada State Education Association.

Please stop this ridiculous discussion here. As you heard from many frustrated members of the audience, parents, grand parents as well as teachers and Trustees, this is a really BAD idea.

The NSEA members attending who were offended at the "communist" terms, "outbursts" and "political attacks" (Alexander Marks & Chris Daly of NSEA)? PLEASE NOTE that to take away the voting rights of citizens IS Communist. I'm just grateful that even they see it as not being the answer to the problems we have.

School boards, Associations and Coalitions do not know what is best for our kids, and it's because of attitudes like that, that parents, family members and other members of the community speak out so strongly. YOU WORK FOR US. Not the other way around! And when we have school boards such as Washoe and Clark Counties that are so far out of hand and dictatorial, trying to push through curriculums that we disagree with **strongly**, even sometimes without parental consent, you leave us no choice but to speak out?

Rebecca Durks-Garcia had it right when she said "effective school boards with the voice of the people involved" are what's needed. This was pretty much echoed through most of this meeting.

I will also say it was very out of line to have Mr. Dennis threaten to shut the hearing down after a perceived "threat" that wasn't even close to one? The lady was talking about crimes against humanity and said "whatcha gonna do when they come for you", (an ode to the TV show "COPS"). She was indicating that this narrative is coming after our kids and no one is safe from it if it's allowed to continue. 99% of the audience agreed and let it be known. Remember... you also work for US, not the other way around. You were elected also. It was not handled well and rather than being "in charge" and threatening, maybe just LISTEN to what is being said. THAT IS THE WHOLE PROBLEM IN A NUTSHELL. Thanks for demonstrating exactly what we are all speaking out against.

Please listen to the advice given by Trustee Jessie Ford and provide ALL school boards with effective training that's needed to perform their jobs successfully.

And we all agree the Superintendents should also be "elected" rather than appointed going forward. This will assist greatly in accountability.

Sincerely,

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