

Good morning,

I stand before you with the time allotted to me to urge you to take the necessary steps to begin the reinstatement of Coach Mackenzie as the Boys Basketball Head Coach.

3 Minutes by no means is enough time for me to articulate the importance that Coach Mackenzie has had on this community over the last 20 years, so with that I have also submitted a statement for review that I would strongly recommend you read upon the conclusion of this meeting.

To not renew "Coach" after 20 years with the district without hearing both sides of the story and gathering all the facts is very dangerous and sets forth a poor example to the student body and community moving forward.

I ask you this... What information did you use to make your decision? It seems a vast amount of the information that was gathered towards this decision has been unproven and completely false. Joan, as a former Math teacher in the district, I know you understand when you have an outlier in a data set and the problems it causes, therefore it must be removed. That is what this information is, an outlier within a 20-year sample.

By acting on information from an outlier your decision as a board to not renew without hearing all the facts is compromising the current students, future students, and putting at risk all the other coaches in the district, while simultaneously destroying 20 years of hard work and dedication to improving the community through the life lessons learned from playing basketball for Coach and the pride of many alums have in the program.

I am sure you are all aware of the continued shortage of officials that sports are facing, if you allow this action to stand you will be setting forth a standard that will cause a coach shortage not only in the district but throughout the state. You will have drawn up a playbook on how to remove a leader and mentor if someone simply doesn't align with their views. If you allow this...What to say that it stops with a coach, why not apply to the same misinformation to the Activities Director, Principal, English teacher?

With that I ask that you look at all the facts and work towards reinstatement. Reinstatement for a man that has dedicated the last 20 years of his life to improving the lives of young men and women and had a positive impact on the community all while accomplishing some great achievements on the court as well.

The importance of Coach Mackenzie's impact cannot be overvalued, don't rob future students that want to wear the Waunakee Jersey with pride of that.

Thank you.