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Public Comment for Tonight's Meeting

1 message

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing as a parent and volunteer coach of the Waunakee Basketball Program regarding the employment of Dana MacKenzie. I apologize that I am not able to be there in person as I had a family engagement that I needed to attend out of town. I have been involved in the Waunakee Youth Basketball Program as a parent coach for the last seven years and have worked with Mr. MacKenzie as his assistant coach for the last two years. Dana MacKenzie has led the program for the entire time that my kids have been involved. I offer this email to provide the Board with further information about what I have seen firsthand which is the following:

1. A basketball program that has incredible participation with players and support from parents and coaches. Due to his efforts, each grade has numbers that allow it to field multiple teams providing opportunities for all that are interested.
2. Mr. MacKenzie and his coaching staff are consistently available for support at all levels for both players and parents. For example, coaches are provided guidance on how to manage the teams, run practices, and support the program and parents are regularly comminuted with.
3. The kids are provided an opportunity for an inclusive, positive experience whether through practices, competition, or games. Mr. MacKenzie sets the example that ensures kids are provided an opportunity to play, improve their skills, and enjoy basketball.

These are a few of the many strengths of the Waunakee basketball program that are a direct reflection of Mr. MacKenzie and his leadership. I do not know any specifics regarding the concerns that have been raised about Mr. MacKenzie, I can only state that throughout my experience with him as a parent and a coach, I have never seen any behavior that would warrant concern or discipline.

Respectfully,

Jim Dama