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Subject : FYI- Boys Basketball Rally

Good evening everyone. The last thing that I expected to do is send this email to all of you, but I wanted to share my LAST bit of advice for the board.

After several months of listening, pondering and sharing our feeling regarding the current status of the boys basketball program, you all voted to take the program in a different direction. Now, the minority of supporters are attempting to rally the troops and confront the BoE on Monday morning, apparently with your approval. My piece of advice to all of you is that you stick to the result of your vote. We, and now you, have listened and communicated about this issue for months and made a educated group decision. Please do not waffle on your decision as it will decrease the confidence the community has in you as a board. We changed our vote once prior during covid and it weakened the community's trust in us. Please continue to listen but stay true to your decision; the community needs to trust your voice and your ability to direct the vision of the school district.

I also want you to know what is going on with this situation and planning for Monday morning. Below is a text from the "pro Mackenzie" group.

The best of luck to all of you. Show all of us in the community that when the BoE makes a decision it is done with accurate data, compassion for our students and for the betterment of all of our schools and our families ...and it is final.

Best Regards,

Brian Hoefer

This is what is being sent:

I'll preface this by saying, if you aren't in agreement with the following in anyway, it's not personal but it's important for everyone to understand this has an effect on many people who have sacrificed endless hours of their time over the years trying to make kids better teammates and players. That includes many that you all Know.

Parents-

Many of us have questions and frustrations about the recent action taken to not renew the head of our basketball program.

It seems that a small group, lead by a disgruntled parent, has managed to convince the school board - behind closed doors- to take this major action of dismissing Dana and the entire basketball staff without any say from us, or more importantly any say from any of the returning varsity players. How is that fundamentally reasonable?

This affects the future of all of our players. Please join us in questioning the way this situation was handled and why.

We can't afford to allow this to be the standard for how business is conducted in our community, to let a tiny minority of folks have this type of influence over an uninformed board.

The returning varsity players have spoken up, and have been granted 30 minutes to speak in front of the BOE on Monday morning at 7:30am at 905 Bethel Circle. Please make the time to show your support by going to the meeting along with your kids! Let's pack the room!!! Everyone's voice needs to be heard.

I wouldn't be so supportive of this cause if I didn't have close insights to the actual facts, and the wool has been pulled over our school boards eyes.

Please also consider sending an email to the school board president, Joan Ensign,
joanensign@waunakee.k12.wi.us

Much appreciated!!
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