



On Wed, Nov 10, 2021 at 6:17 PM Strain, Sean C. <[seanc.strain@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:seanc.strain@cms.k12.nc.us)> wrote:

Tony,

For what it's worth, Rhonda and I serve on a Board of partisan hacks. Many have little to no interest in the plight they have served upon our county's youth. They have little focus and less accountability, poor judgement, let alone respect for those whom they serve – children or constituents. Last night demonstrated that statement in spades.

Rhonda does tremendous work to keep a semi-even keel on this Board that has demonstrated a colossal failure of leadership time and again over the last 2 years (current leadership). For example, April 30 we started a discussion/reconsideration of goals that we approved 3 years earlier and our failed leadership has led us no further despite the efforts of Rhonda, Ruby and myself to reign in this rudderless ship.

If you want to guarantee the District 1 rep is a Carol Sawyer or Jennifer de la Jara clone, I can promise you that friendly fire between ultra- and moderate-conservatives fighting the good fight on this Board will deliver that in a wide open non-partisan race.

We need to close ranks on the values and principles we hold dear – true and honest history, protecting our kids, absolute refusal to accept anything resembling indoctrination (of blacks or whites), individual and organizational responsibility and accountability, providing every student maximum opportunity to exploit their God-given ability, student-centric decision-making – and push our best candidate forward. There are no primaries... \$60 puts a name on a ballot and splitting the vote for conservative values is hazardous at best I this county.

Rhonda and I may not agree on every topic and every vote, as our experience and position guides us a little  
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differently – but I can tell you that I do and would trust Rhonda in the foxhole next to me and she has been a staunch advocate, hard-working representative of D1 constituents and conservative values for 12 years.

I don't know Rhonda's plans yet for 2022. Heck, after last night I am even more doubtful about my own interest in continuing to serve in this capacity. I know of two others that have expressed a willingness to serve and carry the torch of conservative values for D1 in the event that Rhonda, who is undoubtedly best placed, decides not to do so. Then again, as suggested – we can take one another down in flames and have yet another Carol or Jennifer representing... just the reality of election strategy in a Meck Co non-partisan race.

Love your quote, BTW ... I agree whole-heartedly. "Minds and parachutes have to be open to work"

Happy to discuss, sir.

Regards,

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