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Nancy	Simpson	Health Advisory Committe Inquiry	Who are the new committee members and why were the standing committee members released before their terms were up?
Audrey	Lane	Board Decorum and Representation	Based on the comments made by Board Vice-Chair Carlotta Bailey regarding Black families and members of the LGBTQ+ community, I believe that she is not reflective of the leadership that we as a community of Black families and LGBTQ+ individuals and families deserve and need at this time. Specifically her comment about educated individuals being 'educated fools' is disrespectful and baffling as a member of a SCHOOL DISTRICT board. Here's her comment to a fellow constituent 'Sydney Josette Van Bulck having a degree doesn't make you wise. It makes you an educated fool.' Therefore she should step down as a board member or at minimum from her board leadership positions AND provide a written apology to ALL CCSD community members.
Leigh Ann	Black	Shameful Majority Five	I find the continued failure of the Majority Five to monitor and police their own behaviors abhorrent. At tonight's (10/23) Board meeting, you had the opportunity to regain at least an iota of trust from the public by removing Ms. Bailey from positions of leadership and censuring her for her blatantly bigoted public statements, but chose instead to rally around her and pretend there was nothing objectionable about her comments. It's obvious you don't care about what the community wants, but when you repeatedly reconfirm it, you continue to further erode any possibility of trust in your ability to effectively perform your duties. Shame on you 5 once again. To the Minority Four, please continue to share with the public what REALLY happens behind closed doors. Sunlight truly is the best disinfectant.
Laura	Isenstein	Election of Board Officers and Righting of Egregious Board Actions	If you are truly seeking a Board that works together effectively with a primary interest and focus on providing the very best education to all children attending CCSD Schools, you will make changes in Board leadership positions of Chair and others. Moreover, y'all must confirm the appointment of Michelle Simmons as permanent Chief Academic Officer and reinstate those Health Advisory Committee members you dismissed summarily without cause from their positions. Both Ms. Simmons and those Committee members have clearly and publicly demonstrated their commitment to insure our children are educated fully, honestly using best practices and proven successful content!
Erin	McGee-Young	Lucy G Beckham's in favor Barn for athletics	I am in favor of LBHS Barn for athletics. The school is overpopulated (by ~300 students), so this will open up several more classrooms to use for students & teachers throughout the day.
Erin	McGee-Young	Health Advisory Vacancy Membership	All all those up for Health Advisory Committee membership to be approved, especially the students! Their voices matter!
Kyndra	Luce	Stop Board overreach with and reinstate the Health Advisory Council	It's time to let the HAC get back to work
Kyndra	Luce	School boards are not the place for partisan politics or special interest groups	Please elect new positions accordingly
Kyndra	Luce	SEL is critically important to our students well being	Social and Emotional Learning should be a part of every school curriculum. Please support funding for counselors and support in the schools for all children
Kyndra	Luce	We oppose banning books and trust our trained school librarians	Oppose state and local legislation to censor books through third parties
Kyndra	Luce	Hire Michelle Simmons	Please make good on your promise as the new Superintendent
Kyndra	Luce	Trustees who violate ethics standards must be censured	Every. Time.
Sandra	Jones	Stop Board overreach with and reinstate the Health Advisory Council	Stop Board overreach with and reinstate the Health Advisory Council
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Jonathan	Lamb	Stop Board overreach with and reinstate the Health Advisory Council	The Board needs to stop its overreach and immediately reinstate the Health Advisory Council
Jonathan	Lamb	School boards are not the place for partisan politics or special interest groups	School boards are not the place for partisan politics or special interest groups
Jonathan	Lamb	SEL is critically important to our students well being	SEL is a proven effective approach to helping kids deal with the stresses of school. I wish I had that when I was going through school.
Jonathan	Lamb	We oppose banning books and trust our trained school librarians	Librarians go to college to learn about what literary items are age appropriate. Let's let them do their job without political interference!
Jonathan	Lamb	Hire Michelle Simmons	Hire Michelle Simmons
Jonathan	Lamb	Trustees who violate ethics standards must be censured	I've served on enough boards to know that if people aren't held accountable for their actions, things will get progressively worse!
Janet	Fine	Health Advisory	Stop Board overreach with and reinstate the Health Advisory Council
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Janet	Fine	Health Advisory	Trustees who violate ethics standards must be censured
Heather	Mirman	Reinstate the Health Advisory Council and stop board overreach	The Board needs to follow proper procedure. It was not done when several of the HAC members were removed without cause. We need a HAC that affirms ALL students, not just the white, Christian ones.
Heather	Mirman	School boards should not contain partisan politics or special interest groups	You represent all students in your district, even if they don't look or think like you do. Your personal beliefs should be put aside for the good of ALL students.
Heather	Mirman	SEL needs to remain in curriculum	Children today are stressed and anxious. The world is not a safe place for some. It is critically important that they are taught the skills that come from SEL lessons. All children benefit from SEL!
Heather	Mirman	Trust school librarians and stop book banning	School librarians are trained to determine the best books for their school. There should be a wide variety of topics so every kid can find something they relate to. There's a channel for parents to go through if they do not want their kids reading certain things. Do not let a vocal minority make decision for all of us. STOP BANNING BOOKS!
Heather	Mirman	Hire Michelle Simmons	Michelle Simmons was selected as the best candidate by outside consultants. It is mind blowing that you are ignoring advice you paid these consultants to give you. She deserves to be hired!!! To not do so shows that you are serving a small but vocal political group. Do your jobs and do what's right for our children.
Heather	Mirman	Censure trustees who violate ethics standards	It's unbelievable that you must be reminded that the board is bound by ethics. Trustees who disparage others, make racist and/or homophobic comments about the kids you serve, and pull publicity stunts must be censured. You are not doing your jobs.
Tamara	Eberlein	Stop Board overreach with and reinstate the Health Advisory Council	Stop Board overreach with and reinstate the Health Advisory Council
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Gary	Smith	Stop board overreach and reinstate the Health Advisory Council	Your over-reach and injection of partisan politics into the business of the Charleston School District is utterly divisive and destructive and opposed by an overwhelming majority of parents, teachers and principals in CCSD. Please pause and enlarge your frame of reference about what this is all about.
Gary	Smith	SEL is critically important to our students well being	Social and emotional learning skills are teachable tools that help our children learn to pause in order to find the compassion and wisdom that resides in all of us. We're seeing right now what happens in a world where those tools are not properly taught.
Bill	Thomas	Stop Board overreach with and reinstate the Health Advisory Council	Stop Board overreach with and reinstate the Health Advisory Council
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Lisa	Covert	HAC (item 3D)	The Board has not explained the criteria used to determine which HAC members they are removing and which people will be replacing them. As a parent of two CCSD students, I have been very pleased with the direction of the new, science-based health education curriculum and I worry that by removing several of the strong proponents of that curriculum, the district is poised to take health education a step backwards. The intention behind the composition of the committee is to represent diverse ideas so that the outcomes will be inclusive for the very diverse student needs in the district. Until there is a public rationale to demonstrate otherwise, these removals and replacements seem to run counter to those goals. The HAC serves at the pleasure of the Board, that much I understand. But these moves to change the committee and its bylaws go against the procedures in place and we have yet to hear what these individuals did that run counter to the Board's pleasure. The public deserves a clear explanation.
Hillary	Hutchinson	Stop Board overreach with and reinstate the Health Advisory Council	I feel like I have to keep writing and writing to voice my frustration over actions taken by this political skewed Board: The was no due process for removal of board members of the HAC. Precedent for such process is in the bylaws. Not to mention stacking the HAC with unqualified people, people of a certain religious persuasion, or people who did not even apply over legitimate members, is awful.
Hillary	Hutchinson	School boards are not the place for partisan politics or special interest groups.	I have said it before and I'll say it again. School boards are not the place for partisan politics or special interest groups. I am so incredibly frustrated by a group that refuses to see the big picture of serving ALL students and prefers to play political games.
Hillary	Hutchinson	SEL is critically important to our students well being	Social Emotional Learning (SEL) is the process of developing self awareness, self control, and interpersonal skills that are vital for school, work, and life success and that directly aligns with the CCSD mission, "to support every child in becoming career, college and citizenship ready." The purposed is to increase academic engagement while decreasing problem behavior. How can this Board be opposed to those goals?
Hillary	Hutchinson	I oppose banning books and trust our trained school librarians	Book banning is the first step in dictating what people are allowed to say aloud. I have seen too many book bans around the world lead to the destruction of a civil society. Books teach us to empathize with those who are not like us, or coming from completely different experiences. Yes, there has always been a process for determining age appropriate material, and no one is arguing that adult books should be placed in a 6 year old reading section. However, teenagers are more adult these days than ever, and have already been exposed to many, many things on the internet and through social media. Book banning is simply about trying to stop these young adults to think critically for themselves. There is already a process in place if a parent objects to a particular book: don't allow your child to check that book out.
Hillary	Hutchinson	Hire Michelle Simmons	I have written again and again on the topic of permanently hiring Michelle Simmons as the Chief Academic Officer. She is fully qualified, and any nationwide search is simply another waste of taxpayer money, which this Board seems so intent on doing.
Hillary	Hutchinson	Trustees who violate ethics standards must be censured	It should seem obvious that trustees who violate ethics standards should be censured. It is completely ridiculous that one who should have been censured was allowed to vote for herself NOT to be censured. Calls for gun violence by another Board member are clearly inappropriate in a civil society. Though I feel this Board has strayed a very long way from being civil or listening to people in the society they disagree with.
			It is an abomination that the five member majority has so sinisterly rewritten the bylaws last week so they can now this week remove the members of the HAC who were duly appointed, serving diligently and had time remaining on their terms. It is worse that these members of the board are replacing these very capable citizens who believe in science based health education with notable anti-vaxxers, anti maskers and clergy with very extremist views.
			Reinstate the previous committee and let them do their work rather than trying to instill individuals which have a narrow minded opinions or virtually no knowledge of what is best for our students.
Cristy	Landis	Stop Board overreach with and reinstate the Health Advisory Council	Of all the nefarious actions this majority has shoved down the throats of community, the dismantling of the HAC with no justifiably sound reason is the worst.
Nancy	Groh	Reinstate the Health Advisory Council	Your personal religious views have no place in student health issues.
Nancy	Groh	School boards are not the place for partisan politics or special interest groups	Just do your job and keep your political and religious views out of it.
			For the past two months we have continually seen School Board Members McKinney, Kelley, Grybowski, Whatley and Bailey violate their very oaths of office not to mention basic democratic principles to advance their own political and moral agendas. School Board members are elected in non-partisan elections and are charged with the safety and welfare of all students (not just those from certain political parties or who adhere to a particular faith - ALL STUDENTS). You have consistently acted in bad faith to violate the very oaths of office you swore.
			Take a step back, remember that you are not to serve only a particular "side" or "group" and you certainly are not in this position to push forth your own individual agenda.
Cristy	Landis	School boards are not the place for partisan politics or special interest groups	There is no shame in admitting mistakes and changing your path to operate in the way your constituents expect - with transparency, kindness, logic and in the best interest of our children.

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			<p>I present to you a quote from the CCSD Kaleidoscope Staff Manual.</p> <p>"Let us realize the work we do is a privilege and that each of you has the potential to change a young person's life and ultimately their trajectory. By helping to instill positive behavior by modeling positive behavior – each of us has the responsibility to rise above anything that detracts from our mission."</p> <p>Two members of this current school board have not even met the basic requirements of what we ask of our After school counselors (most of whom are in their teens and early 20's). Carlotta Bailey has behaved and continues to behave in ways in which most families would not condone in their households, places of business, sacred spaces and frankly not even in other arenas of "polite company. We have heard and witnessed her racially derogatory comments, her complete belittling of students who identify as LGBTQ+ and know of her threats to other members of this Board.</p> <p>Ed Kelley's comments at a Moms for Liberty group condoning gun violence against a transgender teacher is equally baffling. Kids are resilient, flexible and adaptable. Mr. Kelley apparently is not.</p> <p>Neither of these individuals are instilling positive behavior by modeling positive behavior.</p> <p>They do nothing but continue to detract the Board from their Mission – which at the very least must be to treat others with dignity and respect.</p>
Cristy	Landis	Trustees who violate ethics standards must be censured	
Nancy	Groh	SEL is critically important to our students well being	Why would you not want to teach kids to stop bullying?
Nancy	Groh	We oppose banning books and trust our trained school librarians	This is not your job. You don't have the right to decide what's available to other people's children. Let the parents make that decision for their own child.
			Does this need elaboration? The School Board must not be in the business of banning books. You have hired well educated librarians to curate materials for our students.
Cristy	Landis	We oppose banning books and trust our trained school librarians	Let them do their work. Be careful of creating 21st century "witchhunts"...this is not seemly or just.
Nancy	Groh	Hire Michelle Simmons	She's qualified. But you already know that.
Charled	Brown	Reinstate the Health Advisory Council	The School Board overreached it's authority. Individual board member's religious beliefs should not be relevant in this science-based advisory council.
			<p>"One of the most puzzling interim positions the Superintendent has not been allowed to fill is that of Chief Academic Officer. Michelle Simmons has served as interim CAO since July 28, 2022. It is beneficial to have a highly qualified professional with such a thorough understanding of our district and community. From Burke alum to teacher to assistant principal to principal to Executive Director of Elementary Schools to Associate Superintendent of Elementary Schools, the deep knowledge of CCSD she has gained over the past 25 years is unparalleled. In that time she has been recognized with several awards and honors such as Mary Ford's Teacher of the Year (2000), CCSD Star Principal of the Year (2014), and the School Leadership Executive Institute Inez Tenenbaum Award (2018). Her quiet, strong leadership style has seen proven results throughout her career. When Ms. Simmons applied for the Chief Academic Officer position with a national search firm, it was no surprise that from all the candidates across the country, a third party search firm concluded that she was the best candidate for the job."</p> <p>These words from the 9/25/23 letter from the CCSD D10 Constituent School Board Members perfectly lays out the reasons why our community is up in arms about the fact that this Board did not confirm Michelle Simmons as Chief Academic Officer. We have heard no response from the 5 members who voted against Ms. Simmons as CAO.</p> <p>The actions of the five majority members of this Board continue to violate logic, facts and what is best for our community.</p> <p>The Acting Superintendent can hire Ms. Simmons and our district can then benefit greatly from her knowledge and expertise. We call on you to allow Ms. Huggins to do that very task.</p>
Cristy	Landis	Hire Michelle Simmons	
Nancy	Groh	Trustees who violate ethics standards must be censured	People who can't obey the law shouldn't be in office.
Charles	Brown	School Board is not the place for partisan politics or special interest groups	Local schools should not be a battleground for national special interest groups or political partisanship.
Charles	Brown	SEL is critically important to the well-being of our students	The positive results of SEL are proven and should not fall victim to fear-based religious beliefs of some board members.
		The practice of book banning has a long, dark history as a tool of oppression. Our trained school librarians are worthy of our trust.	
Charles	Brown		The banning of books has a long history in this world as a tool of oppression. We should trust our trained school librarians to do their jobs as the professionals they are.
Charles	Brown	Hire Michelle Simmons!	She is qualified and should be treated as such.
Charles	Brown	Trustees who violate ethics standards must be censured	If the board desires credibility then trustees MUST be held accountable for ethics violations and be censured.
Darby	Watford	I adamantly support reinstating the Health Advisory Council members who were ousted in September.	I adamantly support reinstating the Health Advisory Council members who were ousted in September. Their sex education initiatives for CCSD are invaluable for providing students correct, inclusive information on their bodies and aids in the prevention of sexual assault and sexually transmitted infections. This is crucial for the health and well-being of Charleston's young people and should not be taken lightly. If you care about kids, you should care about giving them comprehensive sexual education.
Madeline	Wiggin	Stop Board overreach with and reinstate the Health Advisory Council	Stop Board overreach with and reinstate the Health Advisory Council
Madeline	Wiggin	School boards are not the place for partisan politics or special interest groups	Stop Board overreach with and reinstate the Health Advisory Council
Madeline	Wiggin	SEL is critically important to our students well being	SEL is critically important to our students well being
Madeline	Wiggin	We oppose banning books and trust our trained school librarians	We oppose banning books and trust our trained school librarians
Madeline	Wiggin	Hire Michelle Simmons	Anita Huggins was not qualified. Hire Michelle Simmons
Madeline	Wiggin	Trustees who violate ethics standards must be censured	Trustees who violate ethics standards must be censured
Moore	Quinn	Reinstate the Health Advisory Council members	Reinstate the Health Advisory Council members.
		Stop Board Overreach. Reinstate Health Advisory Council. It is an important part of a child's education to have medically accurate information their bodies.	
Nancy	Hild		Health Advisory Council. Reinstate the Health Advisory Council. Medically correct information is an important part of a child's education.

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Nancy	Hild	Book Bans	Book bans are subject to multiple diverse political, religious, ethnic, and cultural beliefs. The decision about which books are appropriate for our public schools should be left to trained school librarians.
CHRIS	ANDREWS	Lucy Beckham Athletic Facility	I am asking the board to approve funding for the Lucy Beckham Athletic Facility called the Barn. This is a much needed addition for all students at Lucy Beckham.
Annalyle	(Turnage) Andrews	Lucy Beckham High School athletic facility	<p>Good afternoon, I am blessed to have two students at LBHS, neither of my children are athletes, but I am asking for this donation to pass. Our family goes to all of the volleyball, basketball and football games!! We are proud parents of our school. From a wellness perspective, even though my children may not be athletic, this facility is a great addition to our school, students, and staff. Sportsmanship, teams, camaraderie are necessary to bond our amazing students. Thank you for your consideration, a proud LBHS parent! 🏆, Annalyle Andrews</p> <p>Despite huge public outcry, I am dismayed to see that the Moms For Liberty backed Board Members are continuing to move forward with the unceremonious and unexplained dismissal of several members of the Health Advisory Committee before the expiration of their terms. Another redo, because the original vote violated FOIA, I presume?</p> <p>I note that the proposal is for a Rabbi to be replaced by a Christian pastor, an LGBTQ student is being removed, as is the Chair who has been outspoken in support of more inclusive sexual education, that 2 members with PhDs are being replaced by those without, and that 3 proposed new members didn't even apply.</p> <p>But, as with other decisions, the Board has provided no explanation as to why these changes are necessary and how these replacements will further the goals of the HAC.</p> <p>My hope, without expectation, is that you discuss this transparently and elect to vote against this and allow the members to continue their terms.</p>
Karen	Byko	Health Advisory Committee	I am a teacher at Lucy Beckham High School. Two years ago, I had the pleasure of having Penn Doucher in my Crew class, Penn was a leader in the class and always went above and beyond what was expected of them. I am confident that Penn's other teachers would say the same.
Windsor	Windsor	HAC	In the interest of transparency, I would like to know why Penn is being removed from the Health Advisory Committee?
Emily	Beck	Reinstate the Health Advisory Council members	Reinstate the Health Advisory Council members who were dismissed by Mr. Kelley. The HAC has been doing important work for our district and our communities and it is crucial to maintain consistency in the way the committee has been selected in the past and to trust in the decision-making powers and the productive dialogue occurring among the committee members.
Emily	Beck	Trustees who violate ethics standards must be censured	Trustees who violate ethics standards must be censured. Both Ed Kelley and Carlotta Bailey should be removed for their gross negligence to protecting the safety of our entire committee.
Emily	Beck	I oppose banning books	I oppose banning books. Librarians should have the liberty to select the books they want to include in school libraries. Parents always have the option to opt-out if they feel a book is not appropriate for their child. Removing the book removes the option for other families and is censorship. CCSD should not be censoring books. Trust in the qualifications and training of our excellent school librarians in the selection process.
Christine	Magnarella Ray	Stop Board overreach with and reinstate the Health Advisory Council	The Health Advisory Council should include respected medical experts and a diverse spiritual and racial viewpoint that reflect our county's population.
Christine	Magnarella Ray	SEL is critically important to our students well being	Last week, CCSD data showed what a difference SEL makes in students' feelings of safety and their learning environment. As students who were exposed to SEL advance to middle and then high school, we will see greater impacts from this approach. Please continue to support funding this program.
Jackie	McGee	Stop Board overreach—reinstate the Health Advisory Council	HAC members should not be removed before the end of term. The committee should have members of different races, religions, sexual orientation in order to represent the children in CCSD. You made a mistake; please make amends.
Gary	Smith	We oppose banning books and trust our trained school librarians	Please allow librarians who have trained in their fields for many years to make wise decisions about what books may appear in Charleston school libraries. Thanks!
Gary	Smith	School boards are not the place for partisan politics or special interest groups	Please desist from the circus of partisan politics and make the school board function in a way that keeps our children, teachers and administrators first and foremost in everyone's minds. It's the ONLY way we'll ever attract high-caliber teachers and administrators to CCSD schools, which is the only way our children will flourish. Thank you!
Jackie	McGee	I oppose banning books and trust our trained school librarians	Librarians know what books students in their schools need. A parent who does not approve of a library book should let the librarian know his/her child is not allowed to check it out. A parent should not have the right to block books for ALL children, just their own.
Christine	Magnarella Ray	We oppose banning books and trust our trained school librarians	Our teens and pre-teens are exposed to so much on social media that is false and dangerous. And kids are having sex so young. I trust school librarians to provide age-appropriate reading materials that provide a different perspective.
Christine	Magnarella Ray	Hire Michelle Simmons	It's not too late to fix your mistake. Hire the most qualified person for the job - Michelle Williams.
Gary	Smith	Hire Michelle Simmons	If there is some specific and demonstrable reason why Michelle Simmons shouldn't be rehired, it should be aired and transparent to the public. Otherwise her honorable years or highly respected service should be honored and she should be rehired. Thank you!
Christine	Magnarella Ray	Trustees who violate ethics standards must be censured	When trustees aren't censured for ethics violations, the Board is sanctioning that behavior. I would hope the Board would provide a better example to our children.
Jackie	McGee	Trustees who violate ethics standards must be censured	It is important for the board to be an example to the students in Charleston Co. If the superintendent, a teacher, a staff member had made the comments on audio that Ms. Bailey made they would be held accountable. It is documented what she said, it was in the newspaper and many middle and high school students know what she said. There needs to be action by the board to hold her accountable for her prejudicial and bigoted statements. I am unaware that she has ever apologized to those she harmed.
Gary	Smith	Trustees who violate ethics standards must be censured	We need transparency and accountability in our school board now!
Jackie	McGee	Social and Emotional Learning is critically important to our students well being	SEL is an evidence based and data driven program to help all students control behavior problems and increase academic achievement. The basics of instruction cannot be performed when students are unable to deal with difficult emotions and situations. It is imperative these skills be part of the CCSD curriculum.
Jackie	McGee	Hire Michelle Simmons for Position she has been doing	Ms. Simmons has been in an acting position for over one year. She was deemed fully qualified by an independent board of interviewers. She should be allowed to be hired to the position she has shown that he is capable of doing. Don't let this talent leave because of school board issues.
Priscilla	Shumway	Hire Michelle Simmons	Please hire (rehire) Michele Simmons to be CAO.
Jackie	McGee	School boards are not the place for partisan politics or special interest groups	The school board is non partisan and it should be operated that way. For all leadership positions to be in a block of five on a nine member board is unconscionable. A difference of opinions is not the same as bullying one ideology onto the entire district. More transparency is needed and expected from this school board.
Susan	Conant	We oppose banning books and trust our trained school librarians	I oppose banning books and trust our trained school librarians.
Susan	Conant	Stop Board overreach with and reinstate the Health Advisory Council	Stop Board overreach with and reinstate the Health Advisory Council
Susan	Conant	School boards are not the place for partisan politics or special interest groups	School boards are not the place for partisan politics or special interest groups.
Susan	Conant	Hire Michelle Simmons	Michelle Simmons who is highly qualified should be hired as previously planned.
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James	Gergen	Hire Michelle Simmons	Thank goodness for the easy decisions. Hiring Michelle Simmons is one. Please hire Ms. Simmons as Chief Academic Officer and remove the Interim designation.
James	Gergen	We oppose banning books and trust our trained school librarians	The Moms for Liberty have a strange notion of liberty. Parents can already limit what books their children can access at the school library. The Moms for Liberty want to enforce their judgment on all other parents, and limit what books all other children can access, limiting the rights of other parents and children is not liberty. The Moms for Liberty would ban the first book of Toni Morrison, and block all children from reading this acclaimed work from an important Black voice. Ms. Morrison has been awarded a Pulitzer Prize for her writing and a Nobel Prize in Literature, and yet the Moms for Liberty would substitute their judgment about Ms. Morrison's book for the judgment of our professional library services staff and the judgment of all other parents.
Mary Margaret McKinnon		Stop Board overreach with and reinstate the Health Advisory Council	Stop Board overreach with and reinstate the Health Advisory Council
James	Gergen	Stop the Racism and Homophobia	Stop running the Moms for Liberty playbook of racism and homophobia. You are public servants in charge of public schools and you have a duty to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for all children.
Mary Margaret McKinnon		School boards are not the place for partisan politics or special interest groups	School boards are not the place for partisan politics or special interest groups, such as Moms 4 Liberty
Mary Margaret McKinnon		SEL is critically important to our students well being	SEL is critically important to our students well being
Mary Margaret McKinnon		We oppose banning books and trust our trained school librarians	We oppose banning books and trust our trained school librarians
James	Gergen	Trustees who violate ethics standards must be censured	It is racist to state Black parents do not care as much about the education of their children as other parents. It is homophobic to state that God has other plans for children who are gay. You cannot let such statements stand without censure.
Mary Margaret McKinnon		Hire Michelle Simmons	Hire Michelle Simmons
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Leslie	Gergen	Stop Board overreach and reinstate Health Advisory Council	Reinstate the Health Advisory Council
Leslie	Gergen	School boards are not the place for partisan politics or special interest groups	School boards are not the place for partisan politics or special interest groups
James	Gergen	Stop Board Overreach and Reinstate the Health Advisory Council	The Board violated SC's sunshine meeting laws by firing members of the HAC mid-term without putting the firings on the agenda. The Board also violated its own policies in giving each new member a full 3-year term rather than having them complete the unexpired terms of the people you fired. That led to public outrage and a lawsuit. Kudos to the Board Chair for abstaining on the recent attempted do-over vote. There is no cause or precedent to fire these members mid-term, and the Board has not explained to the community any reason to fire these members, including important religious leaders. Further overreach by the Board to fire these members will only increase the public outrage and fuel the lawsuit. Stop the overreach.
Leslie	Gergen	SEL is critically important to our students well being	Leslie Gergen
John	Klntworth	Stop Board overreach with and reinstate the Health Advisory Council	HAC members should be reinstated
James	Gergen	SEL is critically important to our students' well being	Please retain the SEL process of developing self awareness, self control, and interpersonal skills for our children as those skills are vital for success at school, at work, and in life. We need to increase academic engagement while decreasing problem behavior and emotional distress.
Leslie	Gergen	We oppose banning books and trust our trained school librarians	We oppose banning books and trust our trained librarians
Leslie	Gergen	Hire Michelle Simmons	Hire Michelle Simmons
John	Klntworth	School boards are not the place for partisan politics or special interest groups	Keep politics out of it
Leslie	Gergen	Trustees who violate ethics standards must be censured	Trustees who violate ethics standards must be censured
John	Klntworth	SEL is critically important to our students well being	Please support SEL

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			<p>You lose the trust of the public when you ignore your own rules.</p> <p>At the last Board meeting a Board member sought to speak on a motion before any votes were cast, and the Board chair denied her the right. In another instance, a Board member had to overtalk the chair to get her second opportunity to comment on a motion.</p> <p>Roberts Rules of Order are clear:</p> <p>The chair is to remain impartial in coordinating the discussion, and only be partisan when acting as a member to comment and vote.</p> <p>The chair has a duty to protect each member's right of discussion.</p> <p>Each member may speak to the motion for a first turn of 10 minutes.</p> <p>Each member also gets a second turn of 10 minutes, after everyone has had their first turn.</p> <p>The parliamentarian was incorrect. The chair may not limit the time given to members for each of their turns.</p> <p>Only the body can limit debate, and that requires a 2/3 vote.</p> <p>Once a vote is called, the chair is to wait a reasonable period for members to request any remaining discussion turns. Even once that period passes, the chair has a duty to grant a member their turn right up until the first vote is cast.</p> <p>Now that the chair has been advised of the parliamentarian's error, I trust she will ensure that Robert's Rules of Order are followed going forward.</p>
James	Gergen	Stop Violating Your Own Rules	
John	Klintworth	We oppose banning books and trust our trained school librarian	<p>We should not be banning books</p> <p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>My name is Sarah Petkus and I am in my 10th year of teaching. I am writing to voice my support for school libraries, our more-than-capable teacher librarians, CCSD teachers and our collective ability to plan high-quality instruction and choose classroom reading materials that fit the needs of our students (which includes supporting families who may communicate specific accommodations in this area).</p> <p>The topic of library material selection is currently fueling significant local and national debates. School librarians are teachers who have specialized training in building library collections that meet the needs of their community and state curricula. This includes evaluating and purchasing materials and serving as an instructional partner. In SC, school librarians have a Master's degree in Library and Information Science and K-12 certification and the process of selecting materials is covered in depth in their coursework including supporting the curriculum, student interests, and community standards. School librarians then follow policies when selecting age-appropriate materials.</p> <p>Young readers need access to a variety of books from which they can learn about different perspectives, gain an understanding of others' lives, and develop critical thinking skills. Students come from a variety of backgrounds and belief systems and libraries seek to meet the information needs of all children. Children respond to authentic texts. They are drawn to books that accurately depict their lives. If we are looking to develop readers and lifelong learners, we need to capitalize on their natural inclination toward books they enjoy reading, not curtail access to them.</p> <p>The people and groups that are working to limit the intellectual freedom of others are doing so to remove materials that do not fit into their worldview. One group should not hold the power to limit the intellectual freedom of others, individual parental oversight, and professional guidance of school librarians.</p> <p>I am confident in the expertise of teachers and librarians in CCSD, and I urge you to openly demonstrate how you value our professionals, their expertise, and hard work during a difficult moment in education. Demonstrating that you trust their professionalism is especially vital now, as we grapple with an unprecedented teacher shortage and recruitment challenges.</p> <p>Thank you for your service and for taking my concerns into consideration.</p> <p>Sincerely, Sarah Petkus</p>
Sarah	Petkus	Support for School Libraries and Our Highly Capable Teacher Librarians	
John	Klintworth	Trustees who violate ethics standards must be censured	I think Mr. Kelly should be censured
John	Klintworth	Hire Michelle Simmons	Hire Michelle Simmons.
Kathleen	Rogers	Socioemotional Learning (SEL) is critically important to CCSD students well-being	<p>As the parent of a middle school student, I don't understand why SEL would be taken out of the CCSD curriculum. This is such a confusing time for our kids, and this type of learning is so helpful to them staying on track and mentally healthy.</p> <p>In reference to board member Whatley trying to ban Pastor Thomas Dixon from attending board meetings: this is another example of how unserious the Moms For Liberty majority has become. A hysterical white lady might feel threatened, but that doesn't mean there's a threat. We saw Whatley calling security on another black pastor for speaking past his allotted time. Well, that's what this is about—it's an attempt to put black people in their supposed place. Everyone knows what this is, apart from a small minority of racists and white supremacists and Christian Nationalists.</p>
Daniel	Ryan	This nonsense about Pastor Dixon	
Nathan	Woodliff-Stanley	Stop Board overreach with and reinstate the Health Advisory Council	The Board majority's purge of the HAC is both ethically and legally problematic. They should be reinstated now.
Nathan	Woodliff-Stanley	School boards are not the place for partisan politics or special interest groups	CCSD should be serving schools, teachers, parents, and students, not the extremist group "Moms for Liberty"
Nathan	Woodliff-Stanley	SEL is critically important to our students well being	SEL in pretty much any form has become a target of Moms for Liberty nationwide, and it will only harm our students and schools to gut valuable programs in the name of that extremist agenda, so please do not go down that path
Nathan	Woodliff-Stanley	We oppose banning books and trust our trained school librarians	Since when is banning books about liberty?
Nathan	Woodliff-Stanley	Hire Michelle Simmons	Michelle Simmons is qualified, and she should never have been blocked in the first place
Nathan	Woodliff-Stanley	Trustees who violate ethics standards must be censured	Dr. Gallien was put on administrative leave for what turned out to be nothing. Actually inappropriate statements or actions by Board members should not be allowed to just slide.
Kelley	White	SEL	Socioemotional Learning (SEL) is critically important to students' well-being. Data released by CCSD showed only 47% of 6th-12th graders surveyed felt a sense of belonging in school. SEL curricula can help address this and should remain a top priority.
Rebecca	Hinds	Stop Board overreach with and reinstate the Health Advisory Council	The Board is violating its own bylaws, mismanaging itself, and unnecessarily meddling in the HAC. Your actions appear to be intent on ousting all diversity from the HAC. We need a diverse HAC. Please reinstate the members of the HAC and let them do their job!
Katharine	Nagel	HAC Committee	I applaud your efforts to rein in the HAC. Many of us have long been alarmed to find out that this unelected, appointed board has as much power as it does. One of the reasons I have gotten personally involved with monitoring the CCSD is my concern over inappropriate sexual content in our classes and school libraries. I personally heard a member of the HAC, who was sitting in front of me at a CCSD meeting, say to the person next to her that the HAC would block the Board of Trustees inquiries by simply not calling any meetings! (Not exact wording but the "gist") This member of the HAC was laughing about it as well! I need not remind you that a fine line exists between recognizing that lifestyle choices exist for adults and pushing them as a way of life on underage children. What may have appeared as surprising step to do away with the present members of the HAC, that has the "usual suspects" screaming, "Foul!", is a laudable effort to create a group that can actually work with the CCSD Board of Trustees, instead of thwart it.
Rebecca	Hinds	We oppose banning books and trust our trained school librarians	Our public schools have trained librarians that do an excellent job. They all have masters degrees and a significant amount of highly specialized training. In addition, there are already guardrails in place to protect children and we don't need this Board to do anything in connection with library books in schools. Please stay in your lane and don't waste any time or public money on book banning.

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Rebecca	Hinds	Hire Michelle Simmons	Appoint Michelle Simmons as permanent Chief Academic Officer. She is experienced, skilled, and the perfect person for the job. Let her do it!
Rebecca	Hinds	Carlotta Bailey must be censured!	Ms. Bailey has been caught repeatedly making racist, homophobic, and just plain bigoted comments. She has no business representing the diverse students of Charleston County. Censure Bailey now!
Anthony	Galavotti	LBHS Barn - (LBHS Expanded Athletic and Wellness Facility)	Please vote in favor of the LBHS Barn. As a coach and teacher at LBHS it will benefit our student athletes and faculty tremendously. The weight room, like our school building, is completely overcrowded and unsafe. Not only that, but it is needed in order for LBHS athletes to compete at a 5A level, which is what is expected. I request that the Board reinstate the original Health Advisory Committee members to fulfill their full terms. It is inappropriate for one Board member to unilaterally remove committee members with no reason given.
LuAnn	Rosenzweig	Health Advisory Committee	
Rhonda	Hittner	Reinstate Health Advisory Committee members	I believe the original committee members should be able to serve out their term
			Hello, a few quick questions: What is being done to improve transparency for parents? What is being done to stop data-mining of our children through 'questionnaires / surveys'? What is currently being done to improve the teaching of civics and finance in lieu of Marxism? What is being done to keep the care of children in the hands of parents - rather than government schools? When will the schools' spending be audited by a third party - so we can ensure our taxes are being properly spent? What is being done to move us towards School Choice - so parents can choose effective education for their children (over indoctrination and dumbing-down?). When will accountability of our schools (leadership, governance, teaching) be implemented?
Cava	Compton	General Comments	Thank you!
Allison	Sterrett-Krause	Stop Board overreach with and reinstate the Health Advisory Council	I am deeply disappointed in the Board's actions to attempt to eliminate qualified members of the Health advisory committee whose terms were not yet expired. Please reinstate these members who are making decisions that are in the best interests of all children in CCSD.
			Our children should be taught the core subjects: Math, English, History, and Science, so they can have a good education and a better life. We should not, however, be putting books in school libraries that teach them about inappropriate and sexually explicit acts and language, nor should they be taught that they are in the wrong body. It's sad to see our children's innocence being taken away by exposing them to such evil. Teaching our children about pornographic materials such as the book "All Boys Aren't Blue" and all the other books like this that are flooding into the libraries are harmful to children. it is morally wrong and dishonors God. Please remove all these sexually explicit books from all schools!
Carol	Robertson	Sexually explicit material in school and school libraries	
Allison	Sterrett-Krause	School boards are not the place for partisan politics or special interest groups	The actions of this board are partisan and disgraceful. It is not the place of the Board to use partisan politics to drive out qualified educators and advance narrow discriminatory policies that will harm children. Grow up.
		Reinstate the Health Advisory Council members. Empirically based and inclusive sexuality education and socioemotional learning both have beneficial effects on student health. Also, I oppose banning books. Censoring information with a political agenda is a hallmark of facism. Further, the current Board's lack of transparency and disregard for proper procedures violates ethics standards and has a negative effect on children, families, and communities. Stop playing politics with our children's lives.	Reinstate the Health Advisory Council members. Empirically based and inclusive sexuality education and socioemotional learning both have beneficial effects on student health. Also, I oppose banning books. Censoring information with a political agenda is a hallmark of facism. Further, the current Board's lack of transparency and disregard for proper procedures violates ethics standards and has a negative effect on children, families, and communities. Stop playing politics with our children's lives.
Mark	Madden		As a college professor I see firsthand the results of SEL in my classrooms. Students who have had SEL in school do better at accepting responsibility, managing their time, and other critical executive functioning tasks for independent living than students who have not had such lessons. SEL is essential for growing competent adults. Restorative justice, one form of SEL, has a wealth of research supporting its ability to improve climates and outcomes for all students. Please fully implement restorative justice in our schools and stop this absurd crusade against teaching children social and emotional skills.
Allison	Sterrett-Krause	SEL is critically important to our students' well being	Children will improve their reading skills and scores if they are allowed to read books that interest and represent them. School librarians are teachers who have special training in selecting age- and curriculum-appropriate books. It is not the place of Board members with no special training or experience to ban or remove books. It is not the place of Board members or individual citizens to decide on appropriate reading material for all children. School librarians have this expertise and we should let them do their jobs to help all our kids.
		We oppose banning books and trust our trained school librarians	
Allison	Sterrett-Krause	Trustees who violate ethics standards must be censured	The inappropriate remarks by certain board members are concerning. It is clear from those remarks that certain members of the Board do not have our kids' interests at heart - they care only about advancing a narrow and discriminatory worldview that will harm children who do not conform. Please censure any board members who violate ethics standards in their public or private speech and remove them from committees. They cannot be trusted to protect all our children.
Allison	Sterrett-Krause	Hire Michelle Simmons	It is time to put people with expertise in leadership positions and let them do their jobs. Please hire Michelle Simmons as the Chief Academic Officer.
Diane	Boyer	Stop Board overreach with and reinstate the Health Advisory Council	Stop Board overreach with and reinstate the Health Advisory Council
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			Moms 4 Liberty is neither a political organization nor a terrorist group. They are a group of loving mothers who care about the welfare of their children, and want to protect them from sexually explicit books that are inappropriate for underage children. They are not book burners, they promote education and wholesome literature. I grew up in London during the swinging sixties, with free love, sex, drugs, and rock and roll, these books are pornographic, no 16 year, male or female, needs to be taught how to perform felatio, cunnilingus, or oral sex. It is illegal to drink alcohol below the age 21, and considered harmful to take illicit drugs. Why is it deemed necessary and beneficial to promote pederasty?
			Why would any responsible parent, or faith leader be they Christian, Jewish or Muslim, want their children to learn how to put a grown man's penis in his or her mouth? These are not life skills that lead to profitable careers. It prepares children to be subservient to sexual predators, who will exploit them for their own gratification.
Mara	Brockbank	Children's education	
		SEL is critically important to our students well being	SEL is critically important to our students well being
Diane	Boyer		
Diane	Boyer	We oppose banning books and trust our trained school librarians	We oppose banning books and trust our trained school librarians. Parents who do not want their children to have access to certain books should inform the librarian, but they shouldn't be making decisions for other parents about which books their children can read.
Diane	Boyer	Hire Michelle Simmons	Hire Michelle Simmons. She is very well qualified. Is the decision not to hire her for the permanent position racist?
		Trustees who violate ethics standards must be censured	Trustees who violate ethics standards must be censured. What kind of example does it give our children when public officials can violate ethical standards and not suffer any consequences?
Diane	Boyer		
Ellyse	Pellino	Banned Books	I oppose banning books.

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Gary	McAuliffe	Board of Trustees	<p>I am writing in support of the conservative members of the Board of Trustees. I have heard accusations that the conservatives are trying to impose their political beliefs on the school system. Such accusations are actually cover for years of liberal and leftist political beliefs being imposed on the CCSD school system and others throughout our country.</p> <p>The Covid shutdowns of 2020 and the resulting Zoom classes allowed parents to see firsthand what was happening in schools. The Covid mandates, the teaching of CRT and its implementation through SEL and DEI, and the teaching of gender issues were primary concerns. Recently a stark contrast has been made concerning pornographic materials available in schools. It is not acceptable to read such books publicly among adults, but it is acceptable to make such books available to young school children.</p> <p>The current Board is being criticized for a lack of transparency and violations of FOIA rules. Guess what? The previous board (2021 and 2022) had the same problems. Remember when Superintendent Dr. Gerrita Postlewait departed her position unexpectedly in December 2021? She received a settlement similar to that of Dr. Eric Gallien. Know what else is true? The last Board did not provide the details of Superintendent Postlewait's departure. With regard to transparency, the previous Board was less transparent than the current Board.</p> <p>ESSER Funding is becoming a large focus. It was repeatedly said to be a one-time funding throughout 2022 and now there are calls for sustainability to extend that one-time funding. The ESSER story has many facets and discussion of them is beyond the scope of these written comments. ESSER was part of a federal Covid relief package of \$5.7 trillion. That package was approved by our federal government and not a penny of it was paid for by tax revenue – it was all new debt. The result? – Every man, woman, and child in America has assumed an increased federal debt of \$17,000 as a result of the Covid relief enacted between March 2020 and March 2021.</p> <p>We have problems with our children's education not only here but throughout our country. Those problems will not be solved by having unruly school board meetings and having certain groups commandeer the public speaking time as we have observed recently. Those problems can only be solved by focusing on teaching the skills children need and by avoiding the indoctrination that is prevalent in schools. We need to focus on fostering good education so that rising students are ready to assume their roles as good citizens.</p>
Caitlyn	Mazzocchi	I oppose banning books	I am against banning books. After attending a banned book on film meeting, I was upset to hear that these book was banned due to violence and sexual content. Everyone should freely be able to be read books and learn new things even when they involve challenging ideas.
Latrecia	Pond	Education	Education
Garrett	Milliken	I respectfully ask this non-partisan school board to reinstate the members of the Health Advisory Council who were removed. This removal was in violation of established procedures and represents a partisan ideology that does not reflect the standards of our community. Follow your rules and reinstate the members.	I respectfully ask this non-partisan school board to reinstate the members of the Health Advisory Council who were removed. This removal was in violation of established procedures and represents a partisan ideology that does not reflect the standards of our community. Follow your rules and reinstate the members.
Renie	Forsberg	School Librarie	<p>My name is Renie Forsberg. I am a former teacher in Charleston County, School, District, and a grandparent. It is appalling to me that there even has to be a discussion regarding sexually graphic inappropriate books being offered in our school libraries! The dictionary defines adolescent as a young person in the process of developing from a child into an adult. The World Health Organization, defines adolescents as individuals in the 10 to 19 year age group. In South Carolina children under 21 are considered minors who cannot purchase cigarettes nor alcohol. Playboy and Penthouse type magazines are not available at school libraries for a good reason, yet graphic pornographic books can be found in many middle and high schools in Charleston County. Cries of "read the whole book" come from those who obviously haven't read excerpts from the disgusting graphic material found in the books that have become so controversial. One only has to read explicit portions of these books in question to realize these are totally inappropriate for impressionable children who should find their schools as safe places to learn. This is not literature! These are books that have horrific descriptions of horrific acts, and we should be protecting our children.</p>
Kathryn	Martin	Agenda item 3D - HAC Committee Removals and Reassignments	<p>Dear CCSD Board of Trustees,</p> <p>As a constituent and CCSD parent I am writing once again to ask that you allow the HAC members you removed previously against policy and before their terms expedited to be reinstated to finish their terms. It is unacceptable to replace them with others simply because they do not share your religious ideologies.</p> <p>The diversity of our community is our strength, but it can only be so when you allow diversity into leadership, policy, and decision-making.</p> <p>We see you replacing Jewish leaders with Christians. We see you replacing trans and queer students with straight cis folks. We see you replacing medical experts and respected community members who are seeking medically accurate curriculum with folks that will instead bend to your attempts to erase and exclude critical learning for our students.</p> <p>This is not okay. Allow the committee to function as it was. Allow public discourse of differing ideas to continue. Focus your efforts not on controlling, but on supporting the HAC in their important work.</p> <p>Kathryn Martin Mt. Pleasant, SC</p>
Addy Rose	Knotts	Disproportion of idea Representation	My name is Addy Rose Knotts and I am a senior at Wando High School. I am a varsity track athlete, AP and engineering student, member of the homecoming court, and president of the Conservative Club. I am here representing the unheard voices that are scared to speak their opinions due to fear of repercussions or attacks they may face. Every voice deserves to be heard but many are not, like mine. Conservative club is an outlet for people to express their views among like-minded individuals. Another club on campus with specifically differing views shut down our social media accounts, tore down club posters, and made it difficult for us to meet. My voice and those similar to mine have been silenced, and many fear judgment, if they do speak about their views. As a member of the largest school in the state, I am confused as to why this environment does not foster the expression of every opinion. As I have spoken with students across the county I have found this issue transcends my high school and is pervasive across the entire district. I see a disproportionate representation of ideas and opinions being expressed and amplified on my campus and at these meetings. This is evermore evident in the selection of speakers at the school board meetings, most of whom are situated on one side. As someone with differing views, it has proven to be very difficult to find an opportunity to speak, with comment slots filling up in less than two minutes. We need equal representation of views and opinions if rightful change and growth are to be made. As the elected leaders of CCSD, we depend on you to ensure equality, and we are waiting to have our voices supported.
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			<p>Submitted to publiccomments@charleston.k12.sc.us 10/25/2023 at 9:36 a.m.; entered into form by staff on 11/13/2023</p> <p>Wednesday - 10/25/23 Charleston County School District - (CCSD) Written Notice - #3: CCSD - NO SEX EDUCATION - Belle Hall Elementary - 9 Year Olds & 10 Year Olds</p> <p>CCSD - Belle Hall Elementary - 9 Year Olds (4th Grade): - CCSD - Belle Hall Elementary will be showing Penis Pictures to 9 Year Olds - CCSD - Belle Hall Elementary is WRONG to show Penis Pictures to 9 Year Olds</p> <p>Dear South Carolina - SC: SC - State Board Of Education:</p> <p>Dear Charleston County School District - CCSD: CCSD - Interim Superintendent of Schools - Anita Huggins: CCSD - Superintendent of Schools - Eric Gallien: CCSD - Interim Chief Academic Officer - Michelle Simmons: CCSD - District Instructional Specialist for Health & PE Curriculum & Instruction - Holly Kut:</p> <p>CCSD - Belle Hall Elementary - Principal - Kevin Conklin: CCSD - Belle Hall Elementary - Assistant Principal - Amy Bramble:</p> <p>The Sex Education that Belle Hall Elementary will be teaching 9 Year Olds (4th Grade) is: 1) Showing Penis Pictures to 9 Year Olds Penis Name #1: Pee-Wee Penis Name #2: Cool Dude Penis Name #3: Big Dude As per the CCSD > 4th Grade Growth and Development Lesson Plans > Activity 1: "It All Begins With Hormones Article" (Screen Shot Below): - "...Look at the pictures of Pee-Wee, Cool Dude, and Big Dude..." - "...It will take Pee-Wee about seven years to look like Cool Dude..." - "...and it will take Cool Dude about ten to fifteen years to look like his dad..." https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UgvQxj3nKUBzVU3glBQfXIXmhsJfL1OZ/edit?fbclid=IwAR1U9IQmN3-nHjFFwV7V61GUjaY5Q7uypU9Kbq0rtv3fKp239vq04wkQ</p> <p>Showing Penis Pictures to 9 Year Olds is: - Grooming the 9 Year Olds to be Victims of Child Sexual Abuse - CCSD is WRONG</p> <p>CCSD - Interim Superintendent of Schools - Anita Huggins: CCSD - Belle Hall Elementary - Principal - Kevin Conklin: CCSD - Belle Hall Elementary - Assistant Principal - Amy Bramble: - Your Legacy will be attached to showing Penis Pictures to 9 Year Olds - Your Name will be attached to showing Penis Pictures to 9 Year Olds</p> <p>This Sex Education Curriculum that you will be teaching at CCSD - Belle Hall Elementary to 9 Year Olds: - Was created by the OLD, LIBERAL, CCSD Health Advisory Committee Members - The OLD, LIBERAL, CCSD Health Advisory Committee Members: Were REMOVED from CCSD on 9/25/23 - The NEW, CCSD Health Advisory Committee Members: Were APPROVED by the CCSD Board on 9/25/23 - The NEW, CCSD Health Advisory Committee Members: Have NOT approved this OLD, LIBERAL Sex Education Curriculum</p> <p>As per the CCSD - Board Of Trustees - Fabulous 5 / Parent/Child Focused Board Members' Written Statement concerning the CCSD Board Meeting on 9/25/23 which APPROVED a NEW, CCSD Health Advisory Committee: - "...The decision to present a new slate of Health Advisory Committee members is not intended to be disruptive; however, the bylaws state clearly that terms of membership are 'at the pleasure of the Board.'..." - "...While we recognize this board is largely split, the slate of members was approved by a majority of the board..." https://www.counton2.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2023/10/Board-Members-Statement-1-1.png</p> <p>As a CCSD Parent & as a CCSD Tax Payer: - This OLD, LIBERAL Sex Education: Should NOT be taught to ANY CCSD Children - This OLD, LIBERAL Sex Education: Should be REMOVED from CCSD immediately</p> <p>CCSD - Interim Superintendent of Schools - Anita Huggins: CCSD - Belle Hall Elementary - Principal - Kevin Conklin: CCSD - Belle Hall Elementary - Assistant Principal - Amy Bramble: - Will your Legacy will be attached to showing Penis Pictures to 9 Year Olds? - Will your Name will be attached to showing Penis Pictures to 9 Year Olds?</p> <p>Thanks So Very Much! Kristin Adams CCSD - Belle Hall Elementary School Parent - For The Past 14 Years Continuously</p>
Kristin	Adams	Wednesday...10/25/23...#3...CCSD...NO Sex Ed...Belle Hall Elementary...9 Year Olds & 10 Year Olds...4th & 5th Grade...Thanks!	
Frank	Hardie	Trustees who violate ethics standards must be censured	Trustees who violate ethics standards must be censured

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			<p>Submitted to publiccomments@charleston.k12.sc.us 10/30/2023 at 3:20 p.m.; entered into form by staff 11/13/2023</p> <p>Letter to Editor, Post & Courier Letter to Editor, Moultrie News: "Post & Courier Columnist has it all wrong!"</p> <p>I always read Brian Hicks Sunday Commentary. As a man of major emotions and a multitude of misconceptions, his column is massively entertaining, because of its extremism without factual reasoning.</p> <p>Hicks begins his commentary by praising the mayors of Charleston, North Charleston and Mt. Pleasant for their unified threat against the Charleston County School District Conservative Majority 5, "to back off its extremist politics, and start educating kids, or they would break up the district." Apparently, Hicks chooses to ignore the fact that the Liberal 4 predecessors originated "extremist politics of their own version" for years on the CCSD Board under the Liberal leadership of then Superintendent Kennedy, until the Conservative taxpayers rejected the Liberal views by voting in a Conservative majority at the last Board election. The three mayors' threat might have held more force if North Charleston Mayor Summey were not retiring, and if Charleston Mayor Tecklenburg were not involved in a "Too close to call" upcoming election.</p> <p>Hicks continues his worthless accusations against the Conservative 5 Board members with incendiary terms such as "raging incivility." Has Hicks ever attended an actual school board meeting? If so, he would see and hear that the real demonstrators of "raging incivility" are Liberals who share his views.</p> <p>Infuriated that Conservative groups such as Moms for Liberty have the audacity to recommend candidates for the upcoming city elections, Hicks accuses CCSD Board Conservative Majority 5 of a vague, unexplained charge of "Micro-managing " district operations. Possibly Hicks is referring to the Board's doing its job in reminding Superintendent Gallien that the Board is the final decider as to any District Personnel hiring, promotion and firing.</p> <p>Indeed, the Conservative "Moms for Liberty" organization is apparently supporting Shari Sebeck, Perry Rourke, Jake Rambo and Mark Flannery for Mt. Pleasant Town Council. It seemingly recommends Jim McBride, Mike Gastin and Ron Call for Charleston City Council, and William Cogswell for Charleston mayor. Please check out for yourself all candidates to see if they "walk the walk" that they "talk."</p> <p>It is laughable to read Hicks' flaming accusations of the Board's violating the Freedom Act's Open Records and Open Meetings Laws, considering his fellow Liberal Courtney Waters' former constant complaints of the same charge against the previous Liberal Board, of which she was also a member! It is interesting that Courtney Waters has suddenly become "deaf and dumb" on that same complaint, perhaps fearful people may recall her previous behavior, to her detriment.</p> <p>Hicks praises Superintendent Gallien's lawsuit against CCSD for suspending Gallien (With Pay), with Hicks claiming Gallien's "exoneration" over the complaint of "creating a hostile work environment." Hicks needs to read "the rest of the story," since the investigative report goes on to say that Superintendent Gallien had deliberately disobeyed the Board, including their explicit directive to "not promote" a certain employee. Some people are questioning whether Superintendent Gallien demanded "exoneration" of the "Hostile Work Environment charge" as part of a package deal guaranteeing Gallien's departure with close to \$400,000. in his sox. If Gallien applies for another Superintendent position, he had better hope that particular district does not read the full report, since school boards may smell "insubordination."</p> <p>Hicks' accusations are unending, choosing to blame the Conservative 5 of decimating morale at the school district, while Jody Stallings, Director of the Charleston Teacher Alliance, counters with the fact that teachers are still teaching in the same disciplined manner they always have. As to Hicks' claim that "the district was making laudable academic gains before this bunch took over," those educators who rely on test data scores completely disagree with Hicks' claim, and for good reason.</p> <p>Hicks groups district school boards and cities' mayors/council-members into a single group, stating that it is all just a battle of "Culture Wars." If true, the Liberals started the war, but now Liberals are extremely upset that the Conservatives have decided to fight for parents' rights in regard to race and gender indoctrination.</p> <p>Strangely, in his article, Hicks suddenly differentiates the two groups by stating that cities do not have the "luxury" to "wallow in political theater," (as opposed to school districts?), since cities actually have to "do things, like manage growth...and pick up garbage." Has Hicks decided that the tasks of educating our children to read, do math, and become informed citizens are less worthy endeavors than picking up garbage? Whatever point he is attempting to make is very muddled.</p> <p>I'm sorry to say that I have to agree with Hicks' final conclusion that it's really about "Power and forcing an extreme political agenda on everyone else." The only problem with his argument is that Hicks wrongfully believes that the offending players are "Conservatives," when in reality, it is "Liberals" who are seeking the power to force their "Liberal Agenda" on everyone else.</p>
Joan	Chard	Ltr. to Editor, "Post & Courier Columnist has it all wrong!"	Joan Chard
			<p>Submitted to publiccomments@charleston.k12.sc.us 11/07/2023 at 12:46 p.m.; entered form by staff 11/13/2023</p> <p>Probably more Charleston County taxpayers know the rules for the board game "Monopoly" than know the rules for Charleston County School District Board Meetings, so thanks to Post & Courier Editorial Writer, Cindi Ross Scoppe, for giving some clarity to the contentious matter of meeting behind closed doors. SC "State law says school boards . . . MAY meet behind closed doors to receive legal advice and discuss contracts and personnel matters. NOT that they MUST, but they MAY."</p> <p>When a Board meets behind closed doors, it is called an Executive Session, but the Board must declare its intention during the Open Meeting, must also state the "SPECIFIC" purpose, and then vote for approval to do so.</p> <p>According to the SC Press Association, sample reasons for School Board Executive Sessions include: Discussion of hiring/firing/promotion/discipline of an employee; Discussion that may lead to criminal prosecution; Discussion of contract negotiations; Discussion of security personnel and devices; Receipt of legal advice. (Public bodies CANNOT VOTE in Executive Sessions)</p> <p>Thanks to Post & Courier writer Kenna Coe, we now know other basic rules, as given in The Freedom of Information Act (Title 30, Chapter 4 of SC's Code of Laws). A "public meeting includes a simple majority gathering of a state or local agency, school board, ... according to the SC Press Association." "Public notice of at least 24 hours is required, with Date, Time and Place given. Emergency Meetings must be posted as soon as details are available." (Ex: Hurricanes).</p> <p>"Meeting Agenda must be posted 24 hours in advance on a publicly accessible bulletin board at the site of the meeting and on the public body's website, if applicable." Changes to the agenda require a two-thirds vote by the Board.</p> <p>"Public Comment" is NOT REQUIRED under state law, but, if granted, that speaker cannot be interrupted or cut off just because someone disagrees with the speaker.</p> <p>A voice vote of "those in favor of" and "those opposed" is part of ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, which public bodies follow to provide a semblance of organization during meetings. Sample guidelines are: Allowing only the motion on the table to be discussed; Each member of the Board is permitted to speak, without interruption.</p> <p>I hope this information is helpful in determining the transparency of every School Board as it walks the delicate line of acting within its rules and guidelines.</p>
Joan	Chard	Ltr. to Editor, CCSD School Board's SC Rules for Board Meetings.	Joan Chard

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			<p>Submitted to publiccomments@charleston.k12.sc.us 11/11/2023 at 1:03 p.m.; entered into form by staff 11/13/2023</p> <p>Coming from a military family, replete with service members from all branches, I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge all current and veteran members as a group. In looking up a couple of military service organizations, I was not prepared for the hundreds of names and types of ministry helping servicemen/women.</p> <p>Firstly, my mind was set on former military, only to discover week-end retreats for current military families. I was further shocked at the diversity of types of ministries. Checking out a combination of my love of animals with a desire to help veterans, I discovered service dogs for handicapped vets, providing practical assistance as well as the emotional fulfillment of a pet.</p> <p>Similarly, I located home improvement accommodations that made just getting around in a house a bit easier for those who cannot stand or reach. Kitchens and baths have numerous innovations that ease the strain of cooking and bathing, making life "more normal" for incapacitated vets. Tunnel to Towers (T2T) is a familiar name, and I was pleased that they have not only paid off another 50 mortgages, but have converted a hotel into housing for the homeless, and are now working on a prototype 500 square foot home for vets and first responders.</p> <p>For other vets who may or may not have been fortunate enough to return home with limbs attached, but with minds still on the battlefield, there are mental health organizations that minister through individual counselling and group sports activities. You may be familiar with Fox's "Joey." (leg amputee) and The Combat Boots Program, with testimonials such as "Back working full-time, and helping raise my kids."</p> <p>As you become overwhelmed with donation request forms, be aware that there is apparently no evaluation organization as to what percentage of donations actually get to the vets, so you will want to choose carefully. Give to a group that accomplishes a need that hangs heavy on your heart.</p> <p>If you want a product for your money, you can do early Christmas shopping on Heritagegear.com, with a sturdy ladies' handbag with leather straps, in black or brown, and with a small American flag on one side. For men, there is an equally handsome, manly-styled duffel bag type. BornPrimitive.com, which is vet-owned and donates annually to vets, has tee shirts with a "We the People" etc. motto, plus sports shoes. You can also "Make Camo Your Cause" with their product line. For my coffee-loving sons-in-law Navy Gregg and Henry, and my Navy brother Dick, and Army brother Gerry and Marine George, there is "Black Rifle Coffee Co. on FoxNation.com. Did I miss anyone? Yes, my Aunt Juanita, who was a WAC.</p> <p>It is now noon, so former President George Bush has finished his commemorative bike ride on his land in Texas; New York City has probably completed its parade; and thousands are waiting to see if the Michigan football coach can get a reprieve for today's game for having allowed the filming of opponents' team players' hand signals. "Thank you" to all of you who served in the military for all of us!!!</p>
Joan	Chard	Family/Friends, "Nov. 11 Veterans Day/Thanks to Everyone Who Served."	Love & Prayers, Joan Chard
Jessica	Smith	Hire Michelle Simmons	Please hire Michelle Simmons as Chief Academic Officer.
Kathleen	King	Stop Board overreach with and reinstate the Health Advisory Council	Stop Board overreach with and reinstate the Health Advisory Council
Danielle	Lopez	Stop Board overreach with and reinstate the Health Advisory Council	Stop Board overreach with and reinstate the Health Advisory Council
Danielle	Lopez	School boards are not the place for partisan politics or special interest groups	School boards are not the place for partisan politics or special interest groups
			<p>I urge the Board to maintain the quality comprehensive sex education program we have in place in the public schools and to reinstate the highly qualified members of the Health Advisory Committee.</p> <p>With my colleagues, I conducted research investigating the opinions of parents in Charleston County about preferred reproductive health education topics. In our study, Charleston County parents described teaching reproductive sexual health education in public schools as a 'duty.' Furthermore, parents rejected the idea that abstinence-only education is effective and believed reproductive and sexual health education should be taught without the influence of religion. Parents valued inclusive reproductive and sexual health education, covering a robust set of topics. Findings from the study provide evidence for the need to maintain high quality, empirically-based, comprehensive, and inclusive sexuality education to meet parental demands and reduce youth sexual and reproductive health disparities.</p>
Beth	Sundstrom	Reinstate the Health Advisory Council members	See: Amanda Cameron, Ellie Smith, Nicholas Mercer & Beth Sundstrom (2020) 'It is our duty: understanding parents' perspectives on reproductive and sexual health education, Sex Education, 20:5, 535-551, DOI: 10.1080/14681811.2019.1704720
Danielle	Lopez	SEL is critically important to our students well being	SEL is critically important to our students well being
		We oppose banning books and trust our trained school librarians	We oppose banning books and trust our trained school librarians
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Danielle	Lopez	Hire Michelle Simmons	Hire Michelle Simmons
		Trustees who violate ethics standards must be censured	Trustees who violate ethics standards must be censured
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Elisa	Jones	Reinstate the Health Advisory Council members	<p>This Board needs to comply with the law and to stop forcing a narrow agenda and ineffective and unscientifically sound policy of sexual health and education on CCSD students. Instead of continuing to illegally remove members of the Health Advisory Committee, reinstate these members and allow them to complete the work they have given their time, resources, and research to in the name of all CCSD students. Sexual health is important and representing all kids actually saves lives. Please stop and listen to others and not just to people who use fear and hate to push policy and political points over what is best for students.</p> <p>As a literacy professor in the Department of Teacher Education at the College of Charleston, I strongly believe that banning books is not a solution to any problem. Instead, it is a way to suppress the freedom of expression and limit the intellectual growth of students. Books are a source of knowledge and inspiration, and they help students develop critical thinking skills. By banning books, we are depriving students of the opportunity to learn about different perspectives and ideas. As educators, it is our responsibility to encourage students to think independently and critically, and banning books goes against this fundamental principle.</p> <p>I urge the school board to reconsider their decision and to promote an environment that fosters intellectual curiosity and free expression. Let us work together to create a safe and inclusive learning environment that encourages students to explore new ideas and perspectives. Thank you.</p>
William	O'Byrne	I oppose banning books	
Katie	Swart	Socioemotional Learning (SEL) is critically important to CCSD students well-being	Socioemotional Learning (SEL) is critically important to students' well-being. Data released by CCSD showed only 47% of 6th-12th graders surveyed felt a sense of belonging in school. SEL curricula can help address this and should remain a top priority.
Janet	Litton	There is no place for sexually explicit information in our schools	There is no place for sexually explicit or sexually related information (books, documents, etc.) in our schools. How and why is this permeating our schools. It is against the law to have R rated movies (films) in the schools, why is this allowed. This is poisoning the minds of children!

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Bonnie	Cleveland	Book and curriculum bans target minority students, teachers & family	<p>I was at my grandmother's house at age 8 when a boxing match was on television. The announcer was referring to the boxers by color of their shorts, but one boxer was white, and the other was Black. I said, "That's dumb. Why don't they just refer to them as the white guy and the Black guy?" Mom said, "Because that would be racist." I "still" thought it was silly to not just say "The Black guy," and "The white guy."</p> <p>An 8 year-old Black kid doesn't have the luxury of being unaware of racism, but "I", as a white kid, didn't have the context to understand.</p> <p>It's through our education at school and from books, movies, and challenging discussions that we understand that context.</p> <p>My teachers were all White American cisgender straight women, as far as I knew, and I was raised by A White American single mother. If the only information I got was from that same perspective, it would be difficult understand others' experiences.</p> <p>What if you're a closeted gay kid hearing homophobic messages in your home and community, even and from your school board? Or a Black kid being if you follow the rules and get an education, you have the exact same chance of achieving the American dream - when your own experiences, even as a kid, already contradict that?</p> <p>Wouldn't it be good to hear from people who've had to struggle with the same issues? To know that you're not alone? To know that something is "not" wrong with you, but, instead, that those bullies are wrong?</p> <p>I fear that that the people trying to suppress knowledge about oppressed peoples' experiences, via book and curriculum bans and "Don't say gay"-type policies don't want us to have empathy. They want us to turn against each other - first, against the most vulnerable, because they're the easiest targets.</p> <p>If you want to suppress curriculum and books and even speech in schools, you may have been told you're standing up against "pornography, grooming and guilt, but you're really fighting against empathy.</p>

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Bonnie	Cleaveland	Health Advisory Committee	<p>The Charleston County School District Board of Trustees bylaws, as well as the Charleston (SC) County School Board Health Advisory Committee bylaws indicate that, if procedures aren't specifically listed, Robert's rules of order should be followed.</p> <p>Charleston County School District Board of Trustees Bylaws</p> <p>"Parliamentary Procedure</p> <p>The latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all matters not covered by the rules of the board."¹</p> <p>Charleston (SC) County School Board Health Advisory Committee Bylaws</p> <p>"Procedure</p> <p>The rules of parliamentary procedure of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the HAC deliberations unless contrary to the bylaws."</p> <p>Because Charleston (SC) County School Board Health Advisory Committee members serve for a fixed term, they can only be removed for misconduct in office.</p> <p>"Unless the bylaws or other governing rules expressly provide that committee members shall serve "... and until their successors are chosen" or for a fixed period, as "... for a term of two years" (in which case the procedure for their removal or replacement is the same as that for officers described in the second bulleted item in 62:16), committee members (including the chairman) may be removed or replaced as follows: If appointment was as provided in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), or (e) above, the removal or replacement of a committee member requires the same vote as for any other motion to Rescind or Amend Something Previously Adopted," (50:14 Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (RONR))</p> <p>1 Policy BE Board Meetings</p> <p>262:16 RONR, second bullet point:</p> <p>"If, however, the bylaws provide that officers shall serve only a fixed term, such as "for two years" (which is not a recommended wording; see 56: 28), or if they provide that officers shall serve "for ___ years and until their successors are elected," an officer can be removed from office only for cause—that is, neglect of duty in office or misconduct—in accordance with the procedures described in 63; that is, an investigating committee must be appointed, charges must be preferred, and a formal trial must be held."</p> <p>§62 Removal from Office and Other Remedies for Dereliction of Duty in Office or Misconduct</p> <p>"The presiding officer and other officers have the duties set forth in this manual (see 47) and in the organization's bylaws. This section covers procedures available if they neglect those duties, abuse their authority, or engage in other misconduct that calls into question their fitness for office. This section also covers removal from office at the pleasure of the assembly when the bylaws permit such removal." (62:1 RONR)</p> <p>The Removal process</p> <p>Offer a resolution to appoint an investigating committee. Section 63:9 gives an example resolution. Only a committee (not an individual) can bring up charges against a member.</p> <p>"An individual member may not prefer charges, even if that member has proof of an officer's or member's wrongdoing. If a member introduces a resolution preferring charges unsupported by an investigating committee's recommendation, the chair must rule the resolution out of order, informing the member that it would instead be in order to move the appointment of such a committee (by a resolution, as in the example above)." (63:11 RONR)</p> <p>Steps in a Fair Disciplinary Process Confidential Investigation by Committee.</p> <p>A committee whose members are selected for known integrity and good judgment conducts a confidential investigation (including a reasonable attempt to interview the accused) to determine whether to recommend that further action, including the preferring of charges if necessary, is warranted, (63:8 RONR)</p> <p>The charges must be private, and all proceedings held in executive session.</p> <p>3</p> <p>A society has the right to investigate the character of its members and officers as may be necessary to the enforcement of its own standards. But neither the society nor any member has the right to make public any information obtained through such investigation; if it becomes common knowledge within the society, it may not be revealed to any persons outside the society. Consequently, a trial must always be held in executive session, as must the introduction and consideration of all resolutions leading up to the trial. (63: 2 RONR)</p> <p>Here's an overview of the steps of the trial.</p> <p>Accordingly, if the rules of the organization do not otherwise provide for the method of charge and trial, a member may, at a time when nonmembers are not present, offer a resolution to appoint an investigating committee. (63: 9 RONR)</p> <p>As set forth below, these are: (1) confidential investigation by a committee; (2) report of the committee, and referral of charges if warranted;2 (3) formal notification of the accused; (4) trial; and (5) the assembly's review of a trial committee's findings (if the trial has been held in a committee instead of the assembly of the society).</p> <p>Formally notify the accused and allow 30 days for the manager to prepare the trial and for the accused to prepare a defense.</p> <p>A member or officer has the right that allegations against his good name shall not be made except by charges brought on reasonable ground. If thus accused, he has the right to due process—that is, to be informed of the charge and given time to prepare his defense, to appear and defend himself, and to be fairly treated.³</p> <p>With reference to an appropriate date for which to set the trial, thirty days is a reasonable time to allow the accused to prepare his defense. (63:21 RONR)</p> <p>Have a trial. Robert's Rules of Order suggests but doesn't demand that this be a standalone meeting. The trial can be by committee or by the board.</p> <p>"At the trial, the evidence against the accused officer or member is presented by the managers for the society, and the officer or member has the right to be represented by counsel and to speak and produce Witnesses in his own defense. "</p> <p>(63:30 RONR)</p> <p>3 63:28 has a proper notification template.</p> <p>2 See resolution in 63:14 and 15 for the language to charge a member with wrongdoing.</p> <p>4</p> <p>If the committee member is found guilty:</p> <p>If (after trial) a member is expelled or an officer is removed from office, the society has the right to disclose that fact—circulating it only to the extent required for the protection of the society or, possibly, of other organizations. Neither the society nor any of its members has the right to make public the charge of which an officer or member has been found guilty, or to reveal any other details connected with the case. To make any of the facts public may constitute libel. (63:3 RONR)</p> <p>References</p> <p>Charleston County School District Board of Trustees Policies</p> <p>Charleston (SC) County School Board Health Advisory Committee bylaws</p> <p>Robert, H. M. (2020), Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 12th edition [Kindle iOS version]. Retrieved from Amazon.com</p>

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Gale	Matthews	Instructional materials and policy on sexually explicit materials in CCSD public schools	<p>The events unfolding over the past couple months regarding the presence in some public schools within CCSD of sexually explicit books (revealed in the text and sometimes even graphics) is deeply disturbing. A national stage level of political divisiveness has found its way into our CCSD meetings and into our local political campaigns, using CCSD as a pawn. There are those who argue that the State of South Carolina does not have the right to expose our children to such obscene materials, led by our local parental rights advocacy group, Moms For Liberty, who have uncovered the existence of several highly questionable books in our schools. There are those who loudly and in "mob-like" fashion at CCSD Board meetings and elsewhere, insist the opposite. They argue that these books must be made available to our children, but cannot articulate a benefit that reading or viewing graphics about sex acts of all different varieties will bestow on our children, including very young children. They do not explain why the pornographic materials cannot be substituted with written materials devoid of such pornography to get the same message across. They simply decry Moms For Liberty as a "hate group", who are censoring and "banning books", skirting around the premise that pornography is not protected speech. I believe it is the Board of Trustees who must put an end to this circus. They must ensure that the existence of such obscene materials, whether in the classroom or simply available in school libraries, is first confirmed, then assessed, then removed as appropriate. Due credence should be given to obscenity laws and to the concept of "age appropriate materials", looking to commonly accepted standards for guidance, such as "R" and "X" ratings. CCSD must also ensure their own policies regarding the accessibility of such materials if for example, they were presented in another format such as film, videos, music, photographs and the like, are being adhered to.</p>