

With nearly three decades of connection to Douglas County schools, Carey Kangas is driven by a desire to give back to the community that has been at the heart of his family's story.



1. How long have you been involved with Douglas County School District? Since 1995 when my children started school at CCMES.

2. What motivated you to run for the Board of Trustees? I wanted to give back to the great community that I had been a part of for so many years, so when the opportunity arose I applied and was appointed.

3. What's your favorite part about serving as a Trustee? Supporting the amazing people that help us teach our children how to become productive and caring adults.

4. What is your favorite memory or experience with Douglas County schools? After 29 years of memories, that is difficult to answer. The years my children attended school were very special. As a Board Member, every time I am able to attend a promotion or graduation at any grade level, that is the best part of being a member of the Douglas County School District family.

5. Where did you grow up, and where did you go to school? I grew up in California. As a family, we lived in a few different areas of the state. I went to Elementary school in Blythe, California. My middle school years were in Auburn and Sacramento, California. I ended up going to high school and college in Hayward, California.

6. Who was your favorite teacher or mentor growing up, and why? The mentors in my life were my parents. They taught me to be kind, caring, and forgiving. They taught me to be tough and how to accept the imperfections of life.

7. What is your vision for Douglas County School District? I come from a career in manufacturing for high-tech industries. In our business, we have a mantra of continuous improvement. My hope would be that with the proper resources, we could become not only the best school district in Nevada, which we already are, but a leader in education in our nation.

8. How do you stay connected with the schools in the district? I do my best to encourage and support everyone. I serve on the DPAC committee, which brings me into contact with parents, teachers, and administrators. I also try to attend school functions whenever I can.

9. What are your favorite local spots in the community? Yogurt Beach, the mountains, and Lake Tahoe.

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10. What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

Being outdoors, especially when it is on a boat!

11. What's a hidden talent you have that most people don't know about? My dancing skills.

12. If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go? Tropical locations.

13. What's something on your bucket list that you're excited to accomplish? Retirement.

14. If you could instantly learn any skill, what would it be? Dancing.

15. What's your go-to karaoke song? "No Sugar Tonight" by The Guess Who

16. What do you think makes Douglas County schools special? There is no doubt in my mind. It is the dedication of the educators that teach our children.