

Mr. Blevins,

I'd like to submit this letter as my official resignation from the Norfolk School Board. Sir, in 2017 I joined the Norfolk School Board in hopes of being a productive member of a group of people who all shared the same goal, which was to work our tails off for the betterment of the Norfolk School District. We did just that and experienced hardships and triumphs of the highest degrees. We shared different perspectives and had different ideas, and that was just fine, because at the end of the day we put our differences aside and put those ideas and perspectives to work for our district. I used to be excited about and look forward to board meetings and the work we had to perform, but those days are long gone. I have to say that the last two years have been an absolute disaster in regard to board business, reputation and representation of our community and school. In that short time, this board has been flooded with political rhetoric and propaganda. The so-called president of this board preaches transparency, all the while tells lies and attempts to censor those who speak unfavorably of her. She's in favor of accountability as long as it's not applied to those she favors. This board finds ways to protect spouses and increase the pay of personal friends, while simultaneously finding ways to penalize and take money away from those they do not favor. The bias and hypocrisy are overwhelming at this point, and I can no longer be associated with a group who operates in such a manner. I have never seen such division in our school driven by hypocrisy and bias. This board suffers from incompetence and a severe lack of leadership. It's been an embarrassment and disgrace to witness what this board has become. Due to the events that took place leading up to our last board meeting, things that happened during the course of the meeting, and events that have transpired since, the decision to step away from this has become an easy one. It is said that as one chapter ends, another begins. And I am extremely excited to begin another chapter of my life by closing this one. I have always loved our district, supported our faculty and staff, and been one of the biggest fans and supporters of our students. Not being a member of this board will have absolutely no impact on those things. In fact, supporting our district without the cloud of this board's reputation will be a welcome sight. My association in the constant dramatics of the Norfolk School Board will be no more. I wish you nothing but the best of luck in the future and I will continue to pray for faculty, staff, and students of the Norfolk School District.



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