

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Elizabeth School Board

Dan Snowberger

Bill Dallas

Elizabeth School District Senior Leadership and Administration

I hereby tender my resignation as a Director of the Elizabeth School Board effective on March 14, 2023. This is in no way intended to diminish Dan Snowberger as the future superintendent. Dan, you will enjoy an amazing staff from top to bottom and I wish you nothing but success.

I've given more than 30 years trying to make Elizabeth Schools the very best that they can be. We've endured mismanagement, economic downturns and a pandemic, but by far, the worst experience I have ever gone through occurred during the last nine months. I have witnessed a total disregard for Board Policy, Board Core Values, Board Ethics, Confidentiality agreements and violations of Colorado Revised Statutes. I can't be part of a group that disrespects order so casually. "We are a nation of laws, not a nation of men."

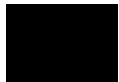
People at various campuses have referred to me as Switzerland, which is ironic, because my final analogy comes from a novel, "Frankenstein", which takes place in Switzerland. Frankenstein's creation rescues a girl from a river. Without getting the full story, without getting to the truth a young man shoots the innocent creature because of his outward appearance. You see, the creation didn't become a monster until heinous encounters with others defined his behavior. This analogy fits so many of the situations that have come up over the last year.

Personal attacks, constant emails that begin at 6:00 am and end after 9:00 have made remaining in this position impossible. Finally getting to sleep at 2 in the morning and waking at 5 am is taking its toll in so many ways.

There is no doubt this District will carry on in a big way. As much as people have done their utmost to tear down this great district, so many improvements have been made that will never be known by those who have only been looking at their personal agenda, an agenda that has blinded them to the wonderful things the students have been doing and are engaged in every single day.

Teachers, you are my heroes, and I can't thank you enough for the noble things you do for our kids. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely,

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Craig M. Blackham