***Lezlie has the qualities we need in a school board trustee:***

**Commitment:**
She is completing her third term as a trustee. Four of her children graduated from Reed High School in Sparks. Her youngest daughter and a grandson are students in Washoe County schools so she has a personal stake in the quality of our schools. She always gives 110% in working for the betterment of education – attending board and committee meetings, visiting schools, working with parents, and testifying at the Legislature.

**Knowledge:**
Having managed finances in her husband's industry for 26 years, she has a strong business sense. She has also served on the Financial Advisory Committee and Internal Audit Committee for the school district. As a trustee, she has helped manage the district budget of nearly $500 million dollars. She is involved with state and national policy organizations and works to keep abreast of what's happening in education in and outside Washoe County. She believes we need to search out and use best practices in every aspect of school district operations. Decisions should be research and data driven – not based on someone's "feel good" opinion.

**Dedication:**
Lezlie cares about the quality of life in our community, particularly as it impacts children and their families. She has been a long time supporter of the Boy Scouts, serving as a Den Mother, committee chair, and has been a merit badge counselor for 15 years. She is president of the Washoe County Concert Association that focuses on providing quality wholesome family entertainment and sends professional musicians to perform in schools as part of their educational outreach. She also serves on the board of the Sparks Republican Women and is active in her church.

**Expertise:**
Lezlie has served as a parent volunteer in many capacities from the classroom to the boardroom. She has been involved in curriculum development at the state and district levels. She has served on advisory committees dealing with attendance, Gifted and Talented, finance, year round schools, truancy, and others. She has attended workshops on reading and math, career and technology education, effective schools, quality administration, safety and more. Seeking input from a variety of resources helps her to be fair and thoughtful when it comes to decisions. Currently, she serves as the School Board president.

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**As a trustee Lezlie will continue to work for:**

**High academic standards.** We need to eliminate grade inflation by separating subject mastery from effort. Currently, a standards based report card is being piloted. Recognize that career/technical education is every bit as important and rigorous as the typical college prep program – one size does not fit all in education.

**Utilizing foresight to meet the demands of growth.** Housing patterns have changed significantly in the last few years. We need to proactively pursue available land and collaborate with developers and community agencies. The Cold Springs Middle School is a good example of creating a true community school.

**Keeping abreast of job and career opportunities for our students.** We are educating them to compete in the world of the future not to replicate our past. Business leaders have identified content areas such as global awareness; financial, economic, business, and entrepreneurial literacy, and civic literacy as critical to success in the workplace. Other skills such as communication, collaboration, and media literacy skills are also important.

**Teaching life skills that will help our students be productive citizens.** They need to be taught the essentials of leadership, ethics, accountability, personal responsibility, self-direction, and adaptability.

**A safe and positive environment for students, staff, and parents.** It is not enough to arm school police. We need to actively teach civility and respect and model the "Golden Rule." Every child needs at least one adult on campus they can turn to for help and advice. Children need to know bullying and any type of violence will not be tolerated. We are implementing the Family Friendly Schools program so everyone who comes to a school feels welcome.

**Dialog with all education stake holders.** We need to use town hall meetings, small informal brown bag lunches, SNCAT and our District Web site to keep people informed and seek their input. We are working to make the website more useful and friendly to everyone. Soon we will be broadcasting our board meetings via the web. Edline and Connect Ed are two new tools the district has acquired to keep students and parents informed about school. Trustees need to be more visible in the community.

**Create multiple educational options for students.** All students are not alike in abilities or interests. We need to be as proactive for our Gifted and Talented as we are for the Special Ed students. Every child is unique and we must make a greater effort to monitor individual progress. The new software program, Pulliam/IDMS will allow us to monitor the growth of each student and teacher success. A strong Career and Technical program and school is a must.

**Keep focusing on the basics.** Reading is the key to all other educational pursuits. We need to continue our efforts at all levels. It is not acceptable to graduate students who cannot read. We have adopted the Read 180 program that helps our secondary students catch up. Phonics, phonemic awareness, and vocabulary are key.

**Continuously monitor our progress and make corrections when and where needed.**