

Asks for Support for Barber

To the Editor:

While I am one of the people who was not actively involved in the Region 14 political issues in the past, reconfiguration has given me an epiphany. I must be involved and vote.

Who cares where we were before? We are here now. Having two young children, I wanted to make informed decisions. The more I watched the meetings the more disgusted I became with the BOE.

They responded to questions with eye rolling and a smug demeanor. It was apparent that they did not need or want input or consent from the community. This community is divided, courtesy of the current BOE.

Why not bring reconfiguration to referendum? That seems simple. An even better question; why disregard the Connecticut statutes that clearly state that a fundamental change should be brought before the voters?

Do we want our BOE run by citizens who blatantly disregard the law and cause discord among neighbors?

I observed Erica and Bill Barber tirelessly devoting themselves to getting questions answered; they were constantly dismissed by the BOE. We need people who are not afraid to take a common sense approach.

We need honesty, reverence to the laws and the community being served. Bill Barber is that person. He has conducted himself with genuine respect for the community. He and his wife have created a foundation devoted to Region 14 schools.

He has spent countless hours making accurate information available to the public and has spurred many to become involved, myself included. Most importantly he can laugh at himself and has a great sense of humor.

We are fortunate to have such a person in our midst. Educated in law, humble, honest and open-minded, he is the epitome of what a BOE representative should be. Vote for Bill Barber on Thursday, June 7.

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