

Hello, I am Wesley Smallidge. I graduated from Kingswood in 2000. I am a former United States Marine and I am a former firefighter with the Tuftonboro fire rescue. My fiancé, is graduate of Kingswood. I have two stepchildren, both graduated from Kingswood. My fiancé and I live in Wolfeboro. After my accident, when I was hit by a car working for the town of Wolfeboro the communities outpouring of love and support was overwhelming. I have spent my days since then paying it all forward.

I am running for school board because I believe that we can and need to do better. As a community we need to step up and speak out. Our voices are important and we should be heard and validated. The purpose of the board is to represent the parents and the tax payers alike. With honesty, and integrity I will represent the people effectively and with transparency. I won't force the people who I work for to have to go through a painstaking process of right to know requests and wait thirty days to get answers about their children's education and school system.

The school board has lost the trust and confidence of the parents and tax payers. They began losing the trust with their treatment of the parents and tax payers during and after the pandemic. They lost what little trust they may have had left after that by attempting to cover up the firing of the soccer coach. I will restore that trust for you. The school board works for you, and I am aware of that. If elected I will bring awareness to the board that we have a job to do, and that job is to represent the parents and tax payers.

I read somewhere that, "if you have integrity then nothing else matters. If you don't have integrity, nothing else matters." Signs of integrity consist of but are not necessarily limited to, Taking responsibility for your actions.

Choosing honesty in all things.

Showing respect to everyone.

The ability to admit when you're wrong.

Lastly, doing the right thing when no one is watching.

I will bring integrity to the school board because integrity is one of my core beliefs, it is who I am. When it comes to elected officials, we shouldn't have to question whether or not, they have integrity, honesty, and transparency. Politics, Religion and social agendas do not belong in our schools or our school board.

In closing I just want to remind you all that we can do better. If we work together we will do better. Our children deserve better, our grandchildren deserve better, our great grandchildren and so on down the line all deserve better. We cannot be satisfied with 49% of the district students NOT being proficient in reading, and 57% not being proficient in math. We should not be satisfied with the status quo. After all, that's what got us here in the first place. We are better, so let's do better. Thank you for your time, and thank you for listening. I hope you all have a wonderful night, thank you!