

First and Last Name	Public Comments– May 6, 2021 Board Meeting
Miranda Hobbes	Thank you for recognizing that vote totals are disproportionately driven by the amount of votes purchased by ATA and IEA. Your rejection of Anisha’s bid for Vice President gave me confidence that our Board is not controlled by the teachers union, even though several of its members clearly are.
Jacquelyn Loeppert	Disappointment is not a strong enough word to describe what I feel about the board’s actions showing their lack of commitment and sincerity to the diversity, equity, and inclusion initiative. The complete dismissal of Anisha as a nominee for vice president has shown where the board of mostly white men stands. She has shown more commitment to serving the community on the board and to serving the community in a multitude of ways beyond her role as a school board member than anyone else. She had significantly more votes than any other candidate. She is a doctoral student and experienced educator with a Master’s degree. Clearly these all make her a highly qualified candidate to be the Vice President of the school board. Microgressions such as this show a lack of commitment to making real changes and a commitment to keeping things the status quo. It was a great misstep of moving forward and shows a complete lack of servant leadership by the other board members. The community wants more leadership by example. The young women and children of color in our community deserve a better representation of leadership. Thank you Greg for nominating Anisha and trying to bring the change many of us voted for.
Michele Hilgart	I just wanted to express my sincere disappointment at the board's decision to overlook Anisha Patel as Vice President of the board. After a rocky year, with Mr. Cerniglia at the helm, the community overwhelmingly voted Anisha back into her position acknowledging her role and perspective throughout the difficult decisions made this past year. In fact, Anisha received more votes in this past election than any other candidate. Further, this decision is glaringly incongruous with the community's clear support for diversity, equity and inclusion, and the board's recent re-commitment to this initiative. To have overlooked these factors and appointed Mr. Cerniglia into the role demonstrates a clear disregard for voice of your constituents and leaves us all to question what factor(s) drove your votes.
The following comments were received after the submission deadline and not included in the May 6, 2021 Board meeting.	
Sam L. Pappas	I would like to see more emphasis on "merit" in the school's policy and day to day activities. It is an important quality that all school administrators, teachers, staff, and students should strive for and emphasize, but is often overlooked or disregarded. In simple terms, "merit" can be defined as "the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially so as to deserve praise or reward". It should form the foundation and basis for school hiring, governance, and teaching. It is a universal quality that can be achieved by all people from all backgrounds and should be cherished and respected.