

Letter of Resignation
Saturday, April 22, 2023

Good evening. I hope you both are well. Last week I had surgery. I'm home now doing well. After much thought and knowing I can't attend the many activities this week, I have decided to submit this letter of resignation from the Alamance-Burlington School Board effective today, April 22, 2023.

It saddens me to resign, however I know when it's time to leave and move on with helping our community in other ways. I'm very proud of the many changes in our school system and I pray the board will follow the leadership of Dr. Butler and create a system of high academic standards, equity and inclusion that represents our student population. Each student should be given the opportunity to reach their highest educational endeavor possible.

I ask the board to not forget the work we did on the McCray school house and please promise you will make it available for the community and our students soon. If I can help, I'll be a phone call away.

As I said at the last board meeting, it's important to have representation for our black and brown children and staff. I not only became their voice but I served in many capacities in that community and I know there is still work to be done.

I will truly miss all of our staff from our bus drivers, cafeteria staff, crossing guards, teacher assistants, substitutes, school level employees and, yes, our Superintendent and my colleagues on the Board of Education. Please listen to our teachers and let them teach. Let them voice their opinions and - most of all - include them in the decision-making process. They are professionals and we are blessed to have to them. Show them some love and support for I will miss them deeply.

Sandy, I have faith in you and I know you will continue to be transparent and willing to move our district forward. I'll miss our long calls and laughs. I can truly say we are friends and we have set an example that politicians from both sides can work together if we have the same goals which is to serve the people.

To my fellow board members and those term ended before mine, thank you for your leadership and support. Although sometimes heated, we all did what was best for our system.

A special thanks to Dr. Randy Bridges, Dr. Charles Monroe, Brad Evans, Bonita Brown, Dr. Michael Bayless, Charlotte Holmes, ABAE, NAACP, Ebenezer Church, Michael Graves, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc, Graham High and Graham Middle, Donnie Davis, Commissioner Pam Thompson, Sheriff Terry Johnson, the Alamance County Democratic Party and my loving, supportive family.

To the Alamance News, Kristy Bailey and Tom Boney, thank you for the fair and objective stories. Let me not forget WBAG. Thank you, Harry Myers, for your support.

It's time to move on knowing I did what I promised I would do when I ran for my position on the Board. The proof is now and it will have impact on our community in the future for the decisions we made.

With tears of joy, please accept my resignation. I will not be at the meeting Monday evening since I need time to recover. If needed, at your request, I will be honored to attend your May meeting.

Patsy Simpson