

James Field from our sister organization in Hudson had a letter to the editor in today's BJ. Here is the text before the BJ editing.

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Hudson Dems (cc to Progressive Dems)

The ABJ printed my letter today about the controversy of Ken Claypoole. Unfortunately they cut the part about his trying to introduce Creationism into the Hudson Public Schools. Below is the full text of the letter.

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Dear Voice of the People,

I certainly applaud the Akron Beacon Journal's editorial condemning the efforts of Councilman Brian Daley to politicize the Hudson City government. However, we have an even more controversial candidate for the Hudson Board of Education. Newer Hudson residents are unaware of the intense conflict that Ken Claypoole caused 10 years ago when he was first on the Hudson School Board. At that time he strongly advocated for including "Intelligent Design" in the science curriculum. The courts have ruled that Intelligent Design is just another version of Creationism, which would be fine for a religious institution, but inappropriate for a public school curriculum. At the time Mr. Claypoole also objected to a popular honors textbook because he felt that it over-emphasized the roles of women and minorities in U.S. history. Now Mr. Claypoole is trying to play to popular opinion by claiming fiscal responsibility and jumping on the bandwagon of those calling for a new Math curriculum. Unfortunately he has not had one specific proposal on how to cut the budget and maintain Hudson's excellence in education. Further, it is ironic that the he says he wants to better the Math curriculum when his past proposals would have damaged the Science and History curricula. Meanwhile all of the other candidates have already supported a re-examination of the Math curriculum. Mr. Claypoole simply appears to be biding his time until he brings back his agenda of teaching Creationism in the public schools.

Fortunately we have four other excellent candidates running for the two open 2-year positions. . Wil Veith's leadership of the Board has led to new openness, excellent hires, the building of a new school on time and under budget and a controversy-free year. Bruce Hubach has long experience on the Board and deep knowledge of Hudson education issues. Bernard Mabrey brings a wealth of business experience and community involvement. And Steve DiMauro has new ideas and energy to make changes. A vote for any of these candidates would truly be a vote for Hudson's future.

And here is the letter as it was published:

**Any but Claypoole for
Hudson school board**

I applaud Monday's editorial condemning the efforts of Councilman Brian Daley to politicize Hudson city government.

But we have an even more controversial candidate for the Hudson Board of Education.

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Now Claypoole is trying to play to popular opinion by claiming fiscal responsibility and jumping on the bandwagon of those calling for a new math curriculum. Unfortunately, he has not had one specific proposal on how to cut the budget and maintain Hudson's excellence in education. Further, it is ironic that he says he wants to better the math curriculum when his past proposal would have damaged the history curriculum.

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