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### Summary transcript of Tony Katz & The Morning News commentary on CCS School Board Debate

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Tony Katz, 93 WIBC, good morning. Election Day, November 5, as I've mentioned, and I'm paying more and more attention to some local elections. I don't know about every race everywhere. And you could send me anything. If you got something, you're like, "hey, take a look at this, Tony." TonyKatz.com send it my way. I am Tony Katz, 93 WIBC, good morning.

I shared with you the other day that I went to, actually I live streamed a debate amongst those running for school board in Carmel, and was just not [only] stunned, but amazed by the hubris and the ugliness of some of what I saw. And I make it as clear as humanly possible, that in Carmel, Kristina Wheeler did not come across as impressive, as a matter of fact. I thought she came across as running a national campaign. Very much a campaign of, "oh, those extremist Republicans. These are not the moderate Republicans..." pointed to two other members, two other people running for school board.

And it was, it was full of ego. It was very, very dismissive of other people's thoughts and discussing her own daughter. I thought she basically called Carmel High School, students, administrators, and staff, bigots. That was my take from how she explained her own daughter's time at Carmel High School. But this idea of these are not "the moderate Republicans we want..." well, go ahead, define it. You mean people who believe what you believe?

This is happening more and more in the local politics, while people then decry the idea that these are supposed to be non-partisan races, and look at these partisans. They're outing themselves as the partisans, and yet they point at other people. It's always that, right? It's the projection, it's the deflection. You're talking about yourself. And I said the idea that I would vote for Kristina Wheeler is, is laughable. Truly, truly. I mean, talk about it. It was a very dismissive presentation style.

And I look at people who have got the yard sign up, and I say it's so obvious that you don't, you didn't pay attention to this, and it is so obvious that this is political for you. And if we're going to now argue

that these things are indeed political, based on the admissions of others, well then I get to play in [it]. I get to have a conversation because that's not a politics that I think should be around children. And this woman, Kristina Wheeler, who might be a lovely woman in real life, she might be lovely to her friends and family, I have no idea. I would never comment on such a thing.

But from what I saw in an open forum where I was texting with somebody who was at the event, who thought they were going to go in that direction. **And then after the debate, were like, oh gosh, no.** She kept tying herself to this guy named Jon Shapiro, who I thought came across as normal. **I just thought the other two in the debate, Dina Ferchmin and Robin Clark, were far better in their presentations and in things that they want to do, and in a level of honesty, I thought it was direct, focused and worthwhile.**

Jon Shapiro's Twitter posts are protected. You're running for school board. Does it fall into the category of something that the public gets to see? I thought there were rulings about this. Now I certainly could be wrong if it's a federal office versus a local office, but I found it odd that the posts are protected.



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Someone did send me some posts. Maybe you could argue they're not kind, and certainly there's an obviousness to the levels to which he's on. He is political person. He can have his own politics. And when I said I thought he came across as this normal dude. Okay, fine. He did.

And then I learned that there is a video, or, I should say, a screenshot, a photo of a mailer that Miles Nelson put out. Miles Nelson was the Democrat running for Mayor in Carmel who was this guy who was supported by Ron Klain, the former chief of staff of Joe Biden. Ron Klain, who knew that Joe Biden was inept and incapable, and said nothing. The not so much pride of North Central Ron Klain. He clearly was running this Miles Nelson campaign. The Miles Nelson campaign was vile. And I have stated before and I'll state again, he is never, ever, ever going to be able to run for office locally, in a place where I will not be there to say "no." That's how despicable I thought his campaign was, and I thought he was in that campaign.

And there is a picture of this guy running for school board in the photo that Miles Nelson put on a mailer. Now that would be guilty by association. I am thoroughly impressed with the people who focus locally and are able to find these things, or notice these things, share these things, and these things do have an effect on the election.

I'm bringing up Carmel here because it happens to be where I live. But what's happening where you are is equally as important, and these school board races, local mayor races - equally as important - don't get so tied-up on those top-line races, those top-line races are not the only things.

For me, for me showing up with Miles Nelson tells me where you're at politically, and I say, okay, I was right to stay away from that. I thought he did come across as normal in the debate. I didn't agree with him on everything, but I'm staying away from it.

**You gotta be paying attention. You gotta be looking into it. You gotta take the time. Your schedule is not so busy that you don't have 10 minutes a day just to do some basic research. It can't be, because what these people do to your children, and to your city, that's gonna keep you far busier than the 10 minutes a day. You gotta put into the research.**

*Note: The audio has been transcribed with minor edits for spelling and typos.*

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