

Candidate Profile of

Virginia Hill

For Board of Trustees Nomination

Whangarei Boys' High School



I have been your staff trustee on the board for the past three years. This has been a governance term with some significant changes and challenges. We started with the prospect of a memorandum of understanding with a charter school, which you as a staff clearly mandated, was not a viable path forward for WBHS. Throughout the discussions that ensued, you supported me as I brought your views to the table.

The appointment of a new principal occurs infrequently and is the most important decision any Board must make. Again, the process was not without angst but I believe we ended up with a procedure that consulted as widely as is realistically possible given the time frame.

In all my dealings with the BoT as your trustee, I have always conducted myself with sincerity and integrity in order to bring to discussions, the perspective of staff. I take my role seriously, and I believe that now, the board as a whole, has a better understanding and appreciation of the work we do with the young men of our community.

As we continue to move through the period of change and into a period of significant property development, continuity has to be a consideration as you choose your staff trustee. As a long-serving staff member (2002 -) who has been a whanau leader, acting dean, and done various other bits and pieces, and remains a faculty head, I bring close to 30 years teaching experience and considerable knowledge and understanding of our school community to the table.

If re-elected, I remain committed to continuing to serve the staff of WBHS to the best of my ability in this role.