

Superintendent's Report

February 19th, 2016

BOARD UPDATE

LEVY APPROVED!!!! – As you know this was great news! A lot of work went into this effort and we are very pleased to receive such solid support. As of today, the vote garnered 58% approval with greater support in certain precincts where we have not usually had over 50% approval previously (i.e. View area). Once again we owe a huge debt of gratitude to our tireless Levy Committee members such as Walter Hansen (a.k.a. Ballot Man) and Levy Co-chair Melinda Mazna. Others include Josh Soske, Amy Moore (co-chair), Kris Soske and many more who gave of the time, energy and talents to share the word about the levy. It is definitely a great feeling to have this critical effort in behind us!



National Honor Society Fundraising Effort – I don't get the chance to share a lot about the various clubs/activities that our students are involved in within my reports, so I thought this month I would share one. Recently our NHS kids did a fundraiser at Burgerville in Salmon Creek to help out the Doernbecher Children's Hospital. I had the

chance to go down and participate in the event and as usual our kids did such a great job! As you would expect, they were so respectful and courteous throughout the event. The definitely did our community proud. Thank you NHS crew for your great work to help others in need!

Field House and Trail Projects – Over the past couple of weeks, we have been working on the design and plans for the new field house and bleacher cover that hopefully will begin to be built this summer. This project is being paid for by the state grant through the city in partnership with LCEF. It will be a terrific addition to our HS athletic facility. I will be providing more detailed information as the design is created for review. Additionally, I got the chance to work with city staff, Josh Soske and Rob Williamson as well as meet with a couple of community members who had questions about the project to discuss the placement of the some of the new trails that will be added throughout town as part of this grant. There is not doubt we will resolve any design concerns in the coming months. I am very excited about these trail enhancements for our students and for all of our community members. These new trails will be such tremendous community asset for many, many years.

School Accounting Training – Laurie is continuing to learn a lot about her new role in the fiscal office. She has been attending in Olympia on weekends school accounting classes offered through the Washington Association of School Business Officials (WASBO) organization. Brett has also been assisting her in learning the ropes during his visits over the past couple of months. I continue to see Laurie’s knowledge base and systemic awareness of fiscal matters grow quickly. This is leading me to believe that in the next few months she just may be able to take over and complete most if not all the duties of the daily fiscal operations for the district. We will just have to see how the next few months go. More on this as we head into the spring.

I think that is all for now. Please give me a call if you have any questions. Talk with you later.

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