

## Board Report

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### ITEM #1 – LCC Entrepreneurship Program

On Thursday, September 21, I attended a meeting to provide input on LCC's proposed entrepreneurship certification program. The proposed course curricula and some supporting documentation are attached. I was the only "private-sector" representative there and gave my perspectives as both a long-time small-business owner as well as a school board member. Other attendees included Bill Fashing & Scott Waslstra (CEDC) as well as Jerry \_\_\_ of the Small Business Development Council. My impression is that this program would have significant relevance to both our Running Start and FBLA programs. I invited LCC staff to follow up with WSD staff on obtaining more information as to how the proposed certification might best serve WSD students.

### ITEM #2 – Woodland High School Trust Fund Scholarship Committee

I am working with WSD staff and Trust Fund volunteers to schedule our first meeting of the year to discuss launching a fund-raising campaign. My goal is to have a strategy in place prior to Halloween.

### ITEM #3 – Woodland High School Graduate Follow-up Survey

While I have worked informally with Principal Shoup over the previous year to revive this survey effort, recent board discussions suggest that a more formal board action might be appropriate both to develop a survey that best meets the board's interests, as well as removes me from an ambiguous relationship to the effort. I have attached a proposed resolution which I intend to present at the Sept 25 board meeting.

### ITEM #4 – WSSDA Legislative Assembly

I was somewhat remiss this year in not asking for some agenda time prior to the WSSDA Legislative Assembly which I attended on Sept. 22-23 in Renton. Ideally, we would have discussed our primary concerns as a board and selected some state legislative priorities from the list of over 100 standing and new legislative positions for me to lobby and vote for at the Assembly. On the other hand, many of these proposals are very complicated and I learned a great deal about each issue as they were debated, or not, on the floor of the Assembly. Having said that, these are the 15 legislative priorities in order that I advanced on behalf of the Woodland School District based on our discussions of various issues over the past year:

1. Special Education and Special Needs Students
2. Federal DREAM Act

3. Full Funding of Basic Education
4. School Employee Salaries
5. Professional Development
6. Career and Technical Education Funding
7. School Construction
8. English Language Learners
9. Enhanced Funding for Transitional and Bilingual Education
10. Recruit and Retain Diverse Teachers
11. Streamlining Summative Assessments
12. K-8 World Language Instruction
13. Technology Funding
14. Public Records Act
15. Transportation

Each item has an associated policy position. I have the entire list of positions if anyone is interested. Additional new topics to watch for are “year-round schools” which OSPI Superintendent Chris Reykdal is advocating for. Also, WSSDA adopted a new policy position supporting legislation that would allow districts to use ACT and SAT as their graduation testing standards instead of the current “smarter balanced” tests. Also adopted by the Assembly was a new position advocating for statewide bargaining for base teacher salaries. All three will be very controversial proposals.