



WHO CALLED FOX NEWS AND WHY?

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SOUTH KITSAP SCHOOL DISTRICT POSSIBLE LAYOFFS
PORT ORCHARD

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- ▶ STAFFING LEVELS LIKELY TO DROP AHEAD OF 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR
- ▶ DROPS IN ENROLLMENT AND PANDEMIC FINANCIAL AID RUNNING OUT
- ▶ \$10 MILLION BUDGET ADJUSTMENT
- ▶ LOOKING WHERE TO MAKE CUTS
- ▶ FINAL DECISION WILL BE MADE IN AUGUST

Good Day Seattle
WENATCHEE 26° | **FOX** I-5 FEDERAL WAY TO SEATAC 21 MPH 25 MIN | **TRAFFIC**

FOX NEWS SKSD 'BUDGET FAIL' VIDEO 02-04-23

<https://youtu.be/umuN4NqosT4>

Why is this happening?

What do they do? Well none of them ever review the bills and warrants. None of them (except Director Daily) seem to even care how much is being spent. They just approve in one motion all bills and warrants listed in the consent agenda. There is 'other' stuff they hide in the consent agenda that they also do not allow to be discussed!

Director Daily has suggested many times that the board actually hire a private auditor to regularly review warrants and bills before they are paid. And always the board majority votes down Director Daily's 'suggestion'. The board continues to state that the State Auditors (SAO) performs an annual review of the District financial affairs. They continue to claim that the SAO general review is sufficient. So we have to wait a year to see SAO audits, and they do not go into that kind of detail. They are really only concerned about theft or extortion. Of course the Superintendent and Board majority always brag that the district gets spotless SAO audits.

Here are a few questions to consider asking the board during public comment part of any meeting. Then follow up by emailing the district and board members these same questions:

1. Why is the District, through their Board of Directors hiding what they don't want an independent auditor to see?
2. Why did the board pass a policy forbidding any discussion of consent agenda items at board meetings?
3. Why did the board legislate what is essentially a gag order against Director Daily, and why do they maintain it?
4. What is the board afraid of that we might find out?

What should we do? Be proactive, attend as many SKSD Board Meetings as you can, in person or on Zoom. Ask questions and demand they change their habit of not giving our community all of the information. That includes the bad and ugly.

Follow up your comments and questions by sending them through email to the full board and the superintendent: wilsonj@skschools.org; berg@skschools.org; pickardb@skschools.org; espyk@skschools.org; daily@skschools.org; winter@skschools.org

Write letter to the editor, as many as you are allotted per month. We must not settle for less than complete transparency on all financial matters. Don't let them keep stripping our wallets while uttering the same old refrain of: "It's for the Kids".