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SKSD director defends his view of district finances

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I'm writing in response to Mr. David Alexander's letter, published in the Kitsap Sun on February 15, that commented on my letter, "Could South Kitsap schools avoided budget crisis?"

As I read the comments it appeared that the same wording was used by other retired district employees and supporters of our local unions. They also sent me similar notes regarding my letter. Each one asks me to step down, which usually means that the local union leadership directed their members to "spam" me. So, I will answer all of them here.

The financials have been at the bottom of board priorities for years. This allows unions to keep the board out of the "operational decisions" of the district and sneak in and bargain secretly without public knowledge or board interference. It has worked for many years.

The laws surrounding the financial duties of the board include RCW 28A.330.080 and RCW 28A.330.090, along with WAC 392-123-110, 392-123-115, 120, 125. I am the only one who reviews the accounts and vouchers as well as personnel hiring impacts every two weeks. So it follows that I am the only board member who is aware of what is going on in the district. I have seen this train wreck coming for years. I am just the messenger who alerted you.

The anger is misdirected. Perhaps ask the other four board members why they do not allow discussion of financial concerns in the superintendent's consent agenda. It is their actions; not mine, that are responsible for this.

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