

The Sandy Post

# Editorial & Opinion

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## Lenchitsky leads positive change

We strongly urge voters to mark their ballots for Terry Lenchitsky for the Sandy Union High School board of directors.

For years Sandy High School has been the whipping boy of the community, but in the past couple of years we've heard a number of people comment that the school does indeed appear to be headed in the right direction.

In the city of Sandy, residents who live near the high school thought the closed campus was a wonderful idea. Self-described fiscal conservatives have told us they like the idea of Sandy High living with the same tax rate — actually, less — than has been in effect the past two years. Some programs have been beefed up, and the board knows where the weak areas are.

Lenchitsky's opponent, Roland Cartisser, is an intelligent man, apparently a successful business person and involved in his industry's state organization, which is commendable.

Lenchitsky has immersed himself in local affairs. For everything the Kiwanis Club of Sandy does that is reported, they do another dozen things that nobody hears about. He was involved in setting up the Sandy Job Club. And he has been a part of the positive changes at Sandy High School.

What hurts Cartisser's credibility, in our opinion, is his signature on the petition asking to cut \$1.9 million from SUHS's tax base proposal.

To cut \$1.9 million from the present budget would go way past eliminating athletics and activities, acceptable class sizes or any semblance of a maintenance program. More importantly, it is likely the school would eventually be found substandard by the state, and then the state's funding would be withdrawn.

There may be waste at Sandy High School, but anyone who thinks it is in the \$1.9 million range is dreaming.

Cartisser said he signed the petition to get the board's attention. We have to wonder if that's how he would do business as a board member.

In addition, the 12 percent cut in the vocational education department was the more accurate reporting of one salary and the elimination of a position when one teacher took another job. There are two less vocational classes being offered, but shuffling students and rearranging classes is normal business for a school, made possible by the fact that some teachers are certified to teach in several different areas.

Last year at this time there were 716 students in 24 vocational education classes. This January there were 740 students in 22 vocational education classes.

There are enough legitimate issues to be debated without fogging the public's collective mind with misinformation.

Terry Lenchitsky has a fascinating background, a record of community involvement and a truck load of common sense. He deserves re-election to the Sandy High School board of directors.

Letters to the editor

## Lenchitsky's record: budgetary increases

I would like to share my observations with your readers on the two candidates running for the Sandy Union High School board of directors. I know Messrs. Lenchitsky and Cartisser and find both to be quality people, active in their respective business and civic organizations.

Terry Lenchitsky has been on the school board for several years and, more recently, as chairman. In the last 18 months I observed Lenchitsky's voting record which has almost consistently favored requests made by the school administration for various expenditures and increasing school budgets.

Roland Cartisser has been active in

the recent high school budget making process and questioned many expenditures including classes with only four and eight students, need for increased instructional support, a 27 percent dropout rate, and Oregon's high educational cost (sixth highest in the nation).

In my view, the candidates are at opposite ends of the field. Lenchitsky the more liberal who would continue the "status quo," and Cartisser, a conservative with a strong desire to control expenses and reduce the school budget.

John H. King  
Sandy

## Lenchitsky works with enthusiasm

We wish to express our thanks to Terry Lenchitsky for his past and current service to the community and to the Sandy Union High School District in particular. He is a hard worker at whatever he undertakes to do and he will do his very best to act in a responsible capacity in serving the public if re-elected to the high school board.

His desire to take another term

signifies his intent to continue working with boundless enthusiasm for the good of our students and school.

We encourage all who have a vote to cast in the coming election to give careful consideration to supporting an experienced candidate, Terry Lenchitsky.

Frank and Joyce Marcy  
Sandy

## Remember Lenchitsky vote on book 'Changing Bodies'

To vote intelligently we must remember the past. I refer to the school board member Terry Lenchitsky. He was one of the board members that turned a deaf ear to the concerns of the parents and taxpayers and voted to keep the book, "Changing Bodies, Changing Lives."

This book was nothing more than a how-to manual that encourages

teenagers to indulge in sexual experimentation. Anyone who would vote to keep "Changing Bodies, Changing Lives" does not belong on a school board and should step down. We need people that will do what is right because it is right and Terry won't. We need a change.

Bob Shaw  
Sandy

Letters to the editor

## Cartisser: Lenchitsky talks good story

I am writing this letter as a rebuttal to several people in the Sandy High School District who wrote letters to the editor which appeared March 6.

These people wrote letters supporting my opponent in the election for the high school board position he presently holds. I agree that Terry Lenchitsky has been active in many community affairs. However, all of these people are very misinformed. I have attended all of the high school budget meetings for this new proposed budget and have only observed one of the people who wrote letters at one meeting. I know who all of them are and would recognize them if they had attended.

Mr. Lenchitsky talks a good story around the district about supporting and the need for our vocational education program; however, he was one of four board members out of five who voted to increase the district administrative and support services to where it has reached an astonishing 55 percent of the budget and cut in excess of 12 percent from the vocational education program for each of the next two years. For the people who wrote these letters of support you missed this when the board voted to accept the recommendations proposed by the administration and the budget committee at the last budget meeting.

If these people want to write letters supporting a candidate or an issue they need to attend the meeting where the person votes to find out what he really believes in. To set the record straight Jerry Swails is the only member who opposed these cuts in the vocational program. Mr. Lenchitsky has been on the board for almost four years and our taxes continue to rise. I feel a vote for him is a vote to increase our taxes and have it spent in the wrong areas of our educational system.

Roland A. Cartisser  
Sandy

## Say right on to Lenchitsky

I'd like to put in a good word for Terry Lenchitsky, who is a candidate for re-election to the board of directors of Sandy Union High School District No. 2. I'm sure there is a broad base of support for his candidacy, because people who know Terry recognize that he is a dedicated and dependable person in whatever he undertakes.

It's easy to assume that someone doing a good job will, of course, be a shoo-in for return to public office. Voting for Terry Lenchitsky, though, can express something more than a wish that he continue his position on the board: it can also be a vote of confidence, and a way of saying "thanks" for his service.

Terry is now completing his first four-year term, but he served a sort of apprenticeship for two years as a member of the SUHS Budget Committee before running for the board.

There is another candidate in the race for the school board position now held by Terry Lenchitsky. I'm pretty sure that there are folks out there who condone the way to "solve all the problems" of Sandy Union High School is to "throw the rascal out" — an honored tradition in our republic. But I think the present board and administration are making significant progress, and what we need now is continuity in a program that has excellence in education as its first goal, and insistence upon value for dollars spent as its second.

In the last three years, Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores for SUHS students have gone up; 18 percent of last spring's graduates (a higher percentage than ever before) went on to college or trade school.

The fact is that the SUHS student body has a different "profile" from that of, say, Beaverton or Lake Oswego High Schools. Terry Lenchitsky knows the difference, and will be working to provide the kind of program the kids of our community need. There is recognition of the importance of career planning while young people are still in school at SUHS; Terry Lenchitsky was one of the organizers of the Sandy Job Club, which is working with local business people to give job training to students, and job placement to young people who have had to drop out of school.

The Job Club came about in part because Terry Lenchitsky was president of the Kiwanis Club of Sandy last year, and solicited the help of his fellow Kiwanians in the effort. He was also one of the people responsible for forming the SUHS Booster Club, and was its first president.

One other point is relevant to Terry's service on the SUHS board: he and his wife Judy are concerned about the high school because two of their children are graduates of Sandy High, one is a junior this year, and a fourth will be entering as a freshman next fall.

Your mail ballot has, no doubt, arrived at your home. Take it as an opportunity to say to Terry Lenchitsky: "Right on!"

Morton Spence  
Sandy

## Mary Ann Burke endorsed

Having known Mary Ann Burke for 12 years, I would like to endorse her candidacy for the Welches School board, position 5.

As long as I have known Mary Ann Burke she has generously offered her time and talent in working with the youth of our community.

She and her husband Ed are the parents of five children. Besides being a qualified parent, Mary Ann is a qualified educator and community leader.

A vote for Mary Ann Burke is an investment in the future of the children of our community.

Caryn A. Priest  
Welches

## Number wrong on teachers

I would like to correct any misconceptions possibly created by erroneous information printed in the front-page article of last week's Sandy Post. The correct number of full-time teachers hired by the district is 62.8 plus 9.5 department heads and supervisors who teach part time. We do not have 109 teachers teaching 1,160 students as the article stated.

Georgia C. Lenon  
Communications Department  
Sandy Union High School  
The article should have said the Sandy High School District has 109 employees. We regret the error.

## Lenchitsky is concerned

Terry Lenchitsky should be re-elected to the Sandy High School board. Terry is concerned about the boys and girls of our schools. Terry is concerned about the taxpayers' burden. He has the knowledge and the courage to cope with these problems with fairness to all concerned.

Ivan Barker  
Sandy

## Marilyn Leslie is committed

Marilyn Leslie is running for position number 4 on the Welches School board. As a pre-school teacher for the Mt. Hood Pre-School Co-op, I have known her and her family for several years since all her children have gone through the pre-school program.

Marilyn has become recognized for her firm commitment and responsibility in any task she undertakes. She has been involved in many aspects of the community and has earned the respect of all who have worked with her.

I would urge you to give her your vote for this position.

Jana Dyal  
Brightwood

## Lenchitsky's record good

After reviewing Terry Lenchitsky's record on the high school board, we find he is energetic, knowledgeable, and dedicated to making Sandy High School an institution of which students and patrons can be proud.

Terry deserves a vote of thanks for his past work on the board and a vote of confidence by re-electing him to the position.

When we have a person of such willingness and talent, let's keep him. Vote for Terry Lenchitsky!

Mel and Edna Haneberg  
Sandy

## Lenchitsky man for job

I would like to add my voice in support of Terry Lenchitsky, a candidate for a position on the high school board.

Terry has a deep concern for the youth of our area and is willing to take the time and effort needed for the position. I have found his integrity to be without question, he is enthusiastic and is clearly the best man for the job.

Darrell Dempster  
Sandy

## Drama students say thanks

The Cedar Ridge drama club held a car wash at Sandy Oil Co. on Proctor Boulevard last weekend. Despite the bad weather, the car wash was a big success. The money raised will help finance the play "One Mad Night" April 4 and 5, and provide for a cast and crew party after the final performance. The proceeds from the play will be used to reinstate the track and field program at Cedar Ridge.

On behalf of the 35 students that participated, we would like to thank everyone who brought their car, van or truck through our car wash. Special thanks to those who donated over \$2 to the cost of the car wash.

A BIG thank you to Sandy Oil Co. for donating the use of their lot and their automatic car wash at a cost of only 25 cents per car to pay for the power used to run it.

Pam Gracia and Kate Cook  
Sandy

## Where to write

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