

# Editorial & Opinion

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## Re-elect Doty to Sandy High board

We urge voters to re-elect Jeanne Doty to the Sandy Union High School board of directors. Doty's experience is simply too valuable to waste.

She has spent 43 years as a teacher, counselor and middle school principal. That experience in education might scare some people off, but the impression one gets from her is that she is in tune with her neighbors, that she is conservative.

Having served four years on the board, she is knowledgeable about the issues. Experience as a board member cannot be downplayed; she has handled herself well in tough positions as board chairwoman this year.

There are other traits that cause us to support Doty. She is intelligent and she has integrity. The public trust is in good hands with her on the board.

We also gave serious thought to Roland Cartisser's candidacy. Cartisser has proved to be a bit of a thorn in the side to past administrators, but it got results. Cartisser was determined that SUHS board members hear him out about questionable electrical wiring in the building, and after facing a good deal of skepticism — he might call it stonewalling — the problems are being taken care of.

He also has a history of public service that is impressive, including work on committees that advise advanced educational institutes. As an electrician and local businessman, he has spent plenty of time in the classroom himself. He is also chairman of the Inside Electrician Apprenticeship Committee, which certifies electricians according to state standards.

Cartisser has regularly attended board meetings and budget committee meetings the past year and a half. Rest assured he knows what the issues are.

We believe John McMahan when he says he does not have an ax to grind with the SUHS district. A former principal at the high school, McMahan's door was always open to students.

Despite his concern for the education of young people, there is something unsettling about having former employees on the SUHS board. For that reason we cannot recommend a vote for McMahan.

Larry Toppliff's concern for the image of Sandy High School is admirable. He has some good qualities and is mature beyond his years. However, we would like to see him serve on budget or advisory committees before he takes on as weighty a responsibility as serving on the Sandy High School board.

This election offers voters a lot of choice. Regardless of the outcome the candidates will most likely continue to be involved in community activities.

We think Jeanne Doty is the clear choice as the best representative and urge voters to mark their ballots for her.

## Vote for Lenon in grade school race

We urge voters to mark their ballots for Bill Lenon in the Sandy Elementary District board race.

Lenon has served on the budget committee for two years and has followed the business of the board for the past six years.

Frankly, we expected Lenon to be a candidate long before this. We think he would be a good one.

Lenon is well aware of the public's concern for rising property taxes, and he knows just how difficult it is to win the public's support when it comes to financial measures.

But he is also a champion of education and should prove popular with the handful of people who regularly follow the board's business.

Lenon isn't the kind of person to shoot from the hip and his reasoned approach would be of value to the district, which faces some tough issues in the coming years. One, of course, is stable financing. But another is the need for classroom space — an issue with the potential to split this community.

Sharon Clarke is a nice person with a concern for children. However, we are concerned about people who attend only a few meetings and then run for the board.

Clarke is primarily a one-issue candidate. She wants the Sandy Elementary District to have a kindergarten. Kindergarten is mandated to begin in 1989, a fact Clarke is aware of.

What she may not be aware of is that the board regularly discusses the need for kindergarten, but puts it on a back burner as it whittles down the budget in an attempt to find a levy the public will support.

Clarke said she now has the time to serve and wants to get involved. She has already begun to fulfill that commitment by joining the superintendent search committee.

However, we believe Lenon is clearly the best choice for a position on the Sandy Elementary District board of directors.

## Policy on letters

Letters to the editor should be typed, double-spaced and signed. An address and telephone number should also be provided, although only the name of the letter writer and the city or area he is from will be published.

Letter writers may also wish to include a title or office held if it is appropriate considering the subject matter of the letter.

The news deadline of noon Tuesday

is also the deadline for letters to the editor.

Letters should be accurate, free of libelous remarks and in good taste. This newspaper attempts to publish all letters it receives from area residents.

We reserve the right to edit letters to conform to style guidelines or for length. Letters should be 300 words long.

## Where to write

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## Letters to the editor

### Burke supports the three R's

I voted for MaryAnn Burke last time and I'll vote for her again. If more people would listen to Ed and MaryAnn Burke, we'd have a better school at Welches.

If insisting on a basic, three R's, academic education without a lot of new-fangled programs means you're "radical," if holding a hard line on the budget so taxes won't be raised 30 percent is "radical," then I will vote for the "radical" MaryAnn Burke.

Mary J. Senger  
Welches

### Doty considerate of the taxpayer

I would like to urge support for Jeanne Doty for the SUHS board of directors, position number 4.

As the incumbent, she has set high educational standards, has been considerate of the taxpayer in the execution of her duties and has kept lines of communication open with all residents of the district.

Jeanne's 43 years in the educational system illustrates her dedication to our area schools.

A vote for Jeanne Doty is a vote for the kids of SUHS!

Judy Koch  
Welches

### Enna's remarks called unfair

This is in response to the March 12 letter from Welches board member Dave Enna. Dave's remarks about three members on the Welches board are not facts, but his prejudiced opinion. His statement is just another derogatory remark aimed at MaryAnn Burke.

MaryAnn Burke, Dawn Morrison and Marilyn Leslie have worked hard and have done research before voting on critical issues. They do not vote as a group and the records will prove this. These three ladies seem to be the only board members who truly represent the Welches community. They have worked hard against the administration puppets.

It is unfortunate that Dave cannot work with his fellow board members. I am looking forward to the time Dave can stop slinging mud and work with the other board members for excellence and accountability at Welches School.

It is interesting to note that the majority of support and financial backing for Jeri McMahan's campaign has come from the staff at Welches School. Do we want a board member who is an advocate for the school staff or one who represents the taxpayers? We need MaryAnn Burke. Vote to re-elect MaryAnn Burke.

Jan Lake  
Rhododendron

### Jeri McMahan is dedicated

I would like to inform people of the qualities and qualifications of one of the candidates for the Welches School board, Jeri McMahan.

Jeri has already proved herself a dedicated and responsible organizer in the area of primary education, as well as playing a significant role in community service activities.

Some of Jeri's recent contributions include: president of the Parent-Teacher Organization; president of the Mount Hood Pre-school Co-operative; and organizer of Spook Alley, the community Halloween fair.

The reason I want her for a school board member is because she is a true representative of the community. She has the desire and ability to function as a conduit of information from the community to the school,



and from the school to the community.

She is willing to listen to the needs of the community with regard to improving and shaping the course of the educational agenda that is the mainstay of our children's future as participants in higher education. This is no small task!

In preparing to write this article I spoke with Jeri about her ambition to serve as a school board member. When I asked how she saw her role in this capacity, she said, "I consider this an opportunity to represent the community. To be a listening ear and a voice reflecting not my own private agenda, but a valid representation of the varying goals and interests of the citizens in our community."

In closing let me point out that Jeri is herself the mother of four beautiful children and as such has an intensely vested interest in making a valuable contribution to our educational process and progress.

In addition to this, the budgetary demands that her tenure as PTO president and Pre-school president required gives her a realistic blend of fiscal common sense.

As you can see, I truly believe that Jeri McMahan is the right person for the Welches School board position.

Paula M. Walker  
Brightwood

### MaryAnn Burke best candidate

Of the two candidates running for the Welches School board, MaryAnn Burke is the candidate we would like to see elected. MaryAnn will vote to continue a quality educational program, but will only support a program the voters in our district can afford.

She feels that the budget increase of 16½ percent proposed by our school district is excessive.

We will be returning our ballots with votes to re-elect MaryAnn Burke. After examining the positions taken by the candidates, we hope that you also will vote for MaryAnn.

Martin and Beverly Frank  
Sandy

### Remember book 'Changing Bodies'

It is time again to vote for a Sandy Union High School board member. More importantly, we have to remember how Jeanne Doty responded to the concerns of parents and taxpayers. She is one of the board members who voted to keep the book "Changing Bodies, Changing Lives."

This book is nothing more than a how-to manual that encourages teenagers to indulge in sexual ex-

perimentation.

We need board members who want the best for the students in our community, not materials that are obscene. I was really disappointed that Jeanne Doty would vote to keep that kind of material for use by students. I would expect better from those who are the leaders in our community.

We need a change.

Robert Shaw  
Sandy

### Welches needs MaryAnn Burke

Judging from the unfavorable reports about the level of education our school children have received, the country is in dire need of re-evaluating and making drastic corrections in our school systems.

It is apparent that we need better discipline, more emphasis on academic achievement, especially in the fundamental three R's and less emphasis on extra-curricular and social activities.

Progressive education, a la John Dewey, et al, has been a failure; it is high time to effect the required corrections.

I firmly support MaryAnn Burke and Marilyn Leslie in their efforts as Welches School board members, to begin, like charity, here at home.

I respectfully submit to the voters of our area that MaryAnn should be returned to the board in the coming election in order that she may continue her effort to insure that a more effective education be provided to the school children of the community without the outrageous tax increases proposed by some.

A.P. Wilson  
Welches

### Ignore rumors; vote for Burke

MaryAnn Burke has served Welches School well since being elected to the school board last July. If you review the minutes of this year's board meetings, you will find that MaryAnn has voted conscientiously and independently on the many issues facing the board each month.

There seems to be a (loud) whisper campaign suggesting she is a part of a "clique," mindlessly joining in on the votes which only promote that clique's point of view. Unfortunately, if something is repeated often enough, however untrue, some people accept it as fact.

An informed, intelligent voter needs to look past the whispers and at the actual record.

MaryAnn, a mother of five, has

always been interested in anything to do with children. She worked for 10 years with the Mount Hood Pre-school Co-op, taught at Welches and is helping this year with the first grade reading program. She has been a soccer coach and is involved with the "Mighty Mites" ski program. She has been active with the P.T.O. and volunteers regularly to help with vision and hearing screenings, picture day and other activities.

MaryAnn was attending board meetings before she ran for a seat and is well informed on board procedures and responsibilities.

MaryAnn is visible and active in our community. Talk to her! She welcomes all input, and balancing that with her own information and common sense, she does one heck of a good job on the Welches School board.

Vicki Kramer  
Welches

### McMahan choice for Welches

Jeri McMahan is a candidate for a position on the Welches School board. I have known Jeri for several years as an officer of the Mount Hood Pre-school and the Welches Parent Teacher Organization.

Jeri is concerned about education and is an involved, contributing member of our community. I believe she would serve on the school board without any past grudges or hidden agendas and that her primary concern would be for the children of Welches School District.

I support Jeri and urge all voters to cast their ballots on March 31st.

Marjorie Wicks  
Rhododendron

### Doty serves with distinction

Jeanne Doty, a member of the Sandy High School board, has served our community with distinction.

Because of her dedication, she is recognized as a leader with integrity and a genuine concern for our youth, school personnel and the taxpayers of this district.

Jeanne's re-election to the high school board will help provide the stability which is essential for the direction of our high school during these difficult times. There is no substitute for experience. We encourage voters to re-elect Jeanne Doty.

Robert and Mildred Graves  
Sandy

### by Adam Kraft

### Bobcats

