**LWVSJ Observer Corps\* Notes: SJI School Board, October 26**

A member of the public addressed the **School Improvement Plans**, urging the Board to discard the current Lucy Calkins curriculum in the K-5 grades for science- based structured reading.

**Superintendent’s Report:** Superintendent Wood said he wanted to include **student representation at the school board meetings** and introduced a Junior who was the ASB VP who will attend meetings going forward, and a freshmen representative. The student rep noted this weekend is **homecoming.**

Superintendents from county schools went to Olympia recently and met with state supt. Reykdal about **school funding.** The meeting was a bit optimistic, as Rekhdal suggested working with state reps to get **specific relief on revenue caps for high cost of living areas and possibly islands.** Woods will contact Ramel and others.

The Board approved the **School Improvements Plans** after discussion about elementary reading curriculum, which retains Calkins but supplements it with science-based programs Fundations in K-3 and Wilson structured reading. Test scores are now beginning to improve. Woods noted all curriculums have gaps; the key is identifying and filling the gaps for a balanced approached.

In overview on **capital projects** the following had been **completed:** Griffin Bay roof, **tennis courts,** CCC carpeting, science flooring, Stuart roof, and **gym LED lighting.** The gym project will result in **electric bill saving of 40%** for that building. The Stuart school roof opens the possibility of renting the building out for events.

The Science building renovation is on hold due to lack of contractors. **Up next** are **parking lot** paving and **football field and track** improvements.

**Enrollment** started the year a bit lower than projected, but 4 new students came on by end of September. The **beginning General Fund Balance** will be close to the projected $1.6 million.