**LWVSJ Observer Corps\* Notes: SJI School Board, March 27, 2023**

Student representative Rylee Drew reported the **prom is scheduled for April 24**. She **cast advisory votes** for the first time on several board resolutions, a practice authorized last month.

Representatives of the **elementary school student council** reported recent activities including an all-school assembly. They showed a **video featuring a sing-a-long by all 350 students** and staff in matching t-shirts.

Superintendent Fred Woods reported on the **STEM building art addition** progress, including approval of a $17,000 contract addition for a hazardous material storage area.

The Board approved the **2023-24 Calendar. The first day of school will be August 31.**

The Board acknowledged **donations from the San Juan Public Schools Foundation ($20,000) and United way ($500).**

The Board approved the scheduled purchase of a **new bus.** The $204,847 vehicle will be **delivered in 2025.** Legislative impacts on next year’s budget are in limbo, pending the end of the legislative session.

 Board members are active with the Washington State School Directors Association and small schools working group working to ensure that small schools have an equitable voice in State decisions affecting schools.

Board member T.J. Heller will represent the district at a regional meeting on April 20.

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