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On the topic of MA's request for funds from the 1999 MLO, Hawkins said that according to her research MA was not included in the ballot initiative, and that she wanted to honor the people who voted on the issue in 1999.

**Brofft comments on Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, other topics**

Brofft commended the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce for its engagement with the school district, noting the efforts of the Business Advisory Council and the Student Career Awareness Fair.

Brofft mentioned that she and Director of Assessment and Gifted Education Lori Benton had testified regarding a bill sponsored by Rep. Terri Carver that would have given school districts more freedom to choose which assessments they preferred, but the bill did not pass.

Brofft reported on the Parent Resource Night held March 7, which provided information concerning proper and safe use of the Internet, cyberbullying, the role of counseling staff, and a variety of other topics.

Brofft also mentioned that the district had worked with the vendor of the Early Literacy Assessment Tool to improve its data privacy, that the district is participating

in a language program that would fund the hosting of a teacher from China, and that staffing and contract negotiations are currently underway. She emphasized that staffing decisions are often driven by the unique and sometimes complex needs of specific students, and not by things like the number of students.

Finally, Brofft noted a board coffee for D-38 staff was scheduled for April 14, and a coffee for the community was scheduled for May 4.

**Board continues revision of policy**

The board continued the discussion of the policies governing how it should operate that began in previous meetings. Three policies—BDB-Board Officers, BE-School Board Meetings, and BEC-Executive Sessions—were approved with little discussion. But a fourth policy intended to address board members who violate the district's policies provoked a lengthy debate.

At issue were portions of policy BAA-R-Process for Addressing Board Member Violations that specified board members would withhold final judgment on issues until they were presented to the entire board in a public meeting, that individual board members would respect the legitimacy of the board as a whole, and that board members should make every effort to present a positive image of the district.

Clawson said he thought a code of conduct for the board was a good idea, but he thought portions of policy BAA-R as written might discourage frank communication between board members.

Sampayo argued that policy BAA-R as written did not reflect the values of some in the community, could suppress free speech, and encouraged board members to

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