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Lyn,

The respect is mutual, Lyn. Thank you for the kind words.

About "yahoos"; folks have been scarred by the events of the past. Those folks (both inside and outside the school system) will need time to heal. I embrace a positive approach to the future of the BCSD, but we must understand the events of the past in order to avoid repeating them in the future.

As such, I continue to welcome the "hard questions" regarding the BCSD's finances past, present, and future. Our new Board will need to develop thick skin (if they don't already possess it) to address the concerns that continue to surface in the wake of the previous administration.