

# **BOARD BUSINESS BRIEFING . August 18, 2009**

Yakima Public Schools District Number 7

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Yakima Public Schools met August 18, 2009, at Central Services Conference Rooms A and B, for their monthly business meeting, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance. A brief summary of the meeting follows.

## **REPORTS**

**Teaching and Learning – August Professional Development** – Cece Mahre, Associate Superintendent, reported on Summer 2009 professional development that provided a wide variety of trainings for teachers and administrators.

**Members of the Board** – Martha Rice represented the Washington State School Directors Association at OSPI's Starting Strong Conference. The State Board of Education (SBE) group is working on a proposal to refine Washington's accountability framework.

## **BOARD POLICY ACTIVITY**

**Comments from the Public on Agenda Items** – Vickie Dwight, YEA President, invited the board to attend YEA's annual barbeque on August 31 and welcomed Dr. Beraza to the district on behalf of YEA.

## **OTHER**

**Consent Agenda** – Resolution 08.08.09 Transfer Debt Service Fund Investment Earnings to the General Fund was approved, in addition to the standard monthly business items (Minutes, Notification of Warrants, Financials, and Personnel Actions).

**Approved: Permission to Approve Architect and Engineering Selection for the Eisenhower High School Replacement Project** – Following an extensive selection process, the team of KDF Architecture Inc. of Yakima and NAC Architecture of Spokane were selected to provide architecture and engineering services for the Eisenhower replacement project.

**Approved: Resolution 09.08.09 'Unleashed' Cooperative Agreement with ESD 105** – The cooperative agreement provides for selected high school students from across the valley to submit articles for the 'Unleashed' section of the Yakima Herald-Republic newspaper.

**2008-09 Debt Service Fund Budget Extension** – The Debt Service Fund had unexpected expenditures in the current year as a result of the Facilities Bond and the subsequent bond sale, requiring a 2008-09 Debt Service Fund Budget Extension. **Public Hearing:** The Public Hearing opened at 8:11 p.m. No one came forward with comments. The Public Hearing closed at 8:12 p.m. **Approved:** Resolution 10.08.09 2008-09 Debt Service Fund Budget Extension

**Presentation: 2009-10 Budget** – The 2009-10 budget was developed with a focus to maintain the current programs and staffing model despite reductions from state and federal dollars. Dr. Beraza emphasized that, with the state budget posture, it is laudable that the district has a fund balance that gives flexibility. Ms. Ybarra thanked all staff who worked hard to finalize the budget through this state budget crisis.

**Public Hearing: 2009-10 Budget** – The Public Hearing opened at 8:52 p.m. One individual had questions related to enrollment projections, Special Education budget, and I-728 funding. Mr. Izutsu addressed the questions and offered to provide reports that give specific line-item amounts for the funds. The Public Hearing closed at 9:11 p.m.

**Approved: Resolution 11.08.09 Adoption of 2009-10 Budget** – Martha Rice read Resolution 11.08.09 Adoption of the 2009-10 Budget for the viewing public and the record.

**Second Opportunity for Comments from the Public** – A teacher referred to the challenges of using AYP and varied state standards across the nation to measure student achievement. It is important to consider the many other measures that show YSD students are achieving, including our SAT scores that are the highest in the country. A community member credited Dr. Beraza for her August 17 interview on Radio KIT.