

The Board of Directors of the Yakima Public Schools met December 1, 2006, at Yakima School District Central Services, Conference Rooms A and B, 104 N. 4th Avenue, Yakima, Washington. This meeting was advertised as required by law.

Present were: Vickie Ybarra, President; John Vornbrock, Vice President; Martha Rice; Raymond Navarro, Jr.; and Walt Ranta, members; and Benjamin A. Soria, Superintendent. Others in attendance were Jack Irion, Cece Mahre, Scott Izutsu, Becky Scholl, and Sharon Surbrook.

President Vickie Ybarra called the meeting to order at approximately 8:36 a.m.

Discussion

1. Policy Governance – Policy Development and Training

Connie Fletcher facilitated the policy development process for transition to Policy Governance. Templates for Policy Governance Ends policies were provided, and under Ms. Fletcher's guidance throughout the day, the board and superintendent studied, revised, and finalized wording for each policy to fit their goals for the district. Policy types and related policies discussed at the meeting are listed below. Each policy will be reviewed and revised again prior to future First Reading.

Policy Type: Ends 1.0

1.0 Suggested Placeholder - This global policy holds the board's previous intentions in place while it sets out on the task of exploring and adopting actual Ends policies. The board agreed that the Goals, Vision, and some of the Targets of the district's Roadmap will be used to set the framework for Ends Policy 1.0.

Policy Type: Executive Limitations 2.0 - These policies describe the 'means' decisions, actions or circumstances that the board would find unacceptable, even if effective.

2.0 Global Executive Constraint – This is the broadest policy in the Executive Limitations policy category. Further Executive Limitations policies merely narrow the provisions of this policy.

2.1 Treatment of Students and Their Parents or Guardians

2.2 Working Environment of Staff

2.3 Financial Condition and Activities –

Item 3: Scott Izutsu, Assistant Superintendent of Business Support Services, suggested an additional study session be held for review. He will provide information needed to finalize this item.

2.4 Financial Planning/Budgeting

2.5 Asset Protection

2.6 Facilities

2.7 Emergency Superintendent Succession

2.8 Compensation and Benefits

2.9 Communication and Support to the Board

Policy Type: Governance Process 3.0

3.0 Global Governance Commitment – The purpose of the board, on behalf of the Yakima Community, is to assure that the Yakima School District achieves appropriate results for all students at an appropriate cost (as specified in Board Ends policies), while avoiding unacceptable actions and situations (as prohibited in Board Executive Limitations policies.)

3.1 Governing Style -

Item 3: Add the board's current Board Meeting Protocol to this item.

Item 10 (Added): 'The board will observe the confidentiality of executive sessions.

Discussions held in executive session are not to be discussed with anyone else other than the board members and the superintendent.'

3.2 Board Job Description

3.3 Agenda Planning

2. Adjournment

At 5:03 p.m., there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Signature on File
Vickie Ybarra, Board President

Signature on File
Benjamin A. Soria, Secretary to the Board