

BOARD BRIEFING..... December 4, 2009

Yakima Public Schools District Number 7

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Yakima Public Schools met December 4, 2009, in the Central Services Professional Library, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance. A brief summary of the meeting follows.

Oath of Office – Dr. Beraza administered the Oath of Office to Jim Scoggins, Board Position Number 1, and Walt Ranta, Board Position Number 2.

Ready by Five Presentation/Discussion – Dr. Helen Marieskind, Ready by Five Executive Director, provided a brief overview of the activities Ready by Five is currently doing. She reported the Educare facility will not be built at this time as originally planned, impacted by the current economic climate and federal funding reductions. Various options are being considered to create other opportunities in Yakima for early readiness programs.

2008-09 Year-End Fiscal Report – Scott Izutsu, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented the 2008-09 Fiscal Year-End Report, noting the positive fund balance as a result of efforts started a year ago to reduce programs in order to meet state and federal funding reduction impacts. The overview of the state budget situation from the Office of Financial Management was reviewed. Mr. Izutsu provided three scenarios of potential budget impacts, each dependent on the level of deficits that won't be known until after the January legislative session. The district has put in place a process to gather input from the staff toward budget planning.

Selection of New Construction in Lieu of Modernization Option for Eisenhower High School Project – This item was provided in preparation for approval of Resolution 07.09.10 at the December 15 business meeting. A district with space eligible for modernization may elect to replace such space through new construction in lieu of modernization.

Pre-Approval Discussion on Board Rating – Report 1000.2.9 EL Communication and Support to the Board – President Ybarra reported all five board members rated the superintendent as compliant on all points. The rating will be moved to December 15 for approval.

Issues of Board Interest –

- Dr. Beraza reported the January Spanish Parent Forum has been moved to Saturday, March 20, and revised to be an all-day event. It will be conducted in English and Spanish and open to the public.
- The board discussed Martha Rice's travel to the Federal Relations Network (FRN) Annual Conference. They agreed to move the item forward for approval at the business meeting.
- John Vornbrock indicated interest in an informal discussion regarding student representation on the board.
- Walt Ranta noted there will be a 3% increase in annual dues for WSSDA.

Pre-Approval Discussion on Board Report – President Ybarra reported all five board members rated the superintendent as compliant on all points for both reports. The board agreed to move the reports forward for approval at the December 15 business meeting.

- Board Report 1000.4.2 B/SL Accountability of the Superintendent
- Board Report 1000.4.3 B/SL Delegation to the Superintendent

Introductions –

Policy 1000.4.4 B/SL Monitoring Superintendent Performance – This item will be rescheduled for a future board meeting.