

BOARD BRIEFING..... February 19, 2010

Yakima Public Schools District Number 7

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Yakima Public Schools met February 19, 2010, in the Central Services Professional Library, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance. A brief summary of the meeting follows.

Community Linkages for Roadmap Planning – The board used this opportunity to review their work toward Community Linkages this school year. Past community linkages provided input to the board directly from community members. The board also discussed the need to revise the 2007-10 Roadmap, targeting completion of their work and communication of the results to the district by mid-summer.

NSBA's National Conference – Martha Rice represents the Pacific Region on the National School Board Association (NSBA) Resolutions and Policy committee and is expected to attend the delegate assembly just prior to the NSBA National Conference in Chicago. The board agreed that her attendance provides opportunity to be more aware of national-level policies and that this board, region and state will benefit. Approval for her travel will be scheduled for the February 23 business meeting.

Issues of Board Interest –

- Dr. Beraza, three YSD superintendents and Vicki Dwight, YEA president, will travel to Olympia on March 2 to meet with key legislative representatives.
- Dr. Beraza reported on activity related to the School Improvement Grant (SIG) and the state's preliminary identification of Tier 1 schools eligible to apply.
- Dr. Beraza reported that, in the district's evaluation of the alternative school programs and in consideration of the budget, it has been determined to not renew the SOA facility contract and to move revamped programs to Stanton Academy for the next school year.

Pre-Approval Discussion on Board Reports – Discussion at this meeting was centered on the review of the rating surveys the board had completed to determine their compliance with the following policies:

- Policy 1000.3.0 GP *Global Governance Commitment*
- Policy 1000.3.1 GP *Governing Style*
- Policy 1000.3.2 GP *Board Job Description*
- Policy 1000.3.3 GP *Agenda Planning*

Work Study Session -Policy Governance – Consultant Connie Fletcher met with the board for continued work to refine the Policy Governance process. The board determined potential groups for Community Linkages and what information they need to gather for their revision work on the 2007-10 Roadmap.