

The Board of Directors of the Yakima Public Schools met February 2, 2007, at Yakima School District Central Services, Professional Library, 104 N. 4th Avenue, Yakima, Washington. This meeting was advertised as required by law.

Present were: Vickie Ybarra, President; John Vornbrock, Vice President; Raymond Navarro, Jr., and Walt Ranta, members; and Benjamin A. Soria, Superintendent. Others in attendance were Cece Mahre, Scott Izutsu, Mary Beth Wright, Becky Scholl, Sharon Surbrook, and other members of the staff and community. Martha Rice, Board Member, was excused from the meeting to attend Leadership WSSDA. Also excused from the meeting for out-of-town commitments were Jack Irion, Deputy Superintendent, and Rick Doehle, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources.

President Vickie Ybarra called the meeting to order at approximately 8:00 a.m.

Discussion

1. Review Policy Governance Policies

The board discussed specific questions and suggestions submitted since the First Reading of policy governance policies at the December 12 business meeting. The intent was to review a portion of the policies in detail at this meeting and the remainder at the February 9 meeting. Participants reviewed suggested changes and a grid that listed details of all submitted suggestions and questions along with the board president's recommendation and/or response. The board discussed each suggestion prior to agreeing on revisions to the policies. Revisions included clarifying language submitted by the district's legal advisor, Rocky Jackson. Cece Mahre, Associate Superintendent, provided unexcused absences and graduation-rate information that was incorporated in the Ends/Outcomes policy. The revisions set for the Ends/Outcomes policy will be reflected on the updated version of the district's Roadmap, scheduled to be updated this coming summer. The board will review the remainder of the policies in preparation for continued discussion the following week.

Policies are targeted for Second Reading at the February 13 business meeting. The board will consider any questions and suggestions submitted prior to that date. Vickie Ybarra's presentation on policy governance to the Management Team on February 6 will be videotaped and televised. Viewing times will be communicated to staff and community members and input to the board from both groups is encouraged. It was also clarified that the transition to policy governance was initiated and driven by the board, not the superintendent. Vicki Dwight, YEA President, thanked President Ybarra for providing opportunities to discuss the policies one-on-one with her.

2. Issues of Board Interest

- The Board Meeting and Events Calendar was reviewed.
- March 16 was announced as the date for the Higher Education Community Linkage.
- Community input given to the board at Community Linkages is being recorded and transcribed. Linkage debriefings will be scheduled at future board meetings to provide opportunity for the board to discuss and consider the input.

3. Adjournment

At 8:45 a.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