

# **BOARD BRIEFING.....February 5, 2010**

Yakima Public Schools District Number 7

Board of Directors

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The Board of Directors of the Yakima Public Schools met February 5, 2010, in the Central Services Professional Library, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance. A brief summary of the meeting follows.

**Facilities Construction Update** – Superintendent Beraza provided the Eisenhower High School construction project update, currently in the schematic design stage. Input gathered from staff meetings, community forums, the superintendent’s cabinet and the Coordination and Communications Team resulted in the current approximate footprint.

**Pre-Approval Discussion on Board Rating** –

- Report 1000.2.6 EL Public Access to Facilities
- Report 1000.2.7 EL Emergency Superintendent Succession

Ratings for each of the two reports rated the superintendent as compliant in all areas.

**Issues of Board Interest** –

- Basketball tournament dates will be taken into consideration in the future when scheduling February business meetings to avoid conflicts.
- The board will have a Policy Governance work study on February 19 with Connie Fletcher.
- Dr. Beraza informed the board that the state would announce in the next few weeks a preliminary listing of schools identified as Tier 1, which are those not meeting benchmarks by redefined state categories.

**Introductions** –

Policy 1000.3.0 GP Global Governance Commitment – Included in this policy is delegation of the 2000-6000 policies to the superintendent. Dr. Beraza reported on the conversion of the policies to operational procedures and clarified that, when appropriate, the revisions will go out for review and feedback to specific groups that are impacted.

Policy 1000.3.1 GP Governing Style – The guidelines for board members in this policy are voluntary restrictions for the board that they have agreed to in order to build trust and concentrate on proactive rather than reactive actions.

Policy 1000.3.2 GP Board Job Description – The board is to represent the community and lead the organization by determining and requiring appropriate and excellent organizational performance. It distinguishes the board’s own unique job from the jobs of the superintendent and staff.

Policy 1000.3.3 GP Agenda Planning – The board plans and follows an annual policy review cycle to accomplish its work, including consideration of topics for professional development, Community Linkages and Teaching and Learning reports.

The next step is for the board to complete the online rating survey for the four policies introduced at this meeting.

**Pre-Approval Discussion on Board Report** –

Policy 1000.4.4 B/SL Monitoring Superintendent Performance – The policy monitoring schedule in Policy 1000.4.4 will be revised to reflect board changes to the recurrence of Reports 1000.2.3 and 1000.2.4 over the past year.