

# **BOARD BUSINESS BRIEFING .... July 28, 2009**

Yakima Public Schools District Number 7

Board of Directors

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The Board of Directors of the Yakima Public Schools met July 28, 2009, at Central Services Conference Rooms A and B, for their monthly business meeting, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance. A brief summary of the meeting follows.

## **REPORTS**

**Members of the Board** – Walt Ranta, Legislative Representative for Region 8, reported on his attendance at committee meetings in preparation for WSSDA's Legislative Assembly to be held in late September.

**Superintendent Update** – Superintendent Beraza reported she has met with many community and staff members since her arrival in early July. She has found Yakima is a wonderful community. She considers this her time of learning.

## **BOARD POLICY ACTIVITY**

**Second Reading and Approved: Governance Process: Policy 1000.3.2 Board Job Description, Policy 1000.3.4 Board President's Role, Policy 1000.3.5 Board Member's Code of Conduct, and Policy 1000.3.8 Cost of Governance** – The four policies were brought before the board for First Reading at the board's June 16 business meeting. Since then, interested parties had opportunity for input.

**Approved: Report 1000.2.3 Financial Condition and Activities – May 2009** – President Ybarra reported the board receives quarterly reports on the district's financial activities. This report was presented to them at their June 12 meeting and was followed by the board's rating for compliance.

## **OTHER**

**Consent Agenda** – In addition to the approval of the standard monthly business items (Minutes, Notification of Warrants, Financials, and Personnel Actions), the following was approved: Permission to Participate in the Puget Sound Joint Purchasing Cooperative (PSJPC) Interlocal Agreement. The Interlocal Agreement allows the PSJPC to solicit bids for grocery, cleaning and paper products on behalf of the Yakima School District and approximately eighty (80) other school districts to take advantage of volume discounts.

**2009-10 Budget Update** – Scott Izutsu, Assistant Superintendent of Business Support Services, reported the 09-10 preliminary budget, filed on July 10, has been updated and could not be ready in time for this meeting. The final 09-10 budget will be presented to the board at their August 14 meeting and is on track for approval at the August 18 business meeting. A Public Hearing will also be provided on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Approved: Resolution 07.08.09 Unlimited Tax General Obligation and Refunding Bonds, 2009** – Mr. Izutsu referred to the facilities bond passed by the voters on May 19, 2009. Jon Gores, Senior Vice President of D.A. Davidson & Co., reviewed the steps taken for the issuance of the bonds since the board last met in June and reported all goals were achieved with the agreements for today's bond sales in the amount of \$50 million. David Thompson, Bond Counsel with K&L Gates LLP, presented Resolution 07.08.09, explaining it is a typical resolution for a bond sale and reflects the district's agreement to accept the offer and move forward with the signing of the bond purchase agreement. Martha Rice read Resolution 07.08.09 into the record. President Ybarra noted that a construction strategy will be developed, reviewed, and then presented to the public to inform them how they can be involved in the planning process.

**Comments from the Public** – A community member welcomed Dr. Beraza and extended his best wishes for her time in Yakima.