

# **BOARD BRIEFING..... June 26, 2009**

Yakima Public Schools District Number 7

Board of Directors

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The Board of Directors of the Yakima Public Schools met June 26, 2009, in the Central Services Professional Library, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance. A brief summary of the meeting follows.

**Yakima Association of Paraeducators Video** – The board viewed a brief WEA-produced video with testimonies by YSD paraeducators about a living wage.

**Presentations – Executive Limitations: Revised Report 1000.2.5-I Asset Protection** – Jack Irion, Deputy Superintendent, reviewed the revised report reflecting the board’s recommendation at their June 12 meeting to add references to the purchase of insurance coverage. There was further discussion and requests for clarification on bonding of employees. If necessary, the report will be revised prior to moving it forward for rating.

**Issues of Board Interest** –

- Martha Rice reported on follow-up from WSSDA about the proposals the board had submitted. The board agreed to take WSSDA’s option to move the proposal forward for the WSSDA handbook. All other proposals from Yakima received ‘do pass.’
- Raymond Navarro Jr. asked about YV-TECH construction project Phase II funding. It was suggested he speak to Bruce Mortimer or Craig Dwight for information.

**Work Study Session** –

- **Board Professional Development** – The board reviewed the Board Development column on the 2009-10 Policy Governance Planning Calendar, noting conferences board members attend as professional development opportunities. Ms. Ybarra can put out a survey to board members for feedback on their suggestions for professional development. Connie Fletcher, Policy Governance consultant, will be asked to consider providing a work study session with the board and the superintendent and to be on call as needed for Policy Governance consultation throughout the year.
- **Board Self-Evaluation – Collection of Governance Process (GP) and Board/Superintendent Linkage (B/SL) Monitoring** – The board reviewed a listing of their monitoring of GP and B/S Linkage policies, including the dates the reports were given and approval dates of ratings. Discussion at this meeting was to take a broad look at the Policy Governance process followed this past year. President Ybarra stated the process played out as it was intended; the board is tailoring some of the processes to meet the needs of this district, including opportunities for board discussion on the ratings. There was discussion regarding how the board works together to maintain teamwork. The Roadmap comes up for revision in 2010; community feedback will be sought through linkages held during the 2010-11 school year. One of the board’s key jobs this coming year will be support of Dr. Elaine Beraza, incoming superintendent.
- **Review of Policy Governance Calendar for the 2009-10 School Year** – The calendar was reviewed and updated for the 2009-10 school year.