

BOARD BRIEFING..... June 5, 2009

Yakima Public Schools District Number 7

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Yakima Public Schools met June 5, 2009, in the Central Services Professional Library, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance. A brief summary of the meeting follows.

Develop Community Linkage Question for Next Year – President Ybarra opened the discussion about what topics to address through community linkages this coming year. Following discussion, it was agreed to develop a question at a later date for the community linkages that is related to feedback on the Roadmap.

Graduation Data Discussion – At the last meeting, Greg Day, Director of Academic Assessment, provided a basic summary of graduation results for the Class of 2009, compiled May 28, 2009. A follow-up with data specific for each high school site was reviewed at this meeting. Data for WASL requirements, total students graduating and deficit areas were reported. The board is considering recognition in the fall for students who met the graduation requirement during the summer.

Highly Capable Programs Discussion – Cece Mahre, Associate Superintendent, explained that stricter grant requirements have necessitated changes to the existing Highly Capable program. Using levy and grant funds, the district is now able to provide a formalized program for students at the middle school level through high school, rather than the current elementary-only program. This model will follow the Roadmap by offering a continuous P-12 program for students in creative and innovative thinking opportunities embedded in content areas.

Approved - Resolution No. 06.08.09 - District Membership in the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) – Dr. Jack Irion, Deputy Superintendent, presented the item, which is an annual renewal for enrollment of secondary schools that choose to be members of the WIAA.

Issues of Board Interest –

- Superintendent Soria updated the board on an opportunity to discuss a potential agreement with Yakima Parks and Recreation relative to athletic fields.
- The Board Meeting and Events Schedule was reviewed.