

# **BOARD BRIEFING..... March 13, 2009**

Yakima Public Schools District Number 7

Board of Directors

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The Board of Directors of the Yakima Public Schools met March 13, 2009, at Roosevelt Elementary, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance. A brief summary of the meeting follows.

**Roosevelt Elementary School Presentation** – Dan Williams, Principal, provided a brief introduction after which he led the board on a tour of the school to showcase the building, classrooms, teachers, and students. The board transitioned from classroom to classroom as follows:

- Mr. Black's 5th Grade classroom: Students were working on a Six-Trait writing lesson made up of five layered paragraphs. Board members reviewed their work.
- Ms. Ullas's 2nd Grade classroom: A student, who has read 90 books this year, demonstrated the use of a NEO2 in taking a book test.
- Mrs. Frazier's 2nd Grade classroom: Board members engaged in a math lesson with students using numerical playing cards.
- Mrs. Beck's PE Class: Students demonstrated Speed Stacking and board members joined in.
- Mrs. Vick's classroom: Students performed a dance to lively music played by Marimba band students.

The board expressed appreciation for the tour. It was refreshing and delightful for the board to interact with students in their classrooms. The building, with all the colorful student work and progress reports displayed on nearly every wall, reflects pride and enthusiasm for learning. It is evident that students, teachers, and parents take an active role in teaching and learning at Roosevelt.

**Presentation/Discussion EL Report 1000.2.3-I Financial Condition and Activities,**

**February 2009** – Scott Izutsu, Assistant Superintendent of Business Support Services, provided his interpretation and evidence of compliance for policy statement 1000.2.3-I Financial Condition and Activities for February 2009. In addition, the board was given a brief update on the district's financial status to date. There was discussion surrounding federal stimulus revenue allocated by the state and the parameters attached to its use. There will be further discussion as more information becomes available.

**Issues of Board Interest –**

- The Business Meeting Agenda was reviewed. Board members were assigned to present the following recognition items: Proclamation – School Retirees, Walt Ranta; Proclamation – Classified Employees Week and Classified Employee of the Year, Raymond Navarro, Jr.; Superintendent Search Interview Advisory Committee, John Vornbrock.
- The YEA Retirement Tea will be Wednesday, May 27, 5:30 p.m., at the Harman Center.