

BOARD BRIEFING..... May 15, 2009

Yakima Public Schools District Number 7

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Yakima Public Schools met May 15, 2009, in the Central Services Professional Library, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance. A brief summary of the meeting follows.

Approved: Financials for April 2009 – Scott Izutsu, Assistant Superintendent of Business Support Services, reviewed the financial report for April 2009.

Discussion on HB 2261 Redefinition of Basic Education – The board continued their discussion which began at last week’s board meeting. Suggestions for possible proposals were put forth related to HB 2261. It was noted that HB2261 falls short of meaningful content and does not provide for funding. Martha Rice believes WSSDA will craft a proposal to address this.

Issues of Board Interest –

- Scott Izutsu reported on the number of director administrative positions in other districts as a follow up to a public comment made at the May 12 business meeting.
- Vickie Ybarra and Martha Rice will facilitate an informational meeting for people interested in running for board positions on Wednesday, May 27, 7-8 p.m. The meeting will be advertised on the district’s website and through the media.

Introductions: Governance Process Policies -

- Policy 1000.3.6-I *Board Committee Principles* - Discussed
- Policy 1000.3.7-I *Board Committee Structure* - Discussed
- Policy 1000.3.9-I *Process for Addressing Board Member Violations* - Discussed

Pre-Approval Discussion on Board Report/Rating:

Governance Process Policies –

- Board Report 1000.3.4-I *Board President’s Role* – Compliant
- Board Report 1000.3.8-I *Cost of Governance* – Compliant

Board/Superintendent Linkage Policies -

- Board Report 1000.4.0-I *Global Governance-Management Connection* – The board will calendar this policy semi-annually for next school year and will consider how to structure the discussions to take into consideration feedback from the superintendent.
- Board Report 1000.4.1-I *Unity of Control* –It was agreed to calendar this policy semi-annually next year and have the superintendent present at meetings for the board’s discussions regarding Board/Superintendent Linkages.