

BOARD BRIEFING..... May 1, 2009

Yakima Public Schools District Number 7

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Yakima Public Schools met May 1, 2009, at Central Services Conference Rooms A and B, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance. A brief summary of the meeting follows.

Budget Update – OSPI’s estimated budget impact information was reviewed. It is available on their website and serves as a useful tool through quantifying where the budgets are for each district. State budget impacts and how funding will be used to best cover the deficits from 2009-10 through 2011-12 were reviewed. The district’s planning for the biennium is proactive and has softened the impact that many other districts are experiencing.

Budget Development Parameters Discussion – The board reviewed their broad budget development parameters to help guide the current development process. Each parameter was reviewed, followed by agreement for minor revisions to provide clarification.

Issues of Board Interest –

- A board retreat about Policy Governance will be scheduled in July with the new superintendent.
- The candidate filing period is June 1-5, 2009, for the two board positions that expire in November 2009. Both Raymond Navarro Jr. (#1) and Walt Ranta (#2) indicated they plan to file.
- Walt Ranta provided the priority ranking of state legislative proposals and a listing of WSSDA’s top four proposals. Further discussion will be scheduled for the May 8 or May 15 meeting.
- Superintendent Soria announced a recommendation for a revised school calendar reflecting the state’s elimination of one LID and WASL date changes will be given at the Friday, June 8, meeting.

Introductions – Board/Superintendent Linkage -

Policy 1000.4.0-I Global Governance-Management Connection - This policy identifies the Policy Governance system parameters within which the board operates. Discussion points included the importance of helping any new board member fully understand this policy.

Policy 1000.4.1-I Unity of Control – This policy covers the relationship between the superintendent and the board and the one-voice principle of the board. The board discussed their practices related to this policy.

Rating surveys will be developed for the two policies; discussion of the board’s ratings and approval will be scheduled as future agenda items.