

# **BOARD BUSINESS BRIEFING .....May 20, 2008**

Yakima Public Schools District Number 7

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Yakima Public Schools met May 20, 2008, at the Franklin Middle School Commons for their monthly business meeting, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance. A brief summary of the meeting follows.

**Recognitions** – Student and staff names are provided on Page 2-4 of this briefing.

JOHN D. MCALISTER CRYSTAL APPLE AWARD RECIPIENTS – Five educators, nominated by colleagues, students, or parents, were chosen to receive the 2008 Crystal Apple Award.

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR – Less than one percent of the nation's juniors taking the PSAT are recognized as National Merit Finalists.

WASHINGTON SCHOLARS – Administered by the Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Association of Washington School Principals (AWSPP), students were recognized as the top one percent of the seniors.

WASHINGTON STATE PRINCIPAL'S SCHOLARS – This program provides principals with an opportunity to recognize students from the top five percent of the graduating class.

STATE FBLA COMPETITION – Eisenhower H. S. students placed at the state Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) contest held in Bellevue, April 10-12, 2008.

PTA REFLECTIONS WINNERS – Three middle school students received an Award of Excellence in Visual Arts from the Washington State PTA Reflections Contest.

STATE DRAMA CONFERENCE – Four Eisenhower H. S. students attended the Washington Alliance for Theatre Education state conference at Eastern Washington University and came away with a 'Superior' Rating.

TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS PLACE AT STATE – Davis and Eisenhower high school technology students competed at the Technology Student Association competition.

STATE BAND/CHOIR – The Eisenhower and Davis Music Departments participated in the State Solo and Ensemble Contest sponsored by the Washington Music Educators Association.

SKILLS USA STATE WINNERS – Skills USA provides the opportunity to learn leadership and citizenship skills through educational, vocational, civic, recreational and social activities.

ENSCRIBO EN ESPANOL WRITING CONTEST – The statewide Escribo En Español contest is offered through OSPI's Migrant Education Office, U of W, and Spain's Ministry of Education

NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS CERTIFICATE – The Board of Directors acknowledged two teachers for having received certification.

2008 YAKIMA SCHOOL DISTRICT RETIREES – The Board of Directors recognized the 2008 Retirees for their dedicated service to the Yakima School District.

**Comments from the Public** – A teacher expressed concerns regarding: 1) economic shortfall causing staff adjustments and changes to job descriptions; 2) discipline issues in some buildings; 3) time to plan before the next bargaining round. A childcare provider asked that funding continue for the classes teaching providers how to prepare children for school. The classes that were funded by Thrive by Five were instructed by a McClure Elementary teacher.

**Board Report** – President Ybarra reported the board has completed their annual evaluation of the superintendent and recently released their summary which she read into the record in its entirety. Ms. Ybarra also reported that the 2007-08 school year signifies Mr. Soria's eighth year and announced that 2008-09 will be his last year with the school district. Superintendent Soria read the letter that he had presented to the board today announcing his retirement.

**Consent Agenda** – All standard monthly business items (Approval of Minutes, Notification of Approval of Warrants, Approval of Financials, Approval of Personnel Actions) were approved, plus Permission to Surplus One School Bus.

**Approved – Grade 7-11 Language Arts/English Curriculum Materials Adoption** – Cece Mahre, Associate Superintendent, reported the needed adoption is the recommendation by the committee lead by Mary Masten, Director of Secondary Education. The curriculum is part of OSPI's recommended curriculum with a strong non-fictional piece to it and writing is also included. Mary Masten added that the materials were presented at the May 9 meeting and are still available for board review.

**LISTING OF RECOGNITIONS FOR:**

**JOHN D. MCALISTER CRYSTAL APPLE AWARD RECIPIENTS**

Ner Garza, Davis High School  
Sherilyn Hausske, Nob Hill Elementary School  
Julie Hill, Davis High School  
Stacey Locke, Eisenhower High School  
Jackie Bachmann Quincy, Washington Middle School

**NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR**

Belinda Vuong, Eisenhower High School

**WASHINGTON SCHOLARS**

Andrew Terrell, Eisenhower High School  
Belinda Vuong, Eisenhower High School  
Mikaela Easter, Eisenhower High School

**WASHINGTON STATE PRINCIPAL'S SCHOLARS**

Sevanna Alvarez, Davis High School  
Tamera Anderson, Eisenhower High School  
Lesli Baker, Davis High School  
Jesus Barajas, Davis High School  
Taylor Clark, Eisenhower High School  
Hannah Clauson, Davis High School  
Joshua Davison, Eisenhower High School  
Kurt Dever, Eisenhower High School  
Mikaela Easter, Eisenhower High School  
Randall Franklund, Davis High School  
Aubrie Glenn, Eisenhower High School  
Joshua Guillard, Eisenhower High School  
Marisol Gutierrez, Eisenhower High School  
Kayla Hagreen, Davis High School  
Alexander Harmon, Davis High School  
Colleen Hennessey, Davis High School  
Julia Johnson, Davis High School

Amanda Kilseimer, Eisenhower High School  
Victor Leyva, Eisenhower High School  
Norma Melchor, Davis High School  
Adela Mendoza, Davis High School  
Evan Morris, Davis High School  
Anthony Padavich, Davis High School  
Murtaza Patwa, Eisenhower High School  
Rebecca Paulson, Davis High School  
Elizabeth Perez, Davis High School  
Hallie Scott, Davis High School  
Kylie Svendsen, Eisenhower High School  
Dujanaht Tahat, Eisenhower High School  
Andrew Terrell, Eisenhower High School  
Michael Tillotson, Eisenhower High School  
Belinda Vuong, Eisenhower High School  
Vincent-Fu Wing Wen, Eisenhower High School

**STATE FBLA COMPETITION**

Jordan Lehrman	3rd Place	Impromptu
Steven Gifford	5th Place	Web Page Design

*Lisa Gredvig, Eisenhower High School FBLA Advisor*

*Wendi Frank, Eisenhower High School FBLA Advisor*

**PTA REFLECTIONS WINNERS**

**Visual Arts**

Martin Medina, Lewis & Clark Middle School  
Sydney Raymond, Lewis & Clark Middle School  
Sabrina Clark, Washington Middle School

**STATE DRAMA CONFERENCE**

Alex Rumbolz – Singing in “High School Musical”  
Jory Shinpaugh – Monologue work  
Emily Stephenson – Singing in “High School Musical”  
Johnny Wilson – Choreography for “High School Musical”

*Janie Peterson, Drama Advisor, Eisenhower High School*

**TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS PLACE AT STATE**

**Davis High School**

**Computer-Aided Design 3D, Engineering**

James Wachtel 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

**Eisenhower High School**

**Architectural Model**

Tamera Anderson 1<sup>st</sup> Place

**CAD Animation, Architecture**

Tyler Schroder 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Isidro Sanchez 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

**CAD Animation, Engineering**

Andres Zaragoza 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Kevin Rink	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
<b><u>Computer-Aided Design 2D, Architecture</u></b>	
Jonathan Rockholt	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Chris Holbrook	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Kelsey Dix	5 <sup>th</sup> Place
Marti Rangel	5 <sup>th</sup> Place
<b><u>Computer-Aided Design 3D, Engineering</u></b>	
Blake Thomas	4 <sup>th</sup> Place
<b><u>Technical Sketching &amp; Application</u></b>	
Kevin Rink	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Chelsey Markel	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Jonathan Rockholt	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Blake Thomas	4 <sup>th</sup> Place
<b><u>Technology Bowl (Team)</u></b>	
Tamera Anderson	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Chris Holbrook	
Chelsey Markel	
<b><u>Technology Bowl (Written)</u></b>	
Chris Holbrook	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Tamera Anderson	4 <sup>th</sup> Place
<b><u>Technology Problem Solving (Team)</u></b>	
Ryan Hatfield	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Kevin Rink	

*David Bray, Advisor, Davis High School*

*Shane Snodgrass, Advisor, Eisenhower High School*

### **STATE BAND/CHOIR**

**The following students are state winners:**

#### **Percussion - 1st Place**

Geoffrey Smith, Timpani, Davis High School

#### **Brass - 3rd Place**

Christopher Wessel, Tuba, Davis High School

**The following students received 'Superior' ratings:**

#### **Brass**

Justen Despain, Trumpet, Eisenhower High School

#### **Percussion, Ensemble 1**

Christian Alvarez, Mallets, Davis High School

Garred Kirk, Mallets, Davis High School

Aaron Nix, Mallets, Davis High School

Carlos Pizano, Bass, Davis High School

Geoffrey Smith, Mallets, Davis High School

#### **Strings**

Kathryn Kibbe, Viola, Davis High School

Katie Penhallegon, Violin, Eisenhower High School

Belinda Vuong, Piano Solo, Eisenhower High School

#### **Strings, Small Ensemble**

Jackson Chase, String Duet, Eisenhower High School

Belinda Vuong, String Duet, Eisenhower High School

#### **Woodwinds**

Brandon Chandler, Bassoon, Eisenhower High School

Cecily Wilson, Flute, Eisenhower High School

**Western International Band Clinic (WIBC)** – Students are selected from six states that bring in four internationally acclaimed conductors. These students are among a few hundred selected from thousands of auditions. The honor bands met in November 2007.

Taylor Breitenfeldt, Tuba, Eisenhower High School  
 Brandon Chandler, Bassoon, Eisenhower High School  
 Marshall Hurson, Percussion, Davis High School  
 Samantha Knittle, Clarinet, Davis High School  
 Allison Kunze, French Horn, Davis High School  
 Aaron Nix, Percussion, Davis High School  
 Randy Peltier, Alto Saxophone, Davis High School  
 Geoffrey Smith, Timpani, Davis High School  
 Christopher Wessel, Tuba, Davis High School  
 Cecily Wilson, Flute, Eisenhower High School

**WMEA All State Convention** - Davis and Eisenhower High Schools continually have students who are selected from a statewide pool of taped auditions. Those students whose audition tape made the cut performed choir, jazz band, and orchestra February 15-18, 2008.

Brandon Chandler, Bassoon, Eisenhower High School  
Allison Kunze, French Horn, Davis High School  
*Scott Goranson, Band Director, Davis High School*  
*David Walter, Instrumental Director, Eisenhower High School*

**SKILLS USA STATE WINNERS**

**Davis High School**

**Advertising Design**

Heather Nikki Caceres 8th Place

**Eisenhower High School**

**Architectural Drafting**

Jonathan Rockholt 2nd Place

**Power Equipment Technology**

Juan Suarez 3rd Place

Lyle Galloway 5th Place

Cameron Turco 8th Place

**Welding**

Ethan Nugent 8th Place

*Ken Toney, Commercial Art Instructor, Davis High School*

*Shane Snodgrass, Computer Aided Design/Drafting Instructor, Eisenhower High School*

*Steve Clear, Power Equipment, Eisenhower High School*

*Gary Kurpgeweit, Welding, Eisenhower High School*

**ENSCRIBO EN ESPANOL WRITING CONTEST** - Essay Theme: *"If I were a song. . ."*

**Native Prose**

Sonia Ruiz, 1st Place

Jacqueline Manjarrez, 2nd Place

José Gaona, 3rd Place

Margarita Anguiano, Honorable Mention

**Native Poetry**

Jesús Mora, 3rd Place

Saúl Marmolejo, Honorable Mention

*Jorge Rodriguez, Davis High School Foreign Language Teacher*

**NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS CERTIFICATE**

Stuart McCurdy, Eisenhower High School, Social Studies

Shane Snodgrass, Eisenhower High School, Career and Technical Education