

BOARD BRIEFING..... May 8, 2009

Yakima Public Schools District Number 7

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Yakima Public Schools met May 8, 2009, in the Central Services Professional Library, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance. A brief summary of the meeting follows.

Calendar Committee Recommendation: Revised 2009-10 School Calendar – Rick Doehle, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, reported revision of the 2009-10 school calendar was necessary due to the state’s reduction of one Learning Improvement Day (LID). The revised calendar will be considered for approval at the May 12 business meeting.

Presentations: Executive Limitations –

Report 1000.2.1-I Treatment of Students and Their Parent(s)/Guardian(s) – Jack Irion, Deputy Superintendent, provided interpretation and evidence of compliance for this policy that is about interactions with students and their parent(s)/guardian(s) or those applying to be students.

Report 1000.2.2-I Working Environment of Staff – Rick Doehle reported that staff are treated with respect and the district provides a working environment that is safe and healthy and not contrary to professional or industry standards.

Pre-Approval Discussion on Board Rating: Executive Limitations -

Report 1000.2.9-I Communication and Support to the Board – President Ybarra reported the board’s rating survey has been revised to list ‘compliant’ or ‘not compliant’ for each policy item. All items for Report 1000.2.9-I were rated as 100% compliant by the board.

Budget Update – Scott Izutsu, Assistant Superintendent of Business Support Services, reviewed changes since the last budget presentation. The heaviest impact from state funding reductions will come to all districts in 2011-12 and are contingent on what happens in the legislature next year.

WSSDA Position Proposals Discussion – The board discussed WSSDA’s procedures and strategies for selecting the final proposals to be presented to the legislature at WSSDA’s 2009 Legislative Assembly in the fall. It was decided the board would review their proposals outside this meeting to determine how to revise or reframe them and come back with suggestions. Additionally, they will review HB 2261 Redefinition of Basic Education for further discussions at their May 15 meeting.

Issues of Board Interest –

- Yakima School District programs will be represented at the State Board of Education (SBE) meetings to be held in Yakima.
- Superintendent Soria provided an update about the state’s reduction of a Learning Improvement Day (LID).
- Deputy Superintendent Irion is investigating a possible violation of a WIAA rule.

Introductions: Governance Process Policies –

- Policy 1000.3.6-I *Board Committee Principles* – Discussion Postponed
- Policy 1000.3.7-I *Board Committee Structure* – Discussion Postponed
- Policy 1000.3.8-I *Cost of Governance* - Discussed
- Policy 1000.3.9-I *Process for Addressing Board Member Violations* – Discussion Postponed

Pre-Approval Discussion on Board Report/Rating: Governance Process Policies –

- Board Report 1000.3.2-I *Board Job Description* - Compliant
- Board Report 1000.3.3-I *Agenda Planning* - Compliant
- Board Report 1000.3.4-I *Board President’s Role* – Rating Postponed
- Board Report 1000.3.5-I *Board Member’s Code of Conduct* - Compliant