

BOARD BRIEFING..... November 6, 2009

Yakima Public Schools District Number 7

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Yakima Public Schools met November 6, 2009, in the Central Services Professional Library, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance. A brief summary of the meeting follows.

Presentations –

Report 1000.2.9 EL Communication and Support to the Board – This report addresses Policy 1000.2.9 that details the superintendent's communication and support to the board. Superintendent Beraza reviewed the additions and revisions made to the report since it was presented last April. The superintendent and her cabinet will receive additional professional development for Policy Governance. She gave examples of how technology is used for communication with the board. More and more information and evidence will be web-linked for easier access by the board and community whenever appropriate. The board expressed interest in training about compliance issues related to electronic media and about models used by other districts. Dr. Beraza reported the district is currently using a centralized calling system, Parentlink, for attendance at the high schools that will be expanded to meet varied needs for parent notification.

Issues of Board Interest –

- The board agreed Martha Rice's attendance at the Annual Federal Relations Network Conference, January 28-February 2, is important as a connection to what is happening nationally in education.
- Cece Mahre, Associate Superintendent, provided an update to the board on the transition in the Highly Capable program. More details will be provided to the board in the Innovation and Creative Expression report later this year.
- Board members and Dr. Beraza will attend the WSSDA Annual Conference in Seattle, November 18-21. President Ybarra noted there will be opportunity to learn more about national standards at the conference.

Introductions – The two policies were both reviewed in November 2008 and were introduced at this meeting for annual review by the board. The introduction is the first of three agenda items for each policy through Policy Governance.

Policy 1000.4.2 B/SL Accountability of the Superintendent – This policy basically covers the superintendent's accountability to the goals set by the board. The board has agreed that their evaluation of the superintendent is based on whether or not progress is made toward their stretch goals of 100% for all students.

Policy 1000.4.3 B/SL Delegation to the Superintendent – This policy speaks to various elements of the board's delegation to the superintendent. Following discussion about policy language, John Vornbrock was asked to develop language that would simplify the policy but not change the intent.