

BOARD BUSINESS BRIEFING ... October 20, 2009

Yakima Public Schools District Number 7

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Yakima Public Schools met October 20, 2009, at Central Services Conference Rooms A and B, for their monthly business meeting, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance. A brief summary of the meeting follows.

Acknowledgment of Accomplishments/Recognitions: 'Great Schools' Award – Nob Hill and Ridgeview Elementary Schools – Jack McCullough, Center for Educational Effectiveness representative, acknowledged Nob Hill and Ridgeview elementary schools as recipients of the 'Great Schools' Award.

Approved: Resolution 03.09.10 Opposition to Initiative 1033 – Based on funding projections from the Office of Financial Management, Initiative 1033 would adversely affect K-12 funding and education programs in our local community and in the State of Washington. Thus, the board strongly opposes Initiative 1033, believing it will negatively impact the quality of education and future of the children we serve.

REPORTS

Teaching and Learning: 2007-08 Graduation Report – Greg Day, Director of Academic Assessment, reported on the 2007-08 Graduation and Dropout Statistics for Washington, released by OSPI this August 2009. Using the state's formula, on-time graduation for the state was 72.0% and Yakima's was 75.3%. Yakima's dropout rate has improved from 21.0% in 2003 to 7.1% in 2008, and on-time graduation from 37.9% in 2003 to 75.3 % in 2008. More information from the state is available at: www.k12.wa.us/DataAdmin/default.aspx. Greg Day's report can be accessed on the district's website: www.yakimaschools.org

Members of the Board – Martha Rice and Walt Ranta reported on the Legislative Assembly in Vancouver and the WSSDA Regional meeting. Among discussion topics were impacts to educational funding and the State Board of Education (SBE) accountability initiative.

BOARD POLICY ACTIVITY

Comments from the Public on Agenda Items – Two district employees and one community member commented regarding the graduation rate statistics, Initiative 1033 and dropout rates.

Approved Reports:

- Report 1000.1.0 Global Ends Statement
- Report 1000.2.0 Global Executive Constraint
- Report 1000.2.1 Treatment of Students and Their Parent(s)/Guardian(s)
- Report 1000.2.2 Working Environment of Staff
- Report 1000.2.4 Financial Planning/Budgeting
- Report 1000.2.5 Asset Protection
- Report 1000.2.8 Compensation and Benefits

Approved Board Reports:

- Board Report 1000.4.0 Global Governance-Management Connection
- Board Report 1000.4.1 Unity of Control

OTHER

Consent Agenda – In addition to the standard monthly business items (Minutes, Notification of Warrants, and Personnel Actions), the following were approved: Resolution 02.09.10 *Cancellation of Outstanding Warrants* and Amendment to the August 18, 2009, Board Business Meeting Minutes.

Approved: High School Math Curriculum Adoption – The Holt Mathematics Series curriculum is targeted for implementation in the high schools December 1, 2009.

Second Opportunity for Comments from the Public – Six district employees and one community member spoke in support of the Yakima Association of Paraeducators (YAPS). Other topics they brought before the board included textbook adoption, surveys sent home with students and the board's public comment guidelines.