

BOARD BRIEFING..... October 2, 2009

Yakima Public Schools District Number 7

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Yakima Public Schools met October 2, 2009, in the Central Services Professional Library, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance. A brief summary of the meeting follows.

Reports –

Report 1000.2.0 EL Global Executive Constraint – Scott Izutsu, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, reported the annual external audit results for the 2007-08 school year, received September 2009 from the state auditor, support district confidence in internal controls and financial management.

Report 1000.2.8 EL Compensation and Benefits – Steve Cole, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, presented the report, noting the district did considerable data mining this year to confirm that employee compensation and benefits are comparable with the local community and other school districts in the state.

Pre-Approval Discussion on Board Rating –

Report 1000.1.0 E Global Ends Statement – This was the board's first opportunity to use the Policy Governance process to review the four goals of the Roadmap as Ends statements. Ratings were reviewed for Mastery of the Basics and Beyond, Civic and Global Participation, Innovative and Creative Expression and Skills for Successful Living.

Report 1000.2.4 EL Financial Planning/Budgeting – Mr. Izutsu reported that the previous building standards have been updated and incorporated in the budget parameters in consideration of the upcoming capital development projects.

Report 1000.2.5 EL Asset Protection – President Ybarra reviewed the rating. There were no questions from the board. The board had discussed this report at the time it was presented.

Issues of Board Interest –

- As part of the new superintendent transition, President Ybarra and Dr. Beraza met with the mayor and city manager last week and Martha Rice and Dr. Beraza attended the PTA's first council meeting for this year.
- Two community meetings were held this week to begin gathering input for the Eisenhower HS (Ike) construction project. A staff-only website and one for the Coordination and Communications Committee are available.
- Martha Rice reported WSSDA is beginning a search process for a new executive.
- Vickie Ybarra reported on the recent WSSDA Legislative Assembly where she represented the board's legislative positions. The board's new proposal about teacher quality will go to the legislature for more than a study.

Introductions – President Ybarra explained this item provides opportunity for board discussion on the Governance Process policies. The superintendent was included in the discussion.

Policy 1000.4.0 GP Global Governance-Management Connection – President Ybarra read the policy statements and indicated there is a good relationship between the superintendent and board; this policy is in place to protect that relationship. Discussion followed.

Policy 1000.4.1 GP Unity of Control – Much of the discussion on Policy 1000.4.0 applied to this policy as well. Board members indicated they understand the parameters of this policy and are careful to comply and to keep each other accountable.