

BOARD BUSINESS BRIEFING September 22, 2009

Yakima Public Schools District Number 7

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Yakima Public Schools met September 22, 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.

Gifts to the District/Board: Presentation of 2009 Yearbooks for Davis and Eisenhower High Schools – Carol Mills, Eisenhower teacher, and Cindy Hunter, Davis teacher, delivered the yearbooks and thanked the board for their travel to the National Yearbook Academy.

REPORTS

Teaching and Learning –

Opening Day Report – Dr. Jack Irion, Deputy Superintendent, reported that all known supplies, materials, and furniture needs at buildings are being met. He gave a brief overview of the enrollment report including counts for each grade level by school.

Overall Student Achievement – Cece Mahre, Associate Superintendent, reviewed overall student achievement for 2008-09 as it relates to the four goals on the district's Roadmap.

Members of the Board – Martha Rice reported on the recent State Board of Education (SBE) meeting. Their presentations on Adequate Yearly Progress are available at www.sbe.wa.gov. A decision on SBE's systems accountability proposal is targeted for their November meeting.

Superintendent Update – Dr. Beraza gave an overview of the open houses she has attended and those scheduled during the next few weeks. She also addressed the district's work with high school math and the proposed math adoption recommendation for Holt Mathematics.

BOARD POLICY ACTIVITY

Comments from the Public on Agenda Items – Three YEA members extended their appreciation for the smooth bargaining process between YEA and YSD.

OTHER

Consent Agenda – In addition to the approval of the standard monthly business items (Minutes, Notification of Warrants, and Personnel Actions), the following was approved: Permission to Dispose of Surplus Property Throughout the 2009-10 School Year.

Presentation: Facilities Study and Survey Update – Scott Izutsu, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, discussed the application process for matching dollars, which includes a facilities study required by OSPI and passage of a resolution confirming that neighboring districts were contacted to assure there was no excess space for our students.

Approved: Resolution 01.09.10 'Unused or Underutilized School Facilities in Neighboring Districts – The full resolution was read into the record.

Approved: 2009-11 Yakima Education Association (YEA) and the Yakima School District (YSD) Agreement – Steve Cole, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, reported bargaining with YEA has been completed resulting in a two-year agreement that includes school years 2009-10 and 2010-2011.

Comments from the Public – Vicki Dwight thanked the board for the YEA contract. District staff and a community member extended comments of support for the Yakima Association of Paraeducators (YAP), currently in contract negotiations with YSD.