

# **BOARD BRIEFING..... September 4, 2009**

Yakima Public Schools District Number 7

Board of Directors

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The Board of Directors of the Yakima Public Schools met September 4, 2009, in the Central Services Professional Library, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance. A brief summary of the meeting follows.

**Facilities' Study and Survey Update** – Scott Izutsu, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, provided copies of the Study and Survey Update prepared by NAC Architecture. An update of the surveys done in 2001 and 2003 for previous bonds, this survey focuses primarily on A.C. Davis and Eisenhower high schools, the projects intended for state matching dollars. A resolution, *Unused or Underutilized School Facilities in Neighboring Districts*, is required for the formal request for matching dollars and is scheduled for approval at the September 22 business meeting. The first opportunities for public input about the Eisenhower construction project are September 29 at Eisenhower High School and October 1 at Washington Middle School with Spanish interpretation provided.

**Presentation of Report 2.4-I Financial Planning/Budgeting** – Report 1000.2.4 a semi-annual report, was presented by Scott Izutsu in the same format as last year, with an update of the financial figures. Much of the evidence of compliance with the policy is drawn from the Annual Budget (F-195) and presented in an overview format to better explain the relationship between the budget and the Ends priorities for the year. President Ybarra asked that the board have opportunity to review information on the Capital Projects as they are developed.

## **Issues of Board Interest** –

- Superintendent Beraza reported current enrollment counts are up from this time last year, including at the alternative schools. The district is working to provide adequate staffing and equipment to meet the needs. Deputy Superintendent Irion reported on his meetings with individual incoming freshmen and their parents to determine the best high school placements for success. Meetings have included Eisenhower and Davis administrators.
- Steve Cole, Asst. Superintendent of Human Resources, will report back to the board in response to their question regarding potential conflict of interest if a board member votes on the negotiated contract that covers a family member who is employed by the district.
- Due to lack of having a quorum, the September 15 business meeting will be moved to Tuesday, September 22, and the Friday, September 18, meeting will be cancelled.
- Walt Ranta, Martha Rice, and John Vornbrock plan to attend the September 29 WSSDA Regional Meeting, hosted by Union Gap.
- Mr. Ranta will send the agenda for the September 25 and 26 WSSDA Legislative Assembly to the board.