

THE WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Accountability | World-Class Math and Science Standards | Meaningful Diploma/CORE 24

August 25, 2009
Old Capitol Building
Olympia, Washington

MINUTES

- Attending:** Dr. Bernal Baca, Dr. Steve Dal Porto, Mr. Randy Dorn, Dr. Sheila Fox, Ms. Phyllis Bunker Frank, Mr. Bob Hughes, Mr. Jack Schuster, Vice-Chair Warren Smith, Mr. Jeff Vincent (9)
- Absent:** Chair Mary Jean Ryan (excused), Ms. Amy Bragdon (excused), Ms. Anna Laura Kastama (excused), Ms. Austianna Quick (excused), Mr. Eric Liu (excused), Dr. Kris Mayer (excused) (6)
- Staff Attending:** Ms. Edie Harding, Dr. Kathe Taylor, Ms. Loy McColm, Ms. Colleen Warren (4)

Board Vacancy Election

The elected members of the Board conducted interviews for the current Board vacancy in the Western Region. The candidates included: Susan Stoltzfus, Connie Fletcher, Dana Twilight, Ruth Lipscomb, and Mark Mahnkey. The panel selected three top candidates and second interviews will be scheduled for Monday, August 31 and will be conducted by phone.

Review and Discussion of Recommendations of Science Advisory Panel

Dr. Kathe Taylor, Policy Director

The Board worked through the response to Superintendent Dorn, considering each recommendation separately. Staff explained the rationale of the Science Advisory Panel and pointed out where the recommendations differed from the Panel's. In the second general recommendation, "The instructional materials recommended will need supplementation, both to align with standards and to address the needs of students seeking advanced study in science," staff noted that several Science Advisory Panel members believed that the use of the word, "supplementation" did not adequately convey the Panel's concern that additional and alternate materials might be needed for students pursuing advanced science study, particularly in the 11th and 12th grades. After clarification and further discussion, the Board decided to maintain the original language. OSPI staff heard the concerns (expressed also in a panel member's e-mail included in the Board's packet of information).

Motion was made to approve the letter to Superintendent Randy Dorn, providing the Board's official comment and recommendations for the Science Instruction Materials with agreed upon edits.

Motion seconded

Motion carried