

November 11-13, 2009 Meeting Highlights

On the evening of November 11, the [State Board of Education \(SBE\)](#) and the [Professional Educator Standards Board \(PESB\)](#) joined Sandi Jacobs from the [National Council for Teacher Quality \(NCTQ\)](#) to discuss [potential state policies](#) for Washington to strengthen its work around effective teaching. Discussion topics included: teacher preparation, expanding the pool of teachers, identification of effective teachers, incentives through the state salary schedule, principal and teacher evaluations, and professional development. These policies could enable Washington to be more competitive for the [Race to the Top](#) grant.

On November 12-13, [SBE](#) met in Vancouver, Washington, at the [Evergreen School District](#) to:

- Review the [initial draft of the Accountability Report](#) (as requested by the legislature), with an extensive discussion of [the process of Required Action](#).
- Receive an [interim report](#) on [Core 24 phase-in recommendations](#).
- Review the requests for [Waivers for Efficiency and Effectiveness Calendar](#).
- Learn about Vancouver School District's [data systems for student achievement](#). The PowerPoint presentation is available here: ([part 1 of 2](#)) ([part 2 of 2](#)).
- Receive an [update on proposed revisions to the 180 Day Waiver process](#).
- Receive an update on the [Quality Education Council](#) and the 2010 Legislative Session.

On the afternoon of November 12, [SBE](#) held a joint meeting with the [PESB](#) to:

- Receive an update and provide feedback on [Race to the Top](#) and Washington's application status.
- Receive an update on the PESB Teacher Reduction in Force Study.
- Receive an update on the [SBE study on the mobility and retention of National Board Certified Teachers \(NBCTs\)](#).

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ACTIONS

The Board approved the following:

- A preliminary [draft report](#) and legislation for [systems performance accountability](#).
- Three [waiver applications from Paterson, Bickleton, and Lyle School Districts for the Efficiency and Effectiveness Calendar](#).

SYSTEM PERFORMANCE ACCOUNTABILITY UPDATE

- The Board reviewed the progress of the [Systems Performance Accountability](#) workgroup. The Board also discussed the [Accountability Framework](#), with a specific focus on the [steps for Required and Voluntary Action](#). SBE staff delivered an [initial draft of the accountability report](#), which is due to the Legislature December 1.

CORE 24 IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE INTERIM REPORT ON THE PHASE-IN RECOMMENDATIONS

- The [CORE 24 Implementation Task Force](#) Co-Chairs, Dr. Mark Mansell (Superintendent of La Center) and Ms. Jennifer Shaw (Principal of Franklin Pierce High School), presented an update on the work of the Task Force and proposed [three phase-in recommendations](#) for the Board's consideration.

WAIVERS FOR EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS CALENDAR

- The 2009 Legislature created a pilot program that gave [SBE](#) the authority to grant waivers from the requirement for a one hundred eighty-day school year to school districts that propose to operate one or more schools on a flexible calendar for the purposes of economy and efficiency. The Board discussed the implications of the waiver process and proposed further considerations for future research/discussion. [The applications for Bickleton, Lyle, and Paterson](#) were considered and approved.

VANCOUVER SCHOOL DISTRICTS INTELLIGENT DATA SYSTEM

- The [Vancouver School District](#) shared an overview of their [K-12 data system](#). This student-centered system aids Vancouver educators in guiding instruction, identifying best practice intervention strategies, and monitoring overall student achievement, both for the cohort and the individual. The [Vancouver School District](#) is also working with its school board on a score card to monitor student learning results, student and stakeholder satisfaction, budget and financial results, as well as other indicators to determine the success of its work (see the PowerPoints ([part 1 of 2](#)) ([part 2 of 2](#)) for more specific information). [SBE](#) applauds the work of [Vancouver](#).

QUALITY EDUCATION COUNCIL AND 2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

- Mary Jean Ryan, chair of the Board and member of the [Quality Education Council](#) (QEC), provided an update on the work of the [QEC](#). Much of the Council's efforts have so far centered on the state policies/rules for school funding and the desire to move to a transparent, prototype model. Ms. Ryan also discussed the task of prioritizing the work of the [QEC](#), as well as strategies for phasing in the new models for funding.
- Edie Harding, Executive Director of the State Board, previewed the 2010 Legislative Session, including the \$2 billion state deficit, the diminishing fiscal support of the [American Reinvestment and Recovery Act](#), and the role of the \$4 billion [Race to the Top](#) grant in shaping the Board's work and potential legislative outcomes.

SHARED PRESENTATIONS WITH THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR STANDARDS BOARD

RACE TO THE TOP OVERVIEW AND TIMELINE

- The [SBE](#) and [PESB](#) received the latest information on the [Race to the Top grant and application process](#). This report included a review of Washington's potential standing in meeting [RTTT requirements](#). The competitive grant of \$4 billion will have two rounds of applications, with the first being due January 19th and the second due June 1, 2010.

TWO TEACHER STUDIES

- [SBE](#) and [PESB](#) were given an update on the [PESB Teacher Reduction in Force Study](#), as well as an update on the [SBE mobility and retention study on National Board Certified Teachers \(NBCTs\)](#).

The next State Board of Education meeting will be at the New Market Skills Center in Olympia, Washington, on January 13-14, 2010.

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