

**JOINT TASK FORCE ON
Basic Education Finance**

DATE: January 11, 2008 **TIME:** 9:00 am **LOCATION:** Columbia Room, Legislative Bldg.

Members Present: Dan Grimm, Glenn Anderson, Terry Bergeson, Lisa Brown, Cheryl Chow, Laurie Dolan, Kathy Haigh, Ross Hunter, Bette Hyde, Jim Kowalkowski, Skip Priest, Pat Sullivan, Rodney Tom.

Members Not Present: Mike Hewitt, Janea Holmquist, Fred Jarrett

The meeting was called to order at 9:12 a.m. by Dan Grimm, Chair.
Introduction to agenda, Roxanne Lieb, Director, Washington State Institute for Public Policy.

WORK SESSION:

History and Policies Related to the WASL and education reform.

9:13 – Stephen Nielsen, Assistant Superintendent, Financial Services, Puget Sound ESD, and former executive director of the Governors’ Council on Education Reform and Funding.

9:56 – Brian Benzel, Vice President for Finance and Administration, Whitworth University, former superintendent of Spokane School District, and former member of the Washington State Commission on Student Learning.

11:17 – Break in meeting.

11:34 – Meeting called back to order, Dan Grimm, Chair.

11:35 – Dan Grimm, Chair, returns to the issue discussed before the break.

11:36 – Stephen Nielsen.

11:40 – Dan Grimm, Chair poses a question to Brian Benzel.

Education Reform: The implications for School Finance.

11:40 – Terry Bergeson, Superintendent of Public Instruction.

12:30 – Lunch break.

1:08 – Meeting called back to order, Dan Grimm, Chair.

1:08 – Terry Bergeson, Superintendent of Public Instruction, ceded to the next presenter due to time constraints.

Funding That Puts Students First.

1:09 – Steve Mullin, President, Washington Roundtable.

Education Reform: The implications for School Finance cont.

1:45 – Terry Bergeson, Superintendent of Public Instruction.

1:57 – Jennifer Priddy, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

2:23 – Break in meeting.

2:40 – Meeting called back to order, Dan Grimm, Chair.

2:40 – Roxanne Lieb, Director, Washington State Institute for Public Policy, introduces the next half of the meeting.

WASL Test Results: Which Students are Meeting Standard?

2:41 – Annie Pennucci, Washington State Institute for Public Policy.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Pat Montgomery & John Stokes, Washington State Parent-Teacher Association.

Karen Madsen, Washington State School Directors' Association.

Jeff Pochop, education change agent.

Catherine Ahl, League of Women Voters.

Sarah Applegate, Washington Library Media Association; Kathy Egawa, independent consultant.

Tom Lopp, Public School Employees of Washington.

Kathleen Lopp, Washington Association of Career and Technical Education.

Susan McBurney, Washington Coalition for School Libraries and Information Technology.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 4:20 PM

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY: Devon Nichols

**AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THE MEETING AND WRITTEN TESTIMONY
SUBMITTED ARE ON FILE WITH THE COMMITTEE.**