

**JOINT TASK FORCE ON
Basic Education Finance**

DATE: December 8, 2008 **TIME:** 9:00 am **LOCATION:** JAC Building Conf. ABC

The meeting was called to order at 9:19 am by Dan Grimm, Chair.

Work Session:

9:22- Steve Aos, Washington State Institute for Public Policy- (handout- Two-Year Cost Estimates for the Draft Proposal and presentation- Projections of the “Expected Effect of the Investment” on Student Outcomes)

Public Input on Proposed Task Force Recommendations:

10:24- Catherine Ahl, League of Women Voters
10:32- Audrey Bennett, Kim Howard, Washington State PTA
10:36- John Hellwich, Professional Development Director, White River School District
10:40- Kelly Cannard, McLoughlin Middle School (Vancouver)
10:52- Superintendent Richard Conley, Winlock School District
10:54- Superintendent Desiree Gould, Skykomish School District
10:57- Dave Larson, Tukwila School District
11:06- Rebecca Stillings, Rainier School District
11:11- Carolyn Logue, Washington Library Media Association
11:13- Bob Douthitt, Spokane Public Schools
11:31- Newel Rice, Everett School District
11:51- Bill Every, North Kitsap School District
12:03- Allen Miedema, Northshore School District
12:07- Marcia Holland, Washington Coalition of Gifted Education
12:12- Connie Mueller, Washington State Association of Head Start and ECEAP
12:15- Tom Lopp, Public School Employees of Washington
12:25- Mitch Denning, Alliance of Education Association
12:27- Kathleen Lopp, Washington Association for Career and Technical Education
12:31- Ben Kodama, Equitable Opportunity Caucus in Education
12:40- Suzi Wright, Tulalip Tribes of Washington State
12:45- Wes Pruitt, Washington State Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board
12:51- Paul Rosier, Washington Association of School Administrators
12:57- George Scarola, League of Education Voters
1:03- Bob Cooper, Washington Association of Colleges for Teacher Education

Break in the meeting- 1:09 – 2:07

Task Force Formal Deliberation of Recommendations:

2:09- Terry Bergeson, Superintendent of Public Instruction- Introduction of amendment on revising hour requirements from 1,155 to 1,080 hours for instructional program of basic education program in grades 7–12. Motion adopted.

- 2:27- Bette Hyde, Bremerton School District- Proposal of amendment to change proposed definition of middle school from grades 7–8 to grades 6–8. Motion deferred.
- 2:34- Bette Hyde- Proposal of amendment to include students in institutions and residential programs in definition of basic education. Motion adopted.
- 2:37- Representative Skip Priest, 30th Legislative District- Proposal of amendment to make Learning Improvement Days (allocations for professional development) available to classified staff serving in an instructional capacity. Motion adopted.
- 2:48- Representative Skip Priest- Proposal of amendment to include in the allocation model sufficient financial flexibility for districts employing classified staff serving in an instructional capacity. Motion adopted.
- 2:56- Representative Skip Priest- Proposal of amendment to designate school librarians as “teacher-librarians” to reflect their contemporary role. Motion adopted.
- 2:59- Terry Bergeson- Proposal of amendment to replace the 6 percent allocation for central administrative offices in proposed school model with funding that reflects current district expenditures for administration. Motion deferred.
- 3:18- Terry Bergeson- Proposal of amendment to replace the 6 percent allocation for central administrative offices in proposed school model with a district model that funds 1 additional certificated administrator and 6 additional classified staff, reflecting current district expenditures. Motion deferred.
- 3:43- Terry Bergeson- Proposal of amendment to differentiate funding allocations between districts and schools for Non-Employee Related Costs (NERC). Motion deferred.

Public Testimony:

4:00- Vickie Ybarra, Yakima School District Board of Directors

Break in the meeting- 4:07 – 4:20

Task Force Formal Deliberation of Recommendations:

- 4:20- Terry Bergeson- Proposal of amendment to increase custodial and maintenance funding ratio for districts. Motion adopted.
- 4:33- Terry Bergeson- Proposal of amendment to increase allocations to high school by 0.5 FTE guidance counselors, amended by Representative Fred Jarrett, 41st Legislative District, to add 0.5 FTE guidance counselors to the existing line item of 1.0 FTE in the proposed model. Amendment adopted. Motion as amended rejected, subsequently re-tallied and adopted.
- 4:49- Terry Bergeson- Proposal of amendment to maintain Learning Assistant Program (LAP) and English Language Learners (ELL) as categorical programs in the proposed report of recommendations. Motion deferred.
- 4:54- Representative Skip Priest- Proposal of amendment to include early learning programs in the definition of basic education and allocate funds to districts to either run or contract programs. Motion adopted.
- 5:05- Representative Pat Sullivan, 47th Legislative District- Proposal of amendment to make programs available for highly capable students in the definition of basic education and allocate funds to districts. Motion rejected.
- 5:21- Terry Bergeson- Proposal of amendment to provide enhanced funding for struggling students (LAP) and ELL in the proposed report. Motion adopted.

5:23- Representative Skip Priest- Proposal of amendment to recognize the importance of programs for highly capable programs and include this language in the proposed report. Motion deferred.

5:26- Terry Bergeson- Proposal of amendment to maintain LAP and ELL as categorical programs in the proposed report. Motion adopted.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:54 pm

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY: Shawn Whiteman

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