

**JOINT TASK FORCE ON  
Basic Education Finance**

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 am by Dan Grimm, Chair.

**Point of Personal Privilege:**

9:12- Terry Bergeson, Superintendent of Public Instruction- Announcement profiling December 2008 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards figures on National Board-certified teachers, including Washington State figures.

9:15- Terry Bergeson- Recognition of National Board-certified teacher Heather Byington and Principal Steve Warner, Evergreen Elementary School (Shelton).

9:16- Heather Byington, Evergreen Elementary School- Account of the benefits of National Board certification.

**Task Force Formal Deliberation of Recommendations:**

9:22- Representative Skip Priest, 30<sup>th</sup> Legislative District- Proposal of amendment to increase staffing ratios for Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes in the proposed report of recommendations, to reflect current practices. Motion adopted.

9:38- Terry Bergeson- Proposal of amendment to provide an educational stipend to teachers completing professional certification program. Motion adopted.

9:42- Terry Bergeson- Proposal of amendment to add a 0.75 FTE for professional development coordinator to the proposed legislative language, mirroring line item in proposed report. Motion adopted.

9:44- Representative Pat Sullivan, 47<sup>th</sup> Legislative District- Proposal of amendment to remove cap on negotiated compensation for teachers working additional time. Motion adopted.

9:58- Representative Skip Priest- Proposal of amendment to maintain current law concerning Initiative I-732 and not fold its funds into basic education allocation. Motion adopted.

10:26- Representative Skip Priest- Proposal of amendment to remove all language related to state-level collective bargaining in the proposed report. Motion adopted.

Break in the meeting- 10:55 – 11:09

11:11- Bette Hyde, Bremerton School District- Proposal of amendment to create a Quality Education Commission in Washington State to oversee implementation of Task Force recommendations, amended by Terry Bergeson to remove reference to a specific oversight group but charge a group, with a six-year sunset, with overseeing implementation. Amendment adopted. Motion as amended adopted.

11:47- Dan Grimm- Proposal of amendment to mandate funds allocated for facility maintenance be used exclusively for that purpose. Motion rejected.

Break in the meeting- 11:56 – 1:05

1:07- Terry Bergeson- Proposal of amendment to previously considered motion concerning the 6 percent allocation for central administrative offices in proposed school model that adds language reflecting current staffing level allocations for principals in the proposed report. Motion adopted.

1:13- 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 rejected.

1:35- Representative Fred Jarrett, 41<sup>st</sup> Legislative District- Proposal of amendment to create Tribal school districts with the operating authority of existing school districts. Motion rejected.

1:41- Jim Kowalkowski, Davenport School District- Proposal of amendment to add a statement in the proposed report recommending the state not reduce current levels of funding to K–12. Motion adopted.

1:53- Representative Ross Hunter, 48<sup>th</sup> Legislative District- Proposal of amendment to limit circumstances under which the State Board of Education can grant waivers to districts on 180-day minimum requirement. Motion deferred.

2:10- Representative Fred Jarrett- Proposal of amendment to revise definition of basic education to include more specificity on what shall be provided by funding. Motion adopted.

Break in the meeting- 2:34 – 2:47

2:48- Bette Hyde, Bremerton School District- Proposal of amendment to allow allocations for middle schools to follow local practice for including grade 6 or not. Motion adopted.

2:53- Representative Fred Jarrett- Proposal of amendment concerning the 6 percent allocation for central administrative offices in proposed school model that adds language reflecting current staffing level allocations for classified staff. Motion deferred.

3:21- Bette Hyde- Proposal of amendment to exclude parent-teacher conferences as justification for waivers and limit to 2 percent of districts to which the State Board of Education may grant waivers to districts on 180-day minimum requirement. Motion adopted.

3:33- Terry Bergeson- Proposal of amendment to reconcile an inconsistency in the proposed report between conflicting figures for Non-Employee Related Cost (NERC) allocations to central administrative offices. Motion adopted.

3:40- Representative Fred Jarrett- Proposal of amendment to modify language in the proposed report to emphasize fiscal accountability instead of accounting. Motion adopted.

3:54- Representative Fred Jarrett- Proposal of amendment concerning the allocation for central administrative offices in proposed school model that adds refined language reflecting a percentage, as opposed to 6 percent, and current staffing level allocations for classified staff and certificated administrators. Motion adopted.

3:57- Representative Ross Hunter- Proposal of amendment to add language in the proposed report to request that the Legislature develop a detailed six-year phase-in plan for adopting recommendations. Motion adopted.

Break in the meeting- 4:11 – 4:18

4:18- Representative Fred Jarrett- Proposal of amendment to establish a levy lid of 30 percent of basic education funding for school districts. Motion adopted.

4:34- Dan Grimm- Motion to adopt final report as amended. Motion as amended adopted.

4:38- Dan Grimm- Discussion on process for developing the draft final report and concluding remarks.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 4:45 pm  
**MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:** Shawn Whiteman

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