

YAKIMA VALLEY LIBRARIES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Special Meeting

Tuesday, August 12, 2008

2:00 p.m. – Downtown Yakima Boardroom

Opening of Meeting

Board Members Present: President Carolyn Calhoon-Dillahunt, Vice President Melba Fujiura, Secretary Sue Rigdon, Trustee James E. Barnhill, and Trustee H.E. Jerry Maggard

Board Members Absent: None

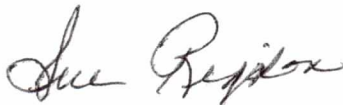
Staff Present: Interim Director Kim Hixson, Community Libraries Manager Karen Spence, Public Programs and Resources Manager Linda McCracken, Teen Services Librarian Deb Stilson, Children's Services Librarian Linda Nixon, Reference Services Librarian Cynthia Garrick, and Connie Stevens library page

Presenter: Dr. Helen Marieskind, Executive Director, Ready by Five

The special meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. Dr. Marieskind was introduced and began her presentation on Ready by Five. Ready by Five is one of two demonstration communities in the state of Washington for early learning programs. The project is funded by the Gates Foundation and Thrive by Five. Forty two local agencies are interested in participating in this program. One of the components of the program will be to build the Educare Center that will house all of the programs. There is an opportunity for the library to partner with Ready by Five.

The meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m. The Trustees thanked Dr. Marieskind for her presentation. This topic will be reviewed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Rigdon,
Secretary