



## SCHOOL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

### Prosser Consolidated School District #116

At the school board meeting of June 2, 2009 the following occurred:

#### ACTION ITEMS:

- Resolution 05-09: Declaring Surplus Equipment, Supplies and Busses Craig Reynolds presented a list of surplus equipment that is either obsolete or surplus to the needs of the district. District personnel have the opportunity to obtain these items for use in their buildings if desired. During a discussion by the board, it was noted that many of the items, especially textbooks, are outdated and no longer being used in today's curriculum. Surplus items will be sold at a public sale in June. The resolution passed by unanimous roll call vote.
- Bond Counsel Engagement Letters The board reviewed two updated engagement letters which formalizes the agreement for legal services between the district and Jim McNeill of Foster Pepper PLLC. McNeill serves as a bond and levy election counsel. He also provides legal services related to the district's relationship with the Paterson School District, analysis of the Capital Projects Fund and General Fund expenditures, issues related to the tax-exemption of the district's outstanding bonds and other related financial matters. Both Engagement Letters were approved by the board.
- Consent Agenda The following items were approved by the Board of Directors.

**Certificated Personnel:** Rich Harris resigned his position as a Science teacher at Prosser High School effective at the end of the current school year. Midge Crawford resigned as Special Services Director.

**Classified Personnel:** Mandy Ridgeway was hired as a bus driver. Jose Ramos resigned his position as an Assistant Volleyball Coach at Prosser High School.

**Contracts/Agreements:** 2009/2010 APEX Learning Services— APEX provides a web-based learning program to meet student's specific goals and objectives. The contract provides digital curriculum for 80 students at a fee of \$6,000 and one onsite day of professional services for \$2,200. Funding is provided through the Prosser Falls High School budget. 2009/2010 Substitute Online, Inc.— Substitute Online provides school employees substitute scheduling and absence tracking for an annual fee of \$3,300 with funding through the General Fund.

Volunteer Coaches: Tom Moore, Kyle Edwards, John Bell and Jeff Christopherson were approved.

**Vouchers:** General Fund vouchers in the amount of \$88,179.11 and Associated Student Body vouchers totaling \$3,897.79 were approved.

**Minutes:** Approved from prior meetings.

#### INFORMATION ITEMS:

- Mary Snitily, Curriculum Director, provided an update on the current summer school schedule.
- Colleen Little, Food Services Director, gave an overview of the summer breakfast/lunch program, now in its sixth year.
- Superintendent Dr. Ray Tolcacher updated the board on budget planning for the coming year. He reported after speaking with Canfield & Associates that the district should not discontinue the use of its local insurance broker. The first round of the proposed budget is due to Educational Service District 123 by July 1, 2009.

- Prosser High School Principal Kevin Lusk said the district had self-reported an action not in compliance with WIAA regulations. A district computer was used to notify students about a non-official sports practice session between students with no coaches present.
- The new PTA chapter President Echo Smasne introduced their new Treasurer Kim Yager and Vice-President Cory Whiting. She said there would be PTA meeting for the community June 4 from 4-7 p.m. at the Prosser Public Library.
- Benji Sonnichsen, Head Football Coach at Prosser High School, reported on the PHS Football Summer Camp which will be held at Boise State University June 13-17. It will be the 20th year for such an activity. He reported the cost is \$350 per student and 104 have signed up to attend. All students have been able to pay the fee.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Contract Renewal Notification: The board was updated on five continuing contracts which are coming up for renewal this summer.
- Audit Report: Craig Reynolds said the state auditor's exit conference would be held Friday, June 5 at 10 a.m.
- Board Elections: Dr. Tolcacher said three positions are up for election this fall. The filing period runs through June 5 at the Benton County Auditor's Office. The open positions are District 2 held by Dr. Tim Rankin, District 3 held by Win Taylor and District 4 held by Dr. Warren Barmore. Candidates must reside within the district for which they file, be a registered voter, U.S. citizen, Washington resident and at least 18 years old by election day.

### AWARDS:

- Masonic Junior Achievement Awards were presented to Bre Beierle and Anthony Dorsett.
- Certificates were presented to members of the State FFA Convention Team.
- Prosser Falls High School was presented with an Accreditation Award by ESD 123.
- Dr. Syndi Duehn was presented with a Digital Learning Commons Innovative Digit Educator Award.
- Kathryn Askew, Elmira Barcello and Luanne Holden-Boushey were recognized as 2008/2009 school district retirees.

### REPORTS:

**Curriculum Director's Report:** Mary Snitily reported that Bill Hudnall has been recognized as the PASS Contact Person of the Year by the Migrant Education Program. The balance of the WASL results are due by June 3. Grant applications for the 2009/2010 school year are now being prepared. And she reported on attending a workshop in Spokane regarding the American Academic Recovery Act.

**Business Manager's Report:** Craig Reynolds reported on Housel Middle School receiving the donation of a program valued at \$300 from Microsoft Corporation. He also reviewed the April financial reports for the board.

**Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Tolcacher said he will be bringing a rental renewal agreement to the board for use of the Christian Church by Prosser High School. He will also be bringing a contract to provide for an interim Special Services Director. And the district will be meeting with the City of Prosser June 4 at 5 p.m. regarding water billing charges.

**Board Member Reports & Comments:**

- Warren Barmore reported on attending graduation at Prosser and Prosser Falls High Schools and all went very well.
- Win Taylor asked if there was any vacant space for Kindergarten. Shellie hatch, Principal at Keene-Riverview said all the available space at the school would be used in the coming year.
- Win Taylor asked about surveys on the Mustang Period at Prosser High School. Kevin Lusk said the school would provide the board with that information and that some changes for the Mustang Period were being planned for the coming year.
- Heather Fredericks, Co-Valedictorian for the Class of 2009, presented the Board of Directors with personal copies of the 2009 Mustang Annual.

**UPCOMING MEETING DATES:**

- Regular Board Meeting, June 16, 2009, 7:00 p.m., Keene-Riverview Elementary



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