



School Board Highlights

Prosser Consolidated School District #116

The following occurred at the school board meeting of June 16, 2009:

ACTION ITEMS

- **Consultant Services Contract: Rachel Carrera** - Approved by the board to assist in getting the District's Migrant Department up to date for the 2008-2009 school year. The consulting fee of \$1,050 will be paid through migrant funds.
- **Cole Industrial, Inc. Contract: Prosser High School Boiler** - A contract for \$74,740 plus tax was awarded for replacement of the boiler at PHS. Other bids were from Apollo Sheet Metal for \$85,153 and Yakima Mechanical for \$89,900.
- **PTA Donations** - Donations from the local PTA were accepted for the following: \$589.35 to Jim White, a teacher at Heights Elementary for the purchase of Accelerated Reading tests for students and \$780.19 to Housel Middle School for a variety of teacher mini-grants to pay for History Day trophies, language arts supplies, magazines and math materials for students.
- **Purchase of a 2006 Dodge pickup for the PHS Vocational Department** - Approved in the amount of \$22,352.75. The vehicle will replace a 1978 pickup which will no longer pass the Washington State Patrol safety inspection. The vehicle was purchased from Dave Martin Family Auto Sales in Prosser with funding through the Vocation Department budget.
- **Agreement with ESD 123: Special Education Administrative Services** - Approved at a cost of \$500 per day to utilize Larry Bush, Director of Special Services at ESD 123 to assist the district during the transition time while a replacement for former Director of Special Services, Midge Crawford, is obtained. The agreement is for a 30 day period.
- **Agreement to Renew Lease with Central Christian Church** - A lease extension of one year was approved for use of the church as classroom facilities. The cost is \$1,500 per month plus utilities.
- **Out of State Travel Request: Colorado School of Mines** - Approved The District's request to send PHS science teacher Anita Laffey-Quinn to attend the Introductory Physical Science workshop and the Force, Motion and Energy workshop in Golden, Colorado. She attended the original courses in 2004 and 2005 respectively and this year is the final opportunity for follow-up training. The cost of \$600 plus travel will be paid by a state grant at no cost to the district.

CONSENT ITEMS

The following items on the consent agenda were approved by the board:

- **Certificated Personnel** - Scott Yetter was approved as the Head Cross Country Coach at Prosser High School.
- **Classified Personnel** - Marcelino Rodriguez was hired as the Head Girls Soccer Coach at Prosser High School.
- **Minutes** from prior meetings were presented.

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INFORMATION ITEMS

- **Copier for Prosser Heights Elementary** – Craig Reynolds reported the present office copier is about 20 years old and becoming costly to maintain. Pacific Office Automation has provided a monthly lease quote for a Ricoh 2550MP copier which can be added to the current five year lease contract.
- **Budget Update** – The board will hold a budget study session July 7, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. prior to the next regular board meeting.
- **Prosser High School Football Camp** – Superintendent Dr. Ray Tolcacher told the board he has been working with Canfield and Associates to review record keeping, Labor & Industries requirements and IRS regulations regarding the District's participation in sports camps. PHS Principal Kevin Lusk reviewed sports camps in general with a special emphasis on the football camp program which has been going on since 1989. Casey Gant told the board this year's football camp would be at Boise State with 100 team members and 12 coaches/supervisors attending.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Update on Meeting with City of Prosser Regarding Water Charges** – Board Vice-President Kay Brader reported on the past two meetings with the City regarding the water overcharges in years past. The most recent meeting was quite lengthy and the City has offered to reimburse the District and Dr. Tolcacher will continue to work with the City for appropriate compensation. Dr. Tolcacher said City is working with the district looking at ways of funding gang intervention consultants Alex Santillanes and Ernie Chapin who have been working with the District. Brader told the Board it is obvious the Mayor of Prosser wants to make the matter whole in good faith.
- **Public Records Requests** – Dr. Tolcacher said public records requests continue to be filed at a considerable cost of money and time to the District. Regardless, he said those requests are being complied with in accordance with state law.

REPORTS

Curriculum Director's Report- Mary Snitily reported that all high school students have been notified about their WASL results and availability of classes this summer. Her department is busy writing and submitting grants for continuing and new sources of funding. Summer School is running smoothly with enrollment between 80 and 100 students. APEX Summer School is running at the high school.

Business Manager's Report- Craig Reynolds reported on the June 5 audit exit report with the state. No major issues were noted. Deanna Flores, Principal at Housel Middle School reported on a major air conditioner leak which dumped gallons of fluid onto stored football equipment. The damage is covered by insurance. A special meeting will need to be held in early July to approve vouchers for June.

Superintendent's Report- No report.

Board Member Reports- Board President Warren Barmore will be out of the district for one week and Win Taylor will not be at the July 7, 2009 meeting.

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UPCOMING MEETING DATES

- Budget Study Session, July 7, 2009, 6:00 p.m., Keene-Riverview Elementary MPR
- Regular Board Meeting, July 7, 2009, 7:00 p.m., Keene-Riverview Elementary MPR



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