



School Board Highlights

Prosser Consolidated School District #116

The following occurred at the school board meeting of July 27, 2009:

The primary purpose of the meeting was a Budget Study session for the 2009/2010 school year. One action item and two reports also occurred as noted below.

ACTION ITEMS

- David Funk was recommended as Vice Principal at Prosser High School for the coming school year and approval was given by the board.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- Dr. Ray Tolcacher, Superintendent, reported on a shooting incident which occurred early Sunday morning at a residence on Highland Drive adjacent to Housel Middle School. He subsequently spoke with the city manager regarding the shooting and expressed concern regarding such activity in Prosser.

BUDGET STUDY SESSION

Dr. Tolcacher noted these are hard times for a lot of school districts in the state. All proposed budget reductions have been sent out to parents and are available for review on the district's website. He is confident the budget will get the district through the next school year and continue the primary focus on instruction, however, there are still some uncertainties regarding state funding.

Business Manager Craig Reynolds presented a detailed review of the preliminary budget which was completed July 10, 2009. A public budget hearing has been proposed for the regular August 18 board meeting and a resolution to adopt the budget needs to be passed by August 31.

Reynolds reviewed the status of the Capital Projects, Debt Service, Associated Student Body and Transportation Vehicle Funds.

The largest portion of the district budget is the General Fund. A list of recommended budget reductions was reviewed and comments given regarding conservative assumptions for enrollment, property tax collections and availability of Levy Equalization revenue.

Reynolds explained how enrollment projections are created, based on past enrollment history, with the goal of not having more staff than necessary. If enrollment exceeds expectation, additional state funding will be available to the district.

The board was presented with a detailed list of proposed expenditures by program for the 2009/2010 school year compared with the previous year.

Dr. Tolcacher noted the district is fortunate to have adequate funds in the unreserved fund balance at the end of the current year which will assist the district in

getting through these difficult economic times. The proposed budget will utilize approximately \$503,095 from those funds to minimize additional necessary budget reductions. If it is necessary to use additional reserves from that fund for the 2010/2011 school year, it will cause a significant decline in the unreserved fund balance.

The Board of Directors asked several questions during the presentation and listened to comments from several people in attendance at the meeting.

REPORTS

Board Member Reports- Win Taylor reported on attending the WSSDA Board Training session in Sunnyside July 22 and noted it was a very good learning experience.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

Regular School Board Meeting - August 4, 2009 at 7:00p.m., Keene-Riverview MPR



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