



SCHOOL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Prosser Consolidated School District #116

At the school board meeting of January 20, 2009 the following occurred:

AWARDS:

- Sports certificates were awarded to the PHS Girls Soccer & Swim Teams for 2008-2009.
- The Board was recognized during School Board Recognition Month.

ACTION ITEMS:

The Board of Directors approved:

- **Policy No. 6212: Charge Cards—First Reading approved.** Presently credit card usage is allowed only for travel and local meeting expenses. Fewer vendors are accepting purchase orders and the new policy will allow credit cards to be used for other district purchases resulting in the ability to obtain better prices and save money. Current accountability procedures will remain in effect.
- **Policy No. 5631: Volunteer Athletic Coaches—First Reading approved.** The policy provides guidance to the district regarding appointment of volunteer coaches. Under this policy the Board will receive notification of all volunteer coaches. Coaches will receive 30 hours of training to assure equal standards for all coaches.
- **Consent Agenda.** Certificated Personnel: Sue Severson Bray was approved as the Missoula Children's Theatre Advisor. Classified Personnel: Arturo Aguayo was hired as an Assistant 8th grade Girls Basketball Coach. Minutes from the last board meeting were approved.
- **Vouchers.** Expense vouchers and payroll warrants were approved as presented following Board review.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- Yadi Olivera, PHS ASB President, addressed the Board regarding their 3rd Annual Winter Wishes Week February 17-20, 2009. Students and staff are asked to submit a wish they have for themselves or another person. ASB officers then take those wishes and try to grant as many as possible. The purpose of the program is to make connections with students by trying to "make their day" and showing them they care. Thanks to the generous support of the Booster Club, staff members and various businesses, 175 wishes were granted in 2008. The Board offered its encouragement and support.
- Dr. Ray Tolcacher introduced Gary Hansen of PixelSoft Films and Brian Lubanski, General Manager of KAPP/KVEW-TV. Hansen thanked the Board for the opportunity to produce the Hometown Legacy program on the Mustangs and the Prosser community. Lubanski said the program series won its time-slot in the Nielsen Ratings and the station had received very positive feedback. Kevin Lusk, Principal at PHS, thanked both men for their efforts and complimented them on their sensitivity and professional awareness while shooting footage for the program. Board member Dr. Tim Rankin noted how well the program highlighted the enthusiasm of our students and the community as well.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:**• Contract Renewal Notification.**

- Meyers Stevens Student Insurance is a voluntary student insurance. The program has been recommended by the district's insurance broker United School Insurance Program/Canfield and Associates.
- 2009/2010 ESD 105 Data Processing Contract provides WSIPC general ledger, budget, accounts payable, purchase orders, payroll and human resource systems. A 180 day notice is required prior to cancellation.

- **State Budget/District Budget Priorities.** Dr. Tolcacher updated the Board on the latest information regarding the state budget process and its affects on K-12 school funding. The Prosser district anticipates losing a significant amount in levy equalization funding and perhaps as much as half of I-728 revenue for the coming year as well. Board Vice President Kay Brader reported she had communicated with State Representative Larry Haler regarding her concerns on the budget and had received calls from Rep. Brad Klippert and Sen. Jerome Delvin as well. Dr. Tolcacher said he was attending a hearing and meeting with legislators in Olympia on January 21 and plans further visits with staff to Olympia as the budget process continues.

REPORTS:

Curriculum Director's Report: Mary Snitily reported on her attendance with other staff at the recent OSPI Conference in Seattle this month. She met January 20 with Bilingual Program staff regarding their recent training in Guided Language Acquisition by Design (GLAD) instructional techniques.

Business Manager's Report: Craig Reynolds advised the Board of an upcoming two-year state audit which will be held sometime in February.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Tolcacher advised the Board that all peanut butter products are being removed from the district's food menus due to health safety concerns. ESL classes provided by CBC at the high school have 80 parents enrolled and the district and CBC will be conducting a community survey to determine desired future class offerings.

Board Member Reports: Board members Warren Barmore, Kay Brader and Win Taylor attended the ESD 123 Annual Board Workshop January 15, 2009. Brader will be attending the Federal Relations Network Conference in Washington, D.C. representing Prosser and Eastern Washington school districts later this month.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

- February 3, 2009— Regular Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Keene-Riverview Elementary.



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