



## SCHOOL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Prosser Consolidated School District #116

**At the school board meeting of Nov. 18, 2008 the following occurred:**

### **AWARDS:**

Two Prosser High School students were presented awards for their participation in the Voice of Democracy essay contest sponsored by the Sunnyside VFW Post #3482. Tawnee Bynum was the 2nd place winner and Ryan Nehls placed 3rd in the competition.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

The Board of Directors approved:

- Acceptance of \$530.18 from sale of Prosser Mustang trademarked logo items sold at Prosser Food Depot. Proceeds to the Prosser High School ASB fund.
- Approval to surplus 1999 Spanish textbooks.
- Passed First Reading of Policy No. 6250—Cellular Telephone usage by district personnel.
- Adjusted salary rate for the Police Explorer Instructor (non-represented position) from \$14.09/hour to \$18/hour.
- Approved employment of Jeff Christoferson as the In-School Suspension Supervisor at Prosser High School.
- Accepted resignation of Kimberly Starr as the Missoula Children's Theatre Coordinator.
- Approved minutes from prior board meeting
- Accepted addendums to contracts for Gang Intervention Specialists Ernie Chapin and Alex Santillanes extending existing contracts to June 2009.
- Approved vouchers for accounts payable and payroll.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- School Improvement/School Wide Plans for Keene-Riverview and Heights Elementary Schools were presented.

Shellie Hatch, Principal at Keene-Riverview, reviewed goals for the 2007/2008 school year and presented goals for the current year regarding student achievement. Interventions regarding student activities and professional staff development in reading and math were explained.

Kris Moore, Principal at Heights, presented school goals for 2008/2009 in the areas of Reading, Math, Writing and Science. She also discussed the schools past performance, steps being taken for Professional Staff Development and the emphasis in place to increase the success of all students by providing systems, support and student interest activities.

- Dr. Ray Tolcacher reported on the recent City of Prosser Gang Intervention Committee meeting Nov. 13. He said the Prosser Community Church has offered to become involved in reaching out to youth in the community with various activities and said the school district would participate in that partnership with the city and the church.

A draft ballot measure is being prepared by the district's bond counsel for construction of a new high school facility. Dr. Tolcacher said he was going to have properties on Missimer Rd. and Kinney Way in town appraised for consideration of possible future sale.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- The Board discussed the upcoming Washington State School Directors Association conference coming up this week. A review of the Delegate Assembly Information was held regarding a proposal to increase school district's annual dues by 3%. It was noted that participation in that organization is a state requirement. Our Directors expressed concern about increasing expenses at this time and a vote on the measure will occur at the conference Nov. 21, 2008.
- The Board reviewed their recent appearance and participation before the State Board of Education concerning a state legislative proposal to create the ability for the State Board to take control of local districts that are deemed to not be making acceptable academic performance. Dr. Tolcacher said that while all indications are the Performance Accountability proposal will pass in January, implementation will take a few years. He recommended the district continue to take a pro-active stance on this mandate to assure local communities can maintain local control of their schools.

## REPORTS:

### Business Manager's Report:

Craig Reynolds reported November enrollment was down by 7 students although we continue to be 45 students above the District's budget. He reviewed the 2007/2008 Year End Financial Reports noting the District slightly exceeded its desired goal of 5% in financial reserve. The board was told of intentions to purchase an additional snow removal blade which will reduce snow removal time and operational costs.

### Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Tolcacher said he had been approached by the Prosser Memorial Hospital Foundation regarding their efforts to make improvements at the hospital. He will arrange to have them attend the next Board meeting to share their activities.

A joint meeting with the Paterson School District will be arranged in the near future to discuss their participation in the proposed construction of a new high school facility in Prosser.

## UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

- December 2, 2008 - Regular Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Keene Riverview Elementary



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