



SCHOOL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Prosser School District

At the school board meeting of November 4, 2008 the following occurred:

ACTION ITEMS:

The Board of Directors approved:

- **Classified Personnel -**
 - John Bell hired as assistant football coach at Housel Middle School.
 - Arturo Aguayo hired as an assistant volleyball coach at Housel Middle School.
 - Annette Gooldy hired as a one-on-one paraeducator at Housel Middle School effective Nov. 10, 2008.
 - Kim Minter hired as a playground assistant at Whitstran Elementary and as a food service assistant.
 - Annette Gooldy resigned her positions as a lunch duty supervisor and mail courier for the district.
 - Shane Seimears resigned his position as a special education paraeducator at Prosser Heights.
- **The following contracts/agreements were approved by the Board -**
 - CWU—Central Theatre Ensemble for a May 29, 2009 production at Heights Elementary. \$495 funded through the ASB budget.
 - FP Mailing Solutions Lease Agreements for PHS and HMS, 2008-2013 for \$5,292 for each school, funding provided through the General Fund.
 - Pacific Office Automation Lease Agreement, 2008-2013, to provide a copier for the District Administration Office at a cost of \$236 per month, funding through the General Fund.
 - A contract with Melinda Johnson to provide social skills and behavior therapy services from Oct. 16, 2008—Oct. 8, 2009. The annual fees of approximately \$3,600 will be funded through the Special Education budget.
- Upon recommendation from the community facilities advisory committee, the Board approved March 10, 2009 as the date for a Bond Issue vote to provide funding for a new high school facility.
- The accounts payable vouchers for Nov. 5, 2008.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- Dr. Tolcacher updated the Board on the status of the proposed new high school project. He said the Board would be in a position to make a final decision on taking a bond issue to the community once a final analysis of construction costs and bonding capacity is completed. Dr. Rich Cummins, President of Columbia Basin College, told the Board CBC is looking forward to establishing a significant presence in the community and taking over a portion of the existing high school facility when a new high school is built.

- Dr. Tolcacher provided the board an overview of current gang intervention activities in the district. He said a recent meeting hosted by District Counselors and consultants Ernie Chapin and Alex Santillanes for parents on dealing with behavior issues was well attended.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- The State Board of Education is in the process of finalizing an accountability system for schools that are not being successful. If schools are not successful they could be put into Academic Receivership. It is imperative that the State Board of Education knows how this will affect the local school districts. Dr. Tolcacher along with Board members Warren Barmore, Kay Brader and Win Taylor plan to attend the State Board of Education meeting on November 5 and present an official statement urging adequate funding to cope with State imposed mandates.

REPORTS:

Business Manager's Report:

Craig Reynolds

- Reviewed the status of the District's cash flows and investments for the 2007-2008 and 2006-2007 school years.

Curriculum Report:

Mary Snitily

- Reported on her recent educational training opportunity in the Marysville, WA school district as part of the District's involvement with the University of Washington Center for Educational Leadership program.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Tolcacher

- Discussed the upcoming convention of the Washington State School Directors Association.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

- November 18, 2008 Regular Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Keene-Riverview Elementary



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