

Board Meeting June 23, 2021

REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Prosser School District was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Peggy Douglas. Other Board members present included Vice President Jesalyn Cole, Mr. Andy Howe, and Mr. Scott Coleman. Also present were Mr. Matt Ellis, Superintendent; Mrs. Deanna Flores and Mr. Craig Reynolds, Assistant Superintendents. Director Scott Coleman was not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A request was made to include the following changes to the agenda:

- Add payroll under 9a- Vouchers and Payroll
- Suggested amendment for minutes from Adriana Miller- language change

Motion to approve the revised agenda was made by Jesalyn Cole, seconded by Andy Howe and motion carried unanimously to approve the revised agenda.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Ellis stated a letter was received and shared with the Board and Assistant Superintendent Deanna Flores.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None.

PROTOCOL FOR ADDRESSING BOARD:

President Douglas reviewed the protocols for addressing the Board of Directors. Input on all issues of discussion at the business meeting is requested and encouraged. There are two ways to sign up in advance – either by sending an email to Matt Ellis, Superintendent at matt.ellis@prosserschools.org, or in person by requesting to be heard during this portion of the meeting. Comments will be limited to two minutes per person. Please keep comments concise, non-emotional, and brief, and before speaking please share your full name and spelling of the last name for meeting minute documentation.

Hearing of Visitors:

None.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Covid Report

Mr. Ellis indicated Governor Inslee is opening Washington by June 30, 2021. Mr. Ellis shared that summer school is starting and the nurses will continue to stay on top of the Covid numbers.

REPORTS:

Deanna Flores, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

- iReady data in-do we want principals to present at next meeting or in September.
- Board Chair Douglas asked that it all be presented at once.
- Handout-Learning improvement days used for Trauma Informed Practices. Mandated training on racial literacy. Teachers will be doing this online. Vocab on the back. Required. Completion is monitored, teachers being enrolled. It is required by state.

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Audited money for the state. Spend it or don't spend it and give it back. This would be a day of teacher pay. If they choose to do this, they get paid. If they choose to not do this, they don't get paid.

- Donation of books for all first graders from local author. Books will be given away at summer school.
- All online options considered so teachers don't have to teach in person *and* virtual learning. Parents will be surveyed. 200 elementary students stayed online this spring and 300+ HS students stayed online. Can access after school activities, etc.
- Big move update-KRV and Special Services done, Heights 70% done, working weekends. Monstrous undertaking-lots of people helping. Band room at HS has been moved. Tech moved separately. HS will be after Heights. Construction crew grateful for extra time.
- Summer School-first PD day today. Monday begins summer school. Consultants coming in to help with new teachers. Welcomed new teachers. Feedback from new teachers was positive about consultants. Planned and taught a lesson to small group. Transportation done, phone calls going out. Ready. 400+ students enrolled, K-12. Credit retrieval underway with options-until August 13th.

Craig Reynolds, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations

- May financials-typical decreases underway due to variable apportionment percentages. Expenses are lower than our revenue-on target. Expect bigger expenditures this summer.
- Transportation and CTE-leg has given additional money to Transportation. CTE has own source of funding, bigger expenditures coming up. Cash balance will be estimated for this year. Send to Board. Projection only.
- Enrollment-7 FTE above budget, good news. Decrease in overall enrollment over time. Conservative budgeting for staffing.
- Working on budget for next year-available in August. Process will include study sessions

Athletics and Activities Director Report

- Athletic recap-full scope of athletics. League cut back seasons, but all ran. Athletic Banquet held. Awards given to amazing student athletes. Coach of the Year honors given to two coaches. Numerous group GPA awards for most teams. Participation down across board. Cut games due to Covid.
- Board reps have applied-ASB students. Have a few open positions, recruiting.
- Changes in graduation cords and awards coming up from student focus groups.
- Summer activities underway (baseball, 7:7 football underway). Field space is an issue due to construction. Community conversations. Weight room space and access an issue. Outside work happening, weights moved outside.
- Out of State Travel-Seaside, OR-kids are expected to cover costs on their own. Request submitted. Covid precautions need to be addressed. Next Board meeting will be seen by Board. Covid plans need be submitted.

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Career and technical Education Director Report

- 5 Year Plan Submitted-Comes from committee work, for entire district. Input from committee, submitted to Board.
 - Programs: expanding current programs, STEM. New positions will be CTE scoped.
 - Equipment: expanding amount of equipment available for CTE. Welding improved with more modern equipment, for example. Industry-grade equipment will be in each program.
 - CTE offerings for existing staff-medical detectives being planned. CS Discovery to MS will be offered. Trained.

Special Services Director Report – Staffing

- Interview for SLP yesterday-starting FastTrack program at Baylor, qualified. References checked.
- PT position-working on it. Full time load, but part time person. Not possible with a new person. Not open yet, waiting on budget. Contractor, probably. In teacher's union. Not competitive with private industry or other districts.

Matt Ellis, Superintendent

- Graduation kudos to Bryan Bailey
- Continued learning opportunities-camps, summer school, reorganizing spaces. Lots of planning and opportunities for students.
- Financial moves-open contracts this year for all bargaining units. Negotiations this summer.
- Art Fiker facility-ESSER funds for upgrades there-need decisions about land sales, budget, etc.
- Levy is coming due. We will need to run a levy in the near future. Deciding on rate, getting resolutions passed, get it on the ballot.
- Working with Paterson SD about transportation cooperative. Looping back with that conversation.
- Prosser SD selected as pilot site for University of Indiana survey for school improvement.
- Revisit dress code-request from community
- Open/closed campus pending
- Safety and security meetings coming up
- Prosser THRIVE-PBIS funded PAX (behavior game for classroom management). Money for consultants-discipline policies, working with students, trauma-informed/ACES best practices. Leveraging funds for PD around that for teachers.

Board Members' Reports

Jesalyn Cole

- Streamed events for Senior Week were excellent, kudos to HS staff and Bryan Bailey. Congrats to seniors. CTE report was excellent-broadening CTE offerings very important. THRIVE luncheon featuring speaker that will give PD to teachers-great practices. THRIVE community movies are back and starting tomorrow.

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Andy Howe

- Congrats to seniors. CTE offerings amazing. Critical Race Theory is a problem, horrible way to go. People need to research it.

Peggy Douglas

- Graduation was perfect. Changes were good. Teachers up front and everyone there was great. CTE a plus as well.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Appointment of new Board member and Student Representatives

- A Special Study Session on 6/29/21 at 6 p.m.

Open vs. closed lunch at Prosser High School and Safety protocol

- Encourage community involvement and input on both topics.
- Glen Thompson will be available during the safety protocol to answer questions.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Motion to approve agenda items A, B, and C as presented by Jesalyn Cole, seconded by Andy Howe and motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS:

Accounts Payable Vouchers

Motion to approve by Andy Howe, seconded by Jesalyn Cole, carried unanimously with no questions.

Award of Laptops and Chromebooks

Motion to approve by Jesalyn Cole, seconded by Andy Howe, carried unanimously.

Surplus – Technology

Motion to approve by Jesalyn Cole, seconded by Andy Howe, carried unanimously.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

- Regular Board Meeting, July 14, 2021, Housel Middle School Library, 7:00 p.m.
- Special Board Meeting will be planned to review new student representative applications and possibly review the safety and security policy and provide opportunity for public comment.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by Jesalyn Cole, seconded by Andy Howe, meeting was adjourned by unanimous consensus at 7:53 p.m.

Clerk to the Board

Board President

Secretary to the Clerk of the Board