

REGULAR BOARD MEETING: **REVISED – 11/10/2021**

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 include Vice President Jesalyn Cole, Mrs. Jeanie Aubrey and Mr. Andy Howe. Also present were Mr. Matt Ellis, Superintendent, Mrs. Deanna Flores, and Mr. Craig Reynolds Assistant Superintendents. Student Representatives Hannah Norris and Andres Ruvalcaba Student Representative was no in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve agenda was made by Jesalyn Cole, seconded by Jeanie Aubrey and motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Mr. Ellis recognizes Scottie Hunt and Scott Coleman two past board members and presents them with act of service awards.
- Mr. Ellis also acknowledges that October is Principal appreciation month and thanks them for their work and leadership.

PROTOCOL FOR ADDRESSING BOARD:

- President Douglas reviewed the protocols for addressing the Board of Directors.

HEARING OF VISTORS:

- Adrian Gonzalez addresses board regarding COVID-19 testing requirement added to winter sports program including boys/girls basketball, boys/girls wrestling, boys swim and cheerleading. Required for only un-vaccinated players.
  - Mr. Ellis suggested that Mr. Gonzalez forward him the information he presented to the board and then he would forward it to board members to review then they will be better able to answer questions.
- Judy Stanton expressed her concern of a survey given to Prosser High School students. Regarding the gay/lesbian/straight education network. The reason for the survey was the principal was looking into creating a club for student in LGBTQ community.
  - Mr. Ellis stated that he was just informed of the survey and neither himself nor the board consented to the survey, but they will be looking into it.
- Kathy Ripplinger expressed her concern regarding the pronoun agenda and wanted to know the school boards interpretation of it.
  - Mr. Ellis expressed that the school prefers to use the pronouns “they/them”
- Kathy Ripplinger’s second question was since this last mandate how many employees have we lost within the district?
  - Mr. Ellis said that there were no employees lost since the last mandate.
- Athena Sartin a teacher at PHS wanted to advocate on behalf of the students regarding the mask mandate. Ms. Sartin pointed out that not all students are able to receive the vaccine and that we all should be wearing masks to protect those students.

- Emily Chen advocated for the Gender Association Club.
- Jason Crook a teacher at PHS explained that he has had quite a few students come forward to him regarding their gender and sexuality.
- Judy Stanton expressed that if it is acceptable for there to be an LGBTQ club then what happens when a student wanted to create a religious club.
- Maritza Barragan Orrozco advocated for the Gender Association club and expressed that this club could very well be a safe place for students.
- Sarah Griffiths expressed her concern regarding unvaccinated students and having to have COVID-19 tests.
  - Mr. Ellis suggested that Sarah email him her concerns.
- Jason Rainer expressed his displeasure in regards to mask mandates and COVID-19 vaccinations. Mr. Rainer wants to know where the school stands on vaccination mandates.

#### INFORMATION ITEMS:

- None.

#### REPORTS:

##### Deanna Flores, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

- Mrs. Flores shared that they are in the process of reviewing curriculum for the K-5 ELA 6-12 Social Studies and History and bringing conclusion to the Science and Arts adoption.
- Meet with Riverview and Heights Principals and furniture companies and is in the process of trying to order furniture early.
- Thanked Principals for all their work and their dedication to the students.
- Prosser Boys and Girls Club Board having their fundraiser Festival of Trees on November 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Airfield. Tickets available on the website.

##### Craig Reynolds, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations

- Mr. Reynolds went over October enrollment.
- Working on sending the financial report to ESD. Preliminary fund balance has gone substantially higher than what was projected.
- Mr. Ellis and other board members praised Mr. Reynolds on his effort with his work on the budget.

##### Matt Ellis, Superintendent

- Mr. Ellis and Mr. Reynolds are still working on bargaining.
- Mr. Larez has started an afterschool tutoring program.
- Working with Paterson to obtain their portion of the PHS bond since they are non-high district. Have proposed a bond and will be in conversation with them to resolve that.
- Spoke to President Douglas to schedule a potential Special Board Meeting as a work session to go over levy rates, sale of property and other matter that we will be discussing in the future.
- Purchase of a new kiosk for PHS.
- Creating a hall of hero or veteran's hall at PHS to honor vets

- Toured Keene Riverview with President Douglas and Vice-President Cole.

#### BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

##### Jesalyn Cole

- Toured KRV and enjoyed getting to see the new wing of the school and all the kids.

##### Mark Gunderson

- AAU has been able to use our gyms and they have been following all protocols.

##### Jeanie Aubrey

- Attended another Thrive meeting and was impressed to see how much effort they are putting in to help students within the district.

##### Peggy Douglas

- Have been working with Mrs. Cole and Mr. Ellis to schedule a potential Special Board Meeting to talk about levy.
- Tour of the KRV building was amazing and was excited to see the students. Teachers were excited about their new space.

##### Andy Howe

- Seattle rock concert show made some more calls and will probably happen in mid-May.

#### STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

##### Andres Ruvalcaba

- This past week was homecoming week and this week is wish week and has been enjoying all of the school activities.
- Leadership is planning on doing a veterans day assembly and are also planning on doing a Veterans Day brunch to honor their service.

##### Hannah Norris

- PHS "Hole in The Wall Productions" performances will be in mid-November and rehearsals are going well.
- Princess Theaters production of "All Together Now" is also going well and rehearsals have been a blast and performances will also be in mid-November.
- Veterans Day parade is also in mid-November which the band has been preparing for.

#### PRINCIPAL REPORTS

##### Kevin Gilman – Whitstran - REVISED

- Reading adoption narrowed down our focus and non-negotiables for that and was glad to see all of the other buildings on the same page.
- Student council started and have started their morning messages.

- Thanksgiving baskets are back and running. Thanked Bonnie and Lorena for all their assistance with organizing the baskets and reaching out to families that might need them. They have also started on the Christmas baskets.
- Preconstruction activity out at Whitstran has started and is encouraging.

#### Jessica Wilson – KRV

- Submitted pictures of new wing at KRV has been hectic but staff has been very flexible and supportive of each other. Teachers are loving it and is excited for the rest of the students to be able to have that access.
- Thanked everyone for the new wing at KRV and help getting settled in.

#### Jodi Sabin – Heights

- Meet with Bricks for Kidz and working on a job posting for an afterschool program.

#### Michael Denny – HMS

- WE club has started the “WE Scare Hunger” food drive to support the local food banks and Prosser Community.
- IReady fall testing has been completed.
- SBA fall testing is underway both Science and ELA are already completed, and Math will be completed by the end of the week.
- Fall sports have just completed and this is our first full week of winter 1 sports.
- Bailey Maya will be heading a new class for students that are interested in music.
- HMS completed the “Great Washington Shakeout” last week.
- Was able to observe a couple of classrooms with Vice-Principal Cole.

#### Bryan Bailey – PHS - REVISED

- Tons of activities for students Homecoming week was last week and pink week is this week.
- STAMP, PSAT and SBAC testing were all completed this week.
- Updates on building and areas that still need to be addressed
- Safety and security
- Recommends that any standard operating procedures be shared with the principals so that we know exactly what needs to be presented to the board.
  - Mr. Ellis commends PHS for their work on pink week and cancer awareness

#### CONSENT ITEMS:

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Jeanie Aubrey, seconded by Mark Gunderson and motion carried unanimously.

#### ACTION ITEMS:

##### Vouchers and Payroll

Moton to approve by Jesalyn Cole, seconded by Jeanie Aubrey, carried unanimously.

##### Awarding of Laptops Computers and Chromebooks

Motion to approve by Jeanie Aubrey, seconded by Mark Gunderson and motion carried unanimously.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

- Regular Board Meeting, November 10, 2021, Housel Middle School Library, 7:00 p.m.

ADJORNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by Jesalyn Cole, seconded by Jeanie Aubrey, meeting was adjourned by unanimous consensus at 8:26 p.m.