

**MINUTES
WAHAKIYAKUM SCHOOL DISTRICT #200
CATHLAMET, WA 98612**

July 17, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: Tina Schubert called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Other members in attendance were Tim Hanigan, Shawn Merz, Sue O'Connor and Michelle Budd. Bob Garrett, superintendent; Stephanie Leitz, HS principal; and Theresa Libby, K-8 principal; were also in attendance.

ATTENDANCE: Eric Hansen, Roberta Reichert, Lisa Frink, Tina Merz, Janine Oman, Lacey Woodside, Krista Fritzie, Debbie Melton, Andrea Merrill, Jami Rainey, Lisa Ridout and Jamie Cothren, staff members; Sharla Will and Sarai Burke, community members; and Diana Zimmerman, with The Eagle, were also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Tim Hanigan moved, seconded by Michelle Budd, to approve the agenda as presented. The decision was unanimous.

DISCUSSION REGARDING FINANCIAL OPTIONS THAT MIGHT RESULT IN FREEING UP SOME MONEY TO ALLOW SMALLER CLASS SIZES: Bob Garrett gave a brief history of our situation and then shared a plan for reducing class sizes that would only result in the need to hire one new teacher at the Middle School. Stephanie Leitz and Theresa Libby have agreed to oversee some of our special programs, which will allow Jamie Cothren to return to a regular classroom.

As of right now, the plan has no K-3 classroom with more than 21 students, and no 4-5 classrooms with more than 25 students. Everyone was in agreement that those numbers were very manageable and should lead to greater student achievement.

Mr. Garrett also added that the administrators were of the opinion that our school board members should not be put in the place of micro-managing the district. While some cuts will be necessary due to declining enrollment and declining cash reserve, the administrators will make those decisions given the information that they currently have, allowing the Board to be a policy making entity.

The administrators also asked the school board to consider placing a capital projects levy (for technology and security items) on the November ballot. Without calling for a special meeting, a decision on this matter would be needed by our July 22 meeting.

Mr. Garrett thanked all of the staff in attendance for their commitment to the education of our youth, and commended our principals for being significant "players" in the resolution of our class size issues.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.

APPROVED:

BY:

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY