

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

December 16, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: Tina Schubert called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m. Other members in attendance were 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. Board member, Tim Hanigan, arrived at approximately 6:20 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Mike Wright, staff member; Jim Culbertson, Paula Culbertson, Haylee Budd and Don Maple, community members; and Diana Zimmerman, with The Eagle, were also present.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD: Michelle Budd moved, seconded by Sue O'Connor, to continue with the same officers for another year (Tina Schubert as our Board Chair; Shawn Merz as our Vice-Chair; and Tim Hanigan as our Legislative Representative.) The decision was unanimous, 4-0.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Shawn Merz moved, seconded by Michelle Budd, to approve the agenda as presented. The decision was unanimous, 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND/OR SUGGESTIONS: None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: Sue O'Connor moved, seconded by Michelle Budd, to approve the consent agenda items as presented: minutes of the November 18, 2014, meeting (see attached); approval of 2014-15 supplemental contracts (see attached); and acceptance of resignation from Paul Johns as our MS Head Track Coach (see attached). The decision was unanimous, 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

FIRST REVIEW OF POLICIES: Mr. Garrett presented policies 2165, 2170, 2178, 2180, 2190, 2195, 2220, 2255, 2320 and 2333 for a first review. No action was needed at this time.

SECOND REVIEW OF POLICIES: Mr. Garrett presented policies 2121, 2125, 2126, 2140, 2145, 2150, 2151, 2153, 2161 and 2162 for a second review. Mr. Garrett recommended that policy 2151 be given further consideration and not be approved at this time. Shawn Merz moved, seconded by Sue O'Connor, to approve the second review of the policies, with the exception of 2151. The decision was unanimous, 4-0.

POLICIES 2005 and 2108: Discussion regarding these two policies was tabled until our January meeting.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FARM FOREST: Discussion regarding this topic was tabled until January.

NEW BUSINESS

POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF GERMAN CLASS'S FIELD TRIP TO GERMANY: Principal Leitz shared that our German teacher, Mr. Cox, one parent, and four students are hoping to have the Board approve a field trip to Germany that the group hopes to take over spring break (April 4-12, 2015.) Costs will be about \$2,000 per person and each person will be responsible for their own costs. Shawn Merz moved, seconded by Michelle Budd, to approve the trip as described. The decision was unanimous, 4-0.

DISCUSSION REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF SECURING A LOAN WITH THE COUNTY TO ADDRESS SECURITY/TECH PROJECT: Mr. Garrett informed the Board that Tammy Peterson, Wahkiakum County Treasurer, had notified him that the County will be willing to grant a loan to the District for this project if the Board opts to request one. After some discussion, Shawn Merz moved, seconded by Sue O'Connor, to approve requesting the loan from the County later this school year, when the project gets finalized and a timeline is in place. The decision was unanimous, 4-0.

POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF USDA GRANT APPLICATION: Mr. Garrett explained that he would like the Board's approval for a USDA Grant application, requesting financial assistance in purchasing a digital radio system. Shawn Merz moved, seconded by Sue O'Connor, to approve the grant application. The decision was unanimous, 4-0.

RESCHEDULING OF FEBRUARY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATE: The Board was in consensus to set its February school board meeting date for Tuesday, February 24, in order to avoid a conflict with the district basketball tournament dates.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS: Both principals briefly reported on their student bodies' Christmas-related activities. Principal Libby also reported on the success of several students who had been recognized as local and district winners of the VFW's sponsored essay writing contest.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Garrett reported on the December enrollment count (with a breakdown including STEPS and CEO students who were not in our beginning of year projected enrollment count); our November budget status report for each fund; reminded the Board that budget extensions will be needed this school year for our General Fund, Capital Projects Fund and Debt Service Fund; we will be advertising our surplus vehicles after the first of the year; and that a representative from Construction Services Group will be in the District on Thursday to discuss our security/tech project.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL: The Board reviewed the vouchers as presented. Michelle Budd moved, seconded by Shawn Merz, to approve the General Fund Accounts Payable, \$68,161.49 (checks 147177-147227); Payroll, \$266,044.41 (checks 147228-147298); the ASB Fund Accounts Payable, \$11,679.96 (checks 147164-147176); and Comp Taxes \$36.63 (check 147103). The decision was unanimous, 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board went into executive session at 6:22pm to discuss personnel evaluations. The Board returned to open session at 6:50pm

SURPLUS VEHICLES: Shawn Merz moved, seconded by Sue O'Connor, to ask Mr. Garrett to obtain more information regarding options available for selling our surplus vehicles, and to report back at our January school board meeting. The decision was unanimous, 5-0.

ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION: Sue O'Connor moved, seconded by Michelle Budd, to approve the acceptance of a resignation from Nancy Nelson, effective at the end of the first semester, January 26, 2015 (see attached.) The decision was unanimous, 5-0)

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52pm.

APPROVED:

BY:

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY