

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

June 23, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: Tina Shubert called the meeting to order at 5:35p.m. Other members in attendance were Sue O'Connor, Michelle LoBue (previously Michelle Budd), Paula Culbertson, and Shawn Merz. Bob Garrett, superintendent; Stephanie Leitz, HS principal; and Theresa Libby, K-8 principal; were also in attendance.

ATTENDANCE: Mike Wright, Lacey Vik, and Shelby Deaton, staff members; Jim Culbertson and Heidi Heywood, community members; and Diana Zimmerman, with the Eagle, were also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Sue O'Connor moved, seconded by Paula Culbertson, to approve the agenda as presented. The decision was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT OR SUGGESTIONS: Heidi Heywood showed her gratitude for the board members and Wahkiakum School District's administration (special kudos to Stephanie Leitz) on their hard work over the past three years since her daughters started high school. She was impressed with how much our school had developed since 2011 and was extremely grateful for the advanced classes our school offers to help prepare kids for college.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: Paula Culbertson moved, seconded by Shawn Merz, to approve the consent agenda items as presented: minutes of the May 19, 2015, meeting (see attached); minutes from the June 8, 2015, special meeting (see attached); acceptance of resignation from Michelle LoBue, board member (see attached); 2014-2015 supplemental contracts (see attached); scheduling the 2015-16 budget hearing during the first fifteen minutes of the regular July school board meeting; acceptance of resignation from Darren Merrill, MS football coach (see attached); and acceptance of revised resignation from Marie Riley effective August 31, 2015, staff member (see attached). The decision was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF CLASS CREDITS: Staff has requested that the Board approve the Natural Resource Class and the Robotics Class as Lab Science credits. As of right now, these two classes are CTE or elective classes. Currently, Physics, Chemistry and Environmental Science are the only lab science credit classes available to students. Natural Resources and Robotics meet the requirements to qualify as lab science classes. And since students in the Class of 2019 will be required to have three years of science, two of which must be lab science classes, this will give students more options from which to choose. Staff has also requested that the Ag Mechanics class be accepted as a Fine Arts Class. Shawn Merz moved, seconded by Sue O'Connor, to approve the Natural Resource Class and the Robotics Class as lab science credits; and the Ag Mechanics Class as a fine arts credit. The decision was unanimous.

APPROVAL TO REMOVE PORTABLE 120: Mike Wright reported that portable 120 is rapidly deteriorating and is considered dangerous for students and staff to use. He is proposing that the school relocate the storage from portable 120 to the Fritz building so that the portable can be demolished. He expects it to cost approximately \$6,200. There was also some discussion on the condition of the portables at the elementary school and Mike plans to work on those portables this summer to prolong their use. The Board agreed to give a maximum budget of \$6,500 for the demolition project. Shawn Merz moved, and Sue seconded, to move surplus storage to the Fritz Building and demolish Portable 120 as long as it stays under budget. The decision was unanimous.

APPROVAL TO REMOVE TREE: Mike Wright reported to the Board that a tree in the front of the high school has been pushing up the sidewalk making it a walking hazard. He proposed that the school remove the tree and fix the sidewalk correctly to avoid possible injury and further damage to the sidewalk. No cost estimate has been received at this time. Board gave consensus to move forward on finding a contractor to remove the tree and fix the sidewalk.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR POLICY 4040: Shawn Merz moved, seconded by Sue O'Connor, to approve the Resolution 0515-062315 that references Policy 4040 (see attached). The decision was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY ROAD USE AGREEMENT: A local timber company asked for temporary access to the Farm Forest logging road in order to get to a logging site. Interference with student activities is the main concern for the Board and staff. Dan Bigelow presented a legal document to the logging party, in which they made some suggested changes. Dan Bigelow is now considering their suggestions. The Board gave consensus that they would want to see the document at the July Board meeting before making a final decision.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION WIAA: Paula Culbertson asked whether or not the WIAA charged a fee to be a member and Mr. Garrett said that they do. She was wondering about other options available. Although the school district could decide not to be a part of the WIAA, it would be extremely difficult to find opponents for school sports because school districts that are WIAA members are not allowed to participate in activities with non-WIAA members. Paula Culbertson moved, seconded by Sue O'Connor, to approve the WIAA Resolution for the 2015-16 school year (see attached). The decision was unanimous.

LOCATION IDENTIFIER FEE: Part of the technology and security grant that the school district received was intended to be used to purchase a new phone system for the High School. Current law states that if a new phone system is set into place, every room that contains a phone must also have a location identifier. This would cost the school district approximately \$3,100 extra a year in phone fees. The Board talked about some other options such as a two-way PA system between classrooms and new phones only in specific areas. After considerable discussion the Board was in consensus to continue moving forward on the new phone system for the high school, realizing that we will be assessed approximately \$3,100 per year more for the enhanced 911 system.

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY: Mr. Garrett reported that several of the folding chairs at the high school need to be disposed of, as they have become unreliable and unsafe. The Board was in consensus to dispose of the unsafe chairs and to replace them over time as funds allow.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Theresa Libby and Stephanie Leitz presented an end of the year slide show to the Board. It summarized all the things that they implemented this year and things they are going to do next year to help get students ready for college or a career (see attached). They also proposed that the Board approve an increase in prices for ASB cards. Since the ASB is no longer funded by the school concession program like it had been in the past, funds are diminishing. Increasing the HS ASB card fee to \$40 and the GS ASB card fee to \$15 would help raise money for the student body to use next year. Paula Culbertson moved, seconded by Sue O'Connor, to increase the ASB card prices to \$40 and \$15, and to make the change in the Student Handbook. The decision was unanimous.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Garrett reported on the following: the June enrollment count; the budget status for each fund including when the District will be making payments to the County Treasurer's office for our two outstanding loans; updated the Board on the security and technology project; the possibility of all students receiving free lunch through the Exploration of Community Eligibility Program; the WSSDA Conference coming up in November in Bellevue, available to all Board Members; and a farewell and thank you to Michelle LoBue for her services over the last six years as a Board Member.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL: The Board reviewed the vouchers as presented. Sue O'Connor moved, seconded by Michelle LoBue, to approve the General Fund Accounts Payable \$89,381.85 (checks 148102-148163); Payroll \$293,980.23 (checks 148024 – 148081); the ASB Fund Accounts Payable \$11,208.87 (checks 148082 – 148101); and Comp Tax \$349.92 (checks 148164 – 148165). The decision was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board went into executive session at 7:30pm to discuss Personnel Evaluations and Administrative Contracts. The Board returned to the open session at 8:12p.m.

APPROVAL OF 2015-16 ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTS: Paula Culbertson moved, seconded by Sue O'Connor, to approve the 2015-16 principal contracts as revised for Stephanie Leitz and Theresa Libby; and the 2015-16 superintendent contract as presented for Bob Garrett. The decision was unanimous.

JULY BOARD MEETING: The Board was reminded that our July school board meeting date has been changed to 5:30pm on Tuesday, July 28th.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Tina Shubert at 8:15p.m.

APPROVED:

BY:

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY