

MINUTES
WAHKIAKUM SCHOOL DISTRICT #200
CATHLAMET, WA 98612

December 17, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: Shawn Merz called the meeting to order at 5:33p.m. Other members in attendance were Paula Culbertson, Dan Wilson and Sue O'Connor. Bob Garrett, superintendent; and Theresa Libby, K-8 principal; were also in attendance.

ATTENDANCE: Shelby Deaton, staff member; Derek West, Ron Wright, Steve Prescott, Tom Shofner, McKay Menard, Carrie Backman, Patrick McKay-Beach and Amity Wuestefeld, community members; Kaleo Silva, Cooper Prescott, Julianne McKay-Beach, Mercedes Menard, Cayden Mendez, Eric Wuestefeld, Dalton Bruntmeyer, Wyatt Bruntmeyer, Benjamin Bush and Michael Menard, students; and Diana Zimmerman, with the Eagle, were also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Paula Culbertson moved, seconded by Sue O'Connor, to amend the agenda by moving the Robotics Presentation from item #9 to item #6 on the Agenda. The decision was unanimous.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ROBOTICS CLUB PRESENTATION: The Wahkiakum Robo Geeks gave a presentation on this year's robotics project which involves recycling in Wahkiakum County. Our county is losing money due to misplacement of recycled products, dirty recycled products, and lack of knowledge. They then demonstrated their robots, explained the programming, and enlightened us on the robotics competitions that they have been involved in. See attached information sheet for more facts about the Club.

OATHS OF OFFICE: Newly elected school board members, Sue O'Connor, Paula Culbertson and Dan Wilson, signed their respective oath of office and were thanked for their willingness to serve.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD: Paula Culbertson moved, seconded by Sue O'Connor, to nominate Shawn Merz as Board Chair. With no other nominations, Shawn Merz was unanimously elected as the chair person. Paula Culbertson moved, seconded by Dan Wilson, to nominate Sue O'Connor as Vice-Chair. With no other nominations, Sue O'Connor was unanimously elected as the vice-chair.

PUBLIC COMMENT OR SUGGESTIONS: Derek West expressed some concern about a couple of incidences at the high school and the way that staff treats some students. Paula Culbertson responded that she visits the high school on an almost daily basis and that she has been impressed with how the school culture and student morale appear to be on the incline. Mr. Garrett shared that the district was not at liberty to publicly discuss student or staff discipline situations, and consequently quite often only one version of an incident filters through the rumor mill.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: Paula Culbertson moved, seconded by Sue O'Connor, to approve the consent agenda items as presented: minutes of the November 17, 2015, meeting (see attached); acceptance of resignation from Rob Garrett, softball coach (see attached); acceptance of resignation from Stacey Wegdahl, assistant softball coach (see attached); approval of Seth Doumit, volunteer boys basketball coach (see attached); and approval of 2015-16 supplemental contracts (see attached). The decision was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

LEASE VS. PURCHASE: Mr. Garrett shared that he had actually misspoke last month when he asked the Board to purchase a copier for the upper elementary school. What he meant to say was that he was recommending that the Board approve leasing another copier like the one that we have leased for the middle school. The lease would be for four years and the vendor would be Ricoh. Sue O'Connor moved, seconded by Dan Wilson, to approve the lease of a new copy machine for the Grade School as recommended. The decision was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF REVISED 2015-16 CERTIFICATED CONTRACT FOR TIFFANY NIEMEYER: Mr. Garrett explained that in preparing the S275 report for the State, he noticed that Tiffany Niemeyer had actually accumulated more credits/clock hours than she expected. Consequently Mr. Garrett was recommending that the Board approve a revised 2015-16 certificated contract for Tiffany Niemeyer (moving her from the MA+45 column to the MA+90 column). Sue O'Connor moved, seconded by Paula Culbertson, to approve Tiffany Niemeyer's revised 2015-16 certificated contract as recommended. The decision was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Theresa Libby referred back to the Robotics presentation and all their hard work that has already been put into the robotics project this year. She mentioned all the holiday spirit that has been going on down at the ES/GS with door decorating, spirit days, caroling, and Christmas Bingo.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Garrett reported on the following: the budget status for each fund; enrollment for December; and the Security/Technology Project.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL: The Board reviewed the vouchers as presented. Sue O'Connor moved, seconded by Paula Culbertson, to approve the General Fund Accounts Payable \$78,322.57 (checks 148863 - 148927); Payroll \$317,892.92 (checks 148796 - 148836); ASB Fund Accounts Payable \$2,988.64 (checks 148853 – 148862) the Capital Projects Fund Accounts Payable \$8,337.64 (checks 148928 - 148929); and Comp Tax \$123.77 (check 148930). The decision was unanimous.

NEXT MEETING DATE: January 19, 2016 – 5:30pm

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by Shawn Merz at 6:46pm.

APPROVED:

BY:

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY