

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

February 23, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER:** Shawn Merz called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m. Other members in attendance were Paula Culbertson, Dan Wilson and Sue O'Connor. Bob Garrett, superintendent; Theresa Libby, K-8 principal; and Shelby Deaton, District Clerk; were also in attendance.

**ATTENDANCE:** Paul Ireland, staff member; Nicci Bergseng, Laura Borak, Susie Whalen, and Robin Westphall, community members; and Diana Zimmerman, with the Eagle, were also present.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT OR SUGGESTIONS:** None

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:** Paula Culbertson moved, seconded by Sue O'Connor, to approve the consent agenda items as presented: minutes of the January 19, 2016, meeting (see attached); approval of Second Reading of Policies 1105, 2020, 4040, 5201, 5240, 6106, and deletion of Policies 5211, 5215, 5221, 5230; and approval of 2015-16 Supplemental Contracts (see attached). The decision was unanimous.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Second Reading of Policies 2021, 5280, and 5281:** Paula Culbertson moved, seconded by Sue O'Connor, to revise Policy 2021 by including, "Technology Director," in paragraphs two and three of the policy (see attached). The decision was unanimous. Paula Culbertson moved, seconded by Sue O'Connor, to approve Polity 5280 as presented. The decision was unanimous. Paula Culbertson moved, seconded by Sue O'Connor, to approve Polity 5281 as presented. The decision was unanimous.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF MICHELLE WISNER AS FOOD SERVICE WORKER:** Sue O'Connor moved, seconded by Paula Culbertson, to approve Michelle Wisner as the new Food Service Worker at the Grade School. The decision was unanimous.

**POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF NEW TEMPORARY PARA-EDUCATOR:** Sue O'Connor moved, seconded by Dan Wilson, to approve Melissa Garrett as the new temporary Para-educator at the Grade School per the unanimous recommendation of the interview committee. The decision was unanimous.

**POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AIR CONDITIONING PROPOSALS:** Mr. Garrett presented a summary page of the quotes we had received on the two air conditioning projects (see attached.) Paul Ireland then described the projects and took questions from the Board. It was decided to table this topic until our March school board meeting, at which time Mr. Ireland could have more information available.

**POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS BEING USED TO SALVAGE HS BASEBALL TEAM/HS GOLF TEAM:**

Sue O'Connor moved, seconded by Dan Wilson, to conditionally approve using 8<sup>th</sup> Graders on the High School Baseball and Golf teams as long as they are needed based on league standards. The decision was unanimous.

**SCHOOL BOARD SELF-ASSESSMENT:** Mr. Garrett shared an email regarding School Board Self-Assessments that he had received from WSSDA. Paula Culbertson shared that she had taken a look at the WA School Board standards as presented by WSSDA, and she suggested each school board member do the same prior to our March school board meeting. The Board was in consensus that that was a good idea and that we would then continue the discussion at our March school board meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** Mrs. Libby told the Board about her experience at the Smarter Balance Assessment Symposium that she attended this month. She also reported on her meeting about Section 504 plans and the new things she learned that could help the district. She updated the Board on activities that have been happening at the Grade/Middle School and was excited to report 25 students have signed up for Track.

**INTERVIEW OF BOARD CANDIDATES:** The Board conducted interviews of the two candidates (Nicci Bergsens and Robin Westphall) for the vacant School Director District 5 position. Each of the four school board members took turns asking questions of the two candidates, with a total of eight questions in all (see attached). Each candidate was then given the opportunity to make a closing statement if she so desired. Both candidates were thanked for their willingness to serve and then a motion was made by Paula Culbertson, seconded by Dan Wilson, to appoint Robin Westphall as our Director District 5 school board member. A roll call vote was then taken with Dan Wilson voting yes, Sue O'Connor voting no, Paula Culbertson voting yes and Shawn Merz voting yes. The motion passed 3-1.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Mr. Garrett reported on the following: the budget status for each fund; enrollment for February; the District's outstanding debt and construction needs at the High School.

**EXHIBIT AT REDMEN HALL:** Paula Culbertson invited everyone to attend the Wahkiakum Students' Art and Science Exhibit at Redmen Hall starting, Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, and continuing through Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. The exhibit will feature original art work by Mary Moonen's elementary students, Tina Merz's middle school students and Sue Garn's high school students. Also featured will be projects from Kyle Hurley's Ag Science students. On Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, Redmen Hall will host "The Battle of the Robots" featuring Ron Wright's 4-H Robotics Club, Jeff Pillar's 8<sup>th</sup> grade robotics class and Jeff Rooklidge's high school high school robotics class. Competitions will be held from 1 to 3pm.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL:** The Board reviewed the vouchers as presented. Paula Culbertson moved, seconded by Sue O'Connor, to approve the General Fund Accounts Payable \$97,621.33 (checks 149133-149189); Payroll \$316,315.73 (checks 149062-149119); ASB Fund Accounts Payable \$11,352.29 (checks 149120-149132) the Capital Projects Fund Accounts Payable \$8,665.72 (checks 149190-149192); and Comp Tax \$888.23 (check 149193-149194). The decision was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned by Shawn Merz at 7:00pm.

**APPROVED:**

**BY:**

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY