

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

February 21, 2017

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

ATTENDANCE: Shelby Garrett, Rob Garrett, Tina Merz, Amber Mace, Todd Souvenir and Paul Ireland, staff members; Pete LaBerge, Patti LaBerge, Brenda Ferguson, Eric Ferguson, Jason Will, Brad Carlson, Treasure Collupy, and Tom Shofner, community members; Danny Davidson, Luke Brown, Aaron West, Zach Brown, Hank Ferguson, and Isaac Moon, students; 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/amended. 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 item as presented: minutes of the January 23, 2017, meeting (see attached). The decision was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

DISCUSSION REGARDING 8TH GRADERS PARTICIPATING IN HS ATHLETICS: This was a continuation of a discussion that began at our January school board meeting. Most people at this meeting were in attendance to either submit input, or hear input, on this topic. Shawn Merz began the discussion by giving some informational facts (see attached.) He then opened the discussion to those in attendance. Several people, including some of the students, spoke to the topic. Some of the Board members shared that their position was not to micro-manage coaches, but rather to set policy and listen to the constituents. It was also explained that the Board had agreed to implement allowing 8th graders to participate in HS sports, provided coaches and parents were supportive, for the 2016-17 school year. At the conclusion of the year, the Board would re-evaluate. No further action was taken on this topic at this meeting.

16-17 SCHOOL CALENDAR – SNOW MAKE-UP DAYS: The Board came to a consensus and approved the 2016-17 calendar with the snow make-up days being added to the end of the year (see attached).

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF 2016-17 SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS: Sue O'Connor moved, seconded by Dan Wilson, to approve the 2016-17 supplemental contracts (see attached). The motion passed 4-0-1 with Shawn Merz abstaining.

POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF ANTI-VIRUS SOFTWARE: Paul Ireland explained to the Board that the school district's current anti-virus software was not as efficient as it should be. He recommended that the district purchase a Joint McAfee Intel Anti-Virus Software that would cost \$18,000 for setup and three years of service. After those three years the software would cost \$5,000 a year. Currently, the district pays \$3,000 a year for an inadequate anti-virus software. The new anti-virus software includes upgrades with no extra charge and can not only protect our computer system from future viruses, but also allows Paul to detect where the virus came from and who was on the computer when the virus occurred. Paula Culbertson moved, seconded by Robin Westphall, to approve the purchase of the McAfee Intel Anti-Virus Software. The decision was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS

BOARD SELF-ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENT: All Board Members participated in a self-assessment last year and they all agreed that it would be beneficial to take the self-assessment again this year. Mr. Garrett said that he would get the necessary information to them in the near future.

PRINCIPALS REPORT: Theresa Libby and Stephanie Leitz explained to the Board that there are new Financial Literacy standards required by OSPI that teachers are starting to implement in their classrooms. They also talked about how great it was to have community members involved in their club times. It gives the students an opportunity to explore other interests that aren't available in their regular classes. For example, Robin Westphall is in charge of Ceramics Club and Paul Lawrence has an Architecture Club. Stephanie talked about the upcoming career/job fair that the school will be hosting from 1:00 to 3:00pm on March 29th; and she also updated the Board on the WIOA grant that the school district received. This grant helps kids who are unsure of what they want to do after high school and it also helps out-of-school youth.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT: Mr. Garrett reported on the following: K-12 Enrollment; the budget status for each fund; the upcoming PDC filing due date; the possibility of a 4-H archery club using the school grounds; the Mental Health Counselor Agreement with Wahkiakum County; the timber sale revenue; and the positive audit results.

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 \$84,006.11 (checks 150769 - 150819); Payroll \$340,458.31 (checks 150691 - 150749); the Comptax Accounts Payable \$298.76 (checks 150821 - 150822); the Trust Fund \$1,000.00 (check 150820); and the ASB Fund Accounts Payable \$7,155.31 (checks 150750 - 150768). The decision was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL EVALUATION: The Board went into executive session at 7:15pm for personnel evaluation, and returned to the open session at 7:44pm.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Shawn Merz at 7:45pm

APPROVED:

BY:

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY