

MINUTES
WAHKIAKUM SCHOOL DISTRICT #200
CATHLAMET, WA 98612

April 18, 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, Kyle Hurley, Tina Merz, Mary Simpson-Moonen, Sue Garn, staff members; Joe Florek, Ron Wright, Jessica Vik, Dixie Kolditz, Carrie Backman, Jason Will, Sharla Will, Tonya Ahmed, community members; Chuck Barton, Jamal Ahmed, Seth Kuljis, Will Hummels, Julianne McKay-Beach, Joe Merz, Nai'a Freeman, Camille Kolditz, Lizzie Kolditz, Peter Vik, Annalise Vik, Albin Kolditz, Henri Kolditz, Wyatt Feil, Kris Feil, Evaline Vik, and Robert Will, students; Dan Bigelow, prosecuting attorney; 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.

FFA CREED – NAI'A FREEMAN: Nai'a Freeman, a freshman at Wahkiakum, recited the FFA Creed for the Board. Nai'a will be competing in Pullman, WA, at the State FFA competition, so this was an ideal venue for Nai'a to practice.

4-H ROBOTICS PRESENTATION: The local 4-H robotics club showed their gratitude to the School District by explaining what they have been working on this year. The Club strives to go on an educational and fun field trip once a month, they compete in many competitions around the State with various types of robots, and they told the Board about their goals for the future. The ages of the club members range from preschool to high school. The club hopes to host a robotics competition at Wahkiakum next year.

CURRICULUM REPORT – ART: Mary Simpson-Moonen presented on her elementary art classes. She teaches the students the seven elements of art, focuses on one famous artist each year to touch on art history; and uses art as a fun, stress-reliever for the kids. When her students are in kindergarten, they receive a sketch book that they keep and use until 6th grade. Tina Merz presented on her middle school art classes. This class is combined with AVID Leadership and the kids use art to make the community beautiful and to raise money for people in need. She focuses on altruism and art for a purpose. Sue Garn, the high school art teacher, aligns her visual arts curriculum with state and national standards. She had Seth Kuljis and Jamal Ahmed present slideshows they created on two different art/architecture movements that they found interesting. Seth chose Ancient Chinese Architecture and Jamal enjoys Cubism.

PUBLIC COMMENT OR SUGGESTIONS: Community member, Jason Will, expressed that he would like to see more attention paid to the standing water problem in the Vo-Ag shop area. Mr. Garrett stated that our maintenance staff has been working on it but has not found resolution yet. Mr. Will suggested that the gutters and downspouts may be clogged and Mr. Garrett said that he would share that with the maintenance staff.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: Paula Culbertson moved, seconded by Sue O'Connor, to approve the consent agenda items as presented: minutes of the March 21, 2017, meeting (see attached) and minutes of the April 11, 2017, special board meeting (see attached). The decision was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

VO-AG EQUIPMENT REQUEST: Kyle Hurley told the Board that he was waiting to hear back from our insurance company as to whether or not we could have students younger than 18 years of age operate major equipment, such as an excavator. He wanted to make sure the Board approved of him continuing to research the equipment purchase. The Board expressed their concern on the project. They would like to see a presentation on how the equipment will be used in the classroom. They also want to make sure that students under 18 are legally allowed to use the equipment in a classroom setting.

ACCEPTANCE OF GREENHOUSE BID: Mr. Garrett explained to the Board that we had a few local contractors come to the school and take a look at the greenhouse project, but only one company submitted a bid. That company was D.P. Construction and their bid was \$34,000 plus tax. Mr. Garrett said that he had spoken to Don Wages, the owner, and he is confident that he can get the work completed by the middle of June. He is also prepared to start work very soon. Paula Culbertson moved, seconded by Sue O'Connor, to approve the bid for \$34,000 plus tax from D.P. Construction to assemble the greenhouse. The decision was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF CREATION OF NEW ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR POSITION: After some discussion, Sue O'Connor moved, seconded by Dan Wilson; to approve the Administrative Director Position (job description attached) for one year. The decision was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF 2016-17 SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS: Paula Culbertson moved, seconded by Sue O'Connor, to approve the 2016-17 supplemental contracts (see attached) as presented. The decision was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION – WAIVER FROM 180-DAY SCHOOL YEAR: Sue O'Connor moved, seconded by Dan Wilson, to approve Resolution 117-041817 (see attached) which requests a waiver from the State Board of Education for the 180-day school year requirement. The decision was unanimous.

POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF 4-H ARCHERY PROGRAM ON SCHOOL PROPERTY: 4-H would like to use school grounds to host an archery program. This program would be covered by the 4-H program's insurance and it will be run by certified volunteer, Chris Garstki. Mr. Garstki has been trained in CPR, concussion protocol, signs of cardiac arrest, along with archery skills and other safety issues. He expects there to be four to eight kids joining the club and will seek another volunteer if that number increases. The Board would like to move forward with this project, but would like more information from Carrie Backman at the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF 2017-2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR: Paula Culbertson moved, seconded by Sue O'Connor, to approve the 2017-2018 school calendar (see attached) as presented. The decision was unanimous.

DISCUSSION REGARDING TRAFFIC SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM: Mr. Garrett explained that we have been unable to offer a TSE class this school year due to Mr. Bonny's health condition. He added that he is pursuing other options, at least for this spring and maybe summer (with hopes that Mr. Bonny can return in the fall). One possibility is to contract out for the services from Cowlitz Driving School. They are currently providing similar services to Toutle Lake School District. The Board was in consensus that if Mr. Garrett and Mrs. Leitz approve of the class arrangement with the Driving School, then they can move forward.

OTHER BUSINESS: NONE

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS: Theresa Libby wanted to remind the Board that the 8th grade moving up ceremony is June 14th at 7pm in the Middle School Gym. Stephanie Leitz wanted to invite the Board to the Shakespeare performance April 19th at 10am in the high school gym. Both principals have been planning a freshman orientation night and a Cispus outing in the near future for our current eighth graders.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Garrett reported on the following: K-12 Enrollment; the budget status for each fund; the denial from Mark Morris to allow our students to play in a soccer combine with them; that three of our five school director positions (#1, #3 and #5) are up for election/re-election; we are considering fencing around the football field; and we may need to resurface the track.

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 \$103,681.90 (checks 151015-151070); Payroll \$330,828.87 (checks 150950-151003); the Capital Projects Fund Accounts Payable \$26,111.29 (check 151014); the Comptax Accounts Payable \$507.80 (check 151071); and the ASB Fund Accounts Payable \$7,364.77 (checks 151004 - 151013). The decision was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - POTENTIAL LITIGATION AND PERSONNEL EVALUATION: The Board went into executive session at 7:45pm to discuss potential litigation and personnel evaluation.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: The Board returned to open session at 8:43pm.

APPROVAL OF 2017-18 PRINCIPAL CONTRACT FOR NIKKOLE REESE: Paula Culbertson moved, seconded by Sue O'Connor, to approve a 2017-2018 contract for Nikkole Reese to serve as our K-8 Principal. The decision was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF REQUESTING A CONDITIONAL TEACHING CERTIFICATE FOR CINDY FUDGE: Paula Culbertson moved, seconded by Sue O'Connor, to approve requesting a conditional teaching certificate for Cindy Fudge. The decision was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

APPROVED:

BY:

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY