

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

March 20, 2018

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; Nikkole Reese, K-8 principal; Brent Freeman, Administrative Director; and Shelby Garrett, business manager; were also in attendance.

ATTENDANCE: Jamie Cothren, staff member; 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: Diana Zimmerman asked Nikki Reese and Stephanie Leitz some questions about the student walk-out that occurred last week. There were nine students at the middle school and one student at the high school who participated. Each principal asked the students to write their thoughts and reasons for walking out. They made sure the event didn't interrupt the school day. The high school leadership members decided they would like to do a 'walk up' instead of a 'walk out,' which consisted of walking up to classmates that they wouldn't normally talk to, and greeting them. Nikki gave the nine middle school students detention because they were, essentially, skipping class; but they spent the detention time with her during lunch on the following Monday. She talked to the students about the walk-out and showed them a video of students performing acts of kindness to honor the victims.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: Paula Culbertson moved, seconded by Sue O'Connor, to approve the consent agenda items as presented: minutes of the February 26th meeting (see attached); minutes of the March 14th special meeting (see attached); approval of 2017-18 Supplemental Contracts (see attached); and the second reading of policies (see attached). The decision was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH PROCESS: Interviews will be held on Monday, March 26, beginning at 8:00am. The Board will go into executive session at approximately 4:30pm to discuss personnel evaluation. Mr. Garrett will post public notices as per usual.

18-19 SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA CALENDAR: Brent Freeman created a color-coded, annual calendar for the Board. This will serve as the beginning of a "work in progress" as the Board plans to revisit this topic again next month.

NEW BUSINESS

ASSET PRESERVATION PROGRAM REPORT: Every six years the middle school building is evaluated by a certified consultant. The other five years, the building is evaluated by one of our staff members. This year Brent Freeman rated the building at an 87.79%, which is considered good. New buildings are only evaluated for the first 30 years. Given that our middle school is 24 years old, the District will only need to utilize a certified consultant one more time to evaluate the school.

FACILITY NEEDS AT HIGH SCHOOL – REMODEL COMMITTEE: The Board reached consensus that they would like Mr. Garrett to post a public notice in The Eagle, asking for community members to contact the District if they are interested in participating on the District’s facility committee. Mr. Garrett will also send an email to all staff members, making a similar request to them. The two principals will inquire of their student bodies to see if there might be some students who would also like to participate. The Board will revisit this topic at the April meeting.

REVISION TO POLICY AND PROCEDURES 3207 – Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying: Paula Culbertson moved, seconded by Sue O’Connor, to approve the revision to Policy and Procedure 3207, as presented. The decision was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS: NONE

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT: Nikki Reese and Stephanie Leitz updated the Board on upcoming events at both schools. Books for Kids will be held on Tuesday, March 27, during school; and a Family Literacy Night will be held on Thursday the 29th for the K-5 students and their parents. The grade school has already received 224 RSVPs. Doernbecher Week started on March 19. There will be many events over the next two weeks to raise money for the children’s hospital, including a dodgeball tournament and a family dinner. Stephanie also shared information regarding the Financial Reality Fair that was held at the high school to teach the kids about paying taxes, credit scores, buying or renting a house, etc.. She also informed the Board about the very successful trip to Seattle where students had two college visits and were able to view Hamilton. Lastly she commented on the Youth Careers Expo that students went to in Oregon and the student leadership team’s visit to Cispus.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Brent Freeman updated the Board on the IT infrastructure schedule that Paul Ireland has been working on. He will also be working on the grade school phone and PA system. Brent also wanted to thank the maintenance crew, baseball team, and coaching staff for their hard work on the softball and baseball fields. He has received very positive feedback from opposing teams and umpires about how great both fields look.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Mr. Garrett reported on the following: February enrollment (see attached); the February Budget Status (see attached); the E-Rate Program; the Legislative Session; putting together a negotiations committee; and an update on a budget revision and interfund loan for the Transportation Vehicle Fund.

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 \$101,004.88 (checks 152668 - 152729); Payroll \$385,342.89 (checks 152605 - 152667); the Comptax Accounts Payable \$93.53 (check 152741 - 152742); and the ASB Fund Accounts Payable \$6,952.42 (checks 152730 - 152740). The decision was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- NEGOTIATIONS AND PERSONNEL EVALUATION: The Board went into executive session at 6:25pm to discuss negotiations and personnel evaluation. The Board returned to open session at 7:14pm.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF TWO FINALISTS FOR OUR SUPERINTENDENT VACANCY: The Board announced that two finalists, John Hannah and Brent Freeman, will be interviewed on Monday, March 26, for our superintendent vacancy.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Shawn Merz at 7:15pm

APPROVED:

BY:

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY