

MINUTES
WAHKIAKUM SCHOOL DISTRICT #200
CATHLAMET, WA 98612

April 17, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: Shawn Merz called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m. Other members in attendance were Dan Wilson, Paula Culbertson and Robin Westphall. Bob Garrett, superintendent; Brent Freeman, administrative director; Stephanie Leitz, HS principal; and Shelby Garrett, business manager; were also in attendance.

ATTENDANCE: Zach Brown and Casey Wilson, students; Jeff Rooklidge, Ryan Garrett and Lisa Frink, staff members; and Diana Zimmerman, with the Eagle, were also present.

SCIENCE PRESENTATION – JEFF ROOKLIDGE, RYAN GARRETT, LISA FRINK: Ryan Garrett, representing the middle school science teachers, began the discussion by sharing how all of our district's secondary science teachers initially met together to make certain that our middle school science instruction is providing a good foundation for our students to find success in our high school science courses. Most recently, he, Jeff Rooklidge and Kyle Hurley have been meeting to ensure that our science textbooks are aligned with each other. Those three teachers have also spent time aligning our science instruction to the new science standards, with particular emphasis being placed upon what our teachers refer to as our 'power standards' or the most important standards. He also demonstrated a couple of science experiments that his students have enjoyed, and also touched on the Foss kits (from ESD 112) and appropriate "make shift kits" that are more user friendly for the students and less expensive for the District.

Jeff Rooklidge, the high school science teacher, continued the presentation by talking about the different partnerships he has made with fish hatcheries, wildlife organizations, etc. so that our students can have real life experiences, both in and out of the classrooms. Several of these agencies have also provided donations and/or grant dollars which have helped "boost" our science classroom supplies and materials. Over the last few years, Mr. Rooklidge has been teaching a robotics class and explained how the motor that runs the robot is the same type of technology that is used to run a cell phone or a microwave. He also briefly discussed some of his high school science students visiting the grade school classrooms to share about robotics, resulting in fun experience for all and more interest in science by the younger students. Casey Wilson and Zach Brown presented on the projects that they have been working on in Mr. Rooklidge's environmental science class involving wood ducks, algae and plankton. The algae and plankton project was funded by Washington State University Vancouver and Wahkiakum is one of five schools that is testing the Columbia River from Ilwaco to Washougal. After they obtain a sample of the river, they send it to WSUV to get tested and then analyze the results and apply them to how they might improve the environment.

Lisa Frink, teacher of a 4-5 split classroom, presented representing the K-5 science program. Each K-5 classroom gets Foss kits from the ESD three times a year, and they use those to teach experiments in their classes. Lisa talked about how she aligns the instructional materials with the new science standards and how she is preparing her classes for the state science test. She also explained how she is the liaison between the ESD and the K-5 science teachers. She attends multiple trainings a year and then brings the information back to the district.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Paula Culbertson moved, seconded by Robin Westphall, to approve the agenda as presented. The decision was unanimous.

TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE FUND BUDGET HEARING: Mr. Garrett presented the Transportation Vehicle Fund Budget Extension. Originally, \$130,000 was budgeted for the purchase of a new bus, but the cost is approximately \$136,200 so he is recommending that the budget be extended to \$136,500.

PUBLIC COMMENT OR SUGGESTIONS: NONE

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: Paula Culbertson moved, seconded by Robin Westphall, to approve the consent agenda items as presented: minutes of the March 20th meeting (see attached); minutes of the March 26th meeting (see attached); and approval of 2017-18 Supplemental Contracts (see attached). The decision was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

18-19 SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA CALENDAR: The Board was in consensus to table this topic, with the understanding that they would probably schedule a special school board meeting to discuss just this item only.

FACILITY NEEDS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL: Mr. Garrett shared that he had not received any interest from the community regarding serving on a facility committee. He thought that we would probably need to contact specific individuals to see if they might be willing to serve. He also stated that OSPI has now added a staff member to serve southwest Washington with respect to school facilities and construction, and stated that he and Mr. Freeman would be scheduling a meeting with him soon.

NEW BUSINESS

ADOPTION OF 2018-2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR: Paula Culbertson moved, seconded by Dan Wilson, to approve the 2018-2019 school calendar as presented (see attached). The decision was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 0118-041718 – BUDGET EXTENSION FOR THE TVF: Paula Culbertson moved, seconded by Dan Wilson, to approve Resolution 0118-041718 - a budget extension for the Transportation Vehicle Fund (see attached). The decision was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS: NONE

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Stephanie Leitz updated the Board on different events that have been held at the high school lately. They had the 3rd quarter awards ceremony on April 17th and over 50% of the 9th grade class made honor roll; Key Club earned \$5,654.73 for Doernbecher Children's Hospital during the annual Doernbecher fundraising week; prom is coming up on April 28th; the students are putting together a clothing closet for anyone that may need clothes, spirit wear, prom dresses, etc; and the Seattle Shakespeare Company performed a multicultural version of the 12th Night on Friday April 13th.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Garrett reported on the following: April enrollment (see attached); the March Budget Status (see attached); upcoming Administrative Conferences; and possibly rescheduling the Board Meeting from June 19th to June 21st.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL: The Board reviewed the vouchers as presented. Paula Culbertson moved, seconded by Robin Westphall to approve the General Fund Accounts Payable \$108,787.42 (checks 152743 - 152798); Payroll \$406,806.76 (checks 152813 - 152880); the Comptax Accounts Payable \$444.02 (checks 152811 - 152812); and the ASB Fund Accounts Payable \$19,651.66 (checks 152799 - 152810). The decision was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Negotiations, Personnel Evaluation and Potential Litigation: The Board went into executive session at 7:10pm to discuss negotiations, personnel evaluation and potential litigation. The Board returned to open session at 8:30pm.

REVISION TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN WAHAKIYAKUM SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE WAHAKIYAKUM EDUCATION SUPPORT PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION: Paula Culbertson moved, seconded by Robin Westphall to approve the following language change referring to Jury Leave on page 15 of the Agreement – If an employee is called for jury duty, he/she is to notify the principal so that arrangements may be made for a substitute to take over during the time of needed absence. Employees are allowed to keep any compensation they receive for serving as a member of a jury, in addition to their regular pay. The decision was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT: Paula Culbertson moved, seconded by Dan Wilson, to approve a two-year superintendent contract with Brent Freeman, beginning on July 1, 2018, with a base annual salary of \$105,000. The decision was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Shawn Merz at 8:32pm.

APPROVED:

BY:

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY