

MINUTES
WAHKIAKUM SCHOOL DISTRICT #200

February 19, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: Shawn Merz called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m. Other members in attendance were Paula Culbertson, Dan Wilson, Sue O'Connor, and Robin Westphall. Stephanie Leitz/HS Principal, Nikkole Reese/GS Principal, and Brent Freeman/Superintendent, were also present.

ATTENDANCE: Allen Bennett, Jessie Westcott, and Craig Sears, community members; Debbie McClain, ESD 112; Shelby Garrett, Paul Johns, Nicole Wilson, and Stephanie Johnson, staff members; and Diana Zimmerman, with the Eagle, were 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: Jessie Westcott and her father, Craig Sears, expressed concerns about teachers and IEP implementation. They agreed to meet with Mrs. Reese and Mr. Freeman to further address details of their concern. The meeting is pending schedule coordination but will occur soon.

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 22nd meeting (see attached); and second reading of policies (see attached); and approval of Joel Stetzer's modified contract (see attached). The decision was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE ON COMMERCIAL KITCHEN PARTNERSHIP: Allen Bennett gave an update to the Board on the commercial kitchen partnership. The budget was approved by the grantor and they should have the bid specs out in a couple weeks. Paula Culbertson asked if she could see the specs when they are available and Mr. Bennett plans to provide those to the Board. After the bid specs are approved, they will then look for a contractor. The kitchen is planned to be finished and operating by August 31st, but after an approved extension, the money can be spent until September 30th. The team is implementing a utilities tracking system inside the facility that will track electricity and water so the district will only pay for the districts usage of the facility and any community members will pay for their usage.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Freeman has been talking to legislatures about the hold harmless plan for school districts. The plan would help 132 districts, including Wahkiakum. If the plan goes through, our district should expect to receive an additional \$291,000. The Wahkiakum County Assessor also gave Mr. Freeman an update on how much the district should receive from the levy this year and he estimates the district will receive around \$660,000.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF 2018-19 SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS: Paula Culbertson moved, seconded by Sue O'Connor, to approve the 2018-19 Supplemental Contracts (see attached). Shawn Merz abstains. Passed 4-0-1.

SPECIAL EDUCATION – DEBBIE MCCLAIN, ESD 112: Debbie McClain, the Assistant Director of Special Education at ESD 112, presented the number of students our district has in the special education program by grade level. She also explained how special education is funded, what services the ESD offers to our students, and how many staff members are provided by the ESD for our district.

HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES: Nikki Reese and Stephanie Leitz presented on the history/social studies K-12 classes. Currently, there are no common core standards for history and social studies, there are only state standards. Kindergarten through fifth grade teachers often have to integrate history into reading. Washington State History is required for all Washington High School graduates, as well as, three high school history credits.

OTHER BUSINESS: NONE

PRINCIPAL’S REPORTS: Nikki Reese and Stephanie Leitz updated the Board on events that will be happening over the next few months: Middle School Literacy Night, Elementary School Super Hero Math Night, Missoula Children’s Theater, Kindergarten Registration Night, math training, State Basketball, a course on vaping presented by the Wahkiakum County Network, the mentoring program, Shakespeare, and The Don’t Wait Project.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Mr. Freeman updated the Board on the enrollment reports (see attached); the budget status (see attached); public disclosure commission filing for Board Members; the skill center; the mental health partnership; and new light fixtures for the grade school gymnasiums.

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 \$105,042.17 (checks 154167 - 154223); Payroll \$413,049.03 (checks 154091 - 154146); the Comptax Accounts Payable \$368.19 (check 154224); and the ASB Fund Accounts Payable \$10,511.50 (checks 154147 - 154166). The decision was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - LITIGATION, NEGOTIATIONS, AND PERSONNEL EVALUATION: The Board went into executive session at 7:20 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

APPROVED:

BY:

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY