

**SOUTH WHIDBEY FIRE/EMS
SPECIAL MEETING
South Whidbey High School
5675 Maxwellton Rd Langley, WA 98260**

March 18th 2014 – 7:00PM

Minutes

In Attendance:

Chairman Kenon Simmons

Commissioner Mike Helland

Commissioner Bob Elliot

Chief Rusty Palmer

In Audience – AC Busch, DC Cotton, DC Beck, DVC Shields, Vicki Lange, Kelly McDonald, Erick Westphal, Ken Lindenstein, 60% of the Volunteer membership, 4 members of the public

- I. Call to Order – Chairman Simmons called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
- II. Approval of Agenda – Commissioner Helland moved to approve the agenda; motion carried.
- III. Bayview Fire Station Discussion - The project was discussed relating to total cost and financing of the project, design of the building and access to the property, and members ability to give input during the project. Chief Palmer explained the two options for financing; a voter bond or a councilmanic bond. The Board is looking into a councilmanic bond as the best option because it would not increase taxes. The councilmanic bond would be a general obligation loan from the state with a low interest rate and annual payments made out of the District Capital fund. Specifics on the actual rate and term will not be available until the District applies for the loan. The Board addressed concerns about the building design and access mostly due to restrictions from the County. Members were asked to give input directly to the Chief or Commissioners as they review the plans. When asked if the membership supported the project, the majority of members responded with a positive 'Yes'.
- IV. Concluded – 7:30pm

Cindy Rehberg
District Secretary