CASHMERE SCHOOL DISTRICT #222

Regular Board Meeting

March 24, 2014

Call to Order:

Chairman Christensen called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

Declaration of Quorum:

Board members Brian Maydole, Roger Perleberg, Kelly Green and Paul Nelson were present. There were nine others present including Superintendent Johnson.

1. Flag Salute –Chairman Christensen led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of the Agenda –On a motion by Roger Perleberg, the Board approved the agenda as presented.
3. Reports, Correspondence and Program –

3.1 Board Report – Mr. Perleberg advised that he recently attended the WIAA IAC meeting in Renton. He said that he had also attended the meeting with WIAA Executive Director Mike Colbrese at the ESD and that nothing had been resolved.

Mr. Nelson reminded the Board about the Sixth Grade Play and the Science Fair this week.

3.2 Superintendent’s Report

3.2.1 Winter Assessment Report – Sean McKenna/Tony Smith – Superintendent Johnson advised that formative assessments are ongoing versus summative assessments, which provides information after the fact. Formative assessments such as MAPS provides teachers with current information that can be used to target students that require additional assistance.

Vale Elementary Principal Sean McKenna advised that MAPS winter testing included all second through fourth graders. He provided a summary of math and reading scores from both fall and winter MAPS testing, reviewed expected growth and what was actually achieved. Mr. McKenna stated that Vale Elementary students continue to grow at a rate above the national average in both Reading and Math scores.

Cashmere Middle School Principal Tony Smith advised that while all MS students are tested in the fall only those students that are in the 35 percentile and lower are tested in winter. He advised that although their gains may not seem as large as those at the elementary level they are still making huge progress towards closing the gap in math and reading.

3.2.2 College Bound Scholarship Program Update – Liz Detamore – Superintendent Johnson advised that both Liz Detamore and former school counselor Dale Jones worked hard to make the College Bound Program at the Middle School successful.

Middle School Counselor Liz Detamore advised that the scholarship program is an early commitment of providing state financial aid to eligible students who sign up in 7th or 8th grade and fulfill the pledge. The scholarship combines with other state financial aid to cover the average tuition, some fees and a small book allowance. To be eligible to apply the students must qualify meet one of the following requirements: 1) be eligible for free or reduced-price lunch program, 2) receive basic food or TANF benefits, 3) are in foster care or a dependent of the state, or 4) meet the income guideline requirements.

Ms. Detamore advised that she encourages all students to apply regardless of their current financial situation in case that changes before they attend high school. To receive the funding if they qualify, the students must also: 1) graduate from a Washington state high school/home school with a 2.0 GPA or above, 2) be a good citizen in school, community and stay crime free and 3) submit the yearly FAFSA in a timely matter.

Mr. Smith stated that the program initiates conversations about college and offers opportunities to those students that might not feel college is available to them.

3.2.3 Middle School CTE Report – Jeremy Wheatley – Mr. Wheatley advised that there are currently 22 Career and Technology Education Director Interns across the state. He said the MS was always looking for ways to expand electives at the MS and that as a former woodshop teacher he felt that this program was the perfect opportunity to expand the CTE program to the Middle School and add an elective. Mr. Wheatley advised that Mr. Martin’s seventhgrade STEM class (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) is currently the only course that qualifies as CTE certified.

Mr. Wheatley advised that funding, staffing and budget for CTE is different from basic education and that the CTE program not only opens up more opportunities for students but also provides additional funding to the District. He stated he hopes to certify Stephanie Ball’s science class and expand CTE courses to the 8th grade for next year.

3.2.4 Enrollment/Budget Update – Dwight Remick ­–Superintendent Johnson advised that Mr. Remick was attending the Cascade School District board meeting.

Superintendent Johnson advised that the FTE of 1401.45 remains above the revised budget number of 1380. He said that Mr. Remick feels that the ending fund balance will be as projected, above the targeted 5%.

3.2.5 AVID Observations – Superintendent Johnson said that Shelly Milne extended an invitation to board members to come and observe AVID classrooms in action on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon. He said that she felt the Board would be favorably impressed with all the students are currently doing during that time.

Liz Detamore advised that they are currently in the process of recruiting current sixth graders for AVID next year.

Superintendent Johnson stated that he would invite the entire AVID team to provide an update at a future board meeting.

1. Visitors – Sebastian Moraga, reporter for the Cashmere Valley Record, was the only visitor.
2. Consent Agenda
   1. Approval of Board Minutes – Approval of January 22, 2014 and February 3, 2014 board minutes.

5.2 Approval of Warrants and Financial Reports

Pay date of February 28, 2014: Warrants #301168 - #301215 totaling $76,672.97

General Fund $67,556.74

ASB $9,116.23

Pay date of March 14, 2014: Warrants #301278 - #301397 totaling $149,492.35

General Fund $101,816.44

ASB $18,558.00

Transportation Vehicle Fund $28,864.00

Pay date of March 31, 2014: Warrants #301462 - #301530 totaling $194,232.78

General Fund $179,839.01

ASB $14,317.64

Payday of February 28, 2014: Payroll in an amount totaling $960,216.11, including benefits.

Payday of March 31, 2014: Payroll in an amount totaling $958,455.08, including benefits.

On a motion by Kelly Green, the Board approved the Consent Agenda as presented.

1. Action Items

6.1 2014-14 District Calendar – Superintendent Johnson briefly reviewed the proposed 2014-15 calendar, pointing out the change from three to two days for Mid-Winter Break in March.

On a motion by Roger Perleberg, the Board approved the 2014-15 district calendar.

6.2 Resolution 2014-1 Cashmere Middle School Bond Refinancing Approval – Superintendent Johnson stated that the “refunding” of the MS bonds is a procedure similar to refinancing. This is done to reduce interest costs and/or restructure the payment of the debt. With interest rates low, Jon Gores has advised Superintendent Johnson that the timing is right to refinance.

On a motion by Roger Perleberg and a roll call of approval - Brian Maydole “Yes”, Roger Perleberg “Yes”, Kelly Green “Yes”, Chairman Christensen “Yes” and Paul Nelson “Yes”, the Board approved Resolution 2014-1 relating to contracting indebtedness; providing for the issuance, fixing or setting parameters with respect to certain terms and covenants, and fixing the form of not to exceed $5,200,000 principal amount unlimited tax general obligation refunding bonds, in one or more series, to provide money with which to pay the cost of refunding, paying and redeeming all or a part of the callable portion of the District’s outstanding Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds, 2006.

6.3 Out of State Travel – DECA Nationals (Atlanta, GA) – Superintendent Johnson advised a request had been made by Chris Cloakey for permission to travel to Atlanta Georgia for the DECA International Career Development Conference. Saxton Sykes, Ellie York and Oscar Cantu will compete in the Entrepreneurship Promotion Project. The advisor’s costs and transportation will be paid by the CTE budget. The student costs will be paid by DECA ASB account and CTE budget.

On a motion by Kelly Green, the Board approved Mr. Cloakey’s request for out of state travel by the DECA team to Atlanta Georgia to attend the DECA International Career Development Conference.

6.4 Personnel Report –

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| 1. Retirement/Resignation/Release/Termination | | |
| Name | Position | Comments |
| Shawn Morrison | MEChA Advisor | Resignation |

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| 2. Requests: Leave/Transfer/Change in Hours/New Assignment | | | |
| Name | Position | | Comments |
| Mary Ann Kunsman | Counselor | | Half-Day Leave End of Yr. |
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| 3. Recommendations for Employment/Transfer/Return from Leave of Absence | | | | |
| Name | | Position | Comments |
| Lane Keller | | Grounds Specialist | New Position |
| Shelley Ryan-Kelzenberg | | Bilingual/LAP Para |  |
| 3a. Contract Approval/Renewals 2013-14 | | | | | |

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| 4. Recommendation/Request for Approval of Positions to be Posted | | | |
| Position | | FTE | Comments |
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| 1. Co-Curricular Resignations/Releases | | | |
| Name | Position | | Comments | |
| Kristi Blair | Cheer Coach | | Resignation | |

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| 2. Recommendation for Employment/Renewals | | | | | |
| Name | Position | | | Comments | | |
| Andy Groce | MS Head Track Coach |  | | |
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On a motion by Paul Nelson, the Board approved the Personnel Report.

1. Discussion Items ­­

7.1 WIAA League Update– Tony Boyle reported that there had been another meeting with Mike Colbrese recently at the ESD. He said the basic purpose was for Mike Colbrese to listen to the complaints about the WIAA decision, not to change anything. Mr. Boyle said he asked Mr. Colbrese what the difference was between the non-league schedule of four or five games with SCAC teams and a league schedule of the same games.

Superintendent Johnson advised that although the panel’s decision is final, the District was still reviewing its options.

7.2 School Start/End Time: Traffic Congestion Safety – Superintendent Johnson advised that with the buses picking up/dropping off students first at the MS, heading to the Vale and then doubling back to the HS, a traffic congestion situation and a safety hazard for walking students has been created. He stated that one option is revising Vale Elementary and Cashmere Middle School’s start and end times and the buses starting at Vale rather than the MS but nothing has been finalized. Superintendent Johnson said he hoped to implement a change shortly after students return from Spring Break.

8.0 Adjournment - On a motion by Kelly Green and there being no further business to discuss, Chairman Christensen adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Secretary Chairman