

CASHMERE SCHOOL DISTRICT #222
Work Session
May 5, 2025

Call to Order: Chairman Aaron Bessonette called the meeting to order at 7:00 A.M.

Declaration of Quorum: Board members Paul Nelson, Nicholas Wood, Roger Perleberg, and Sara Pipkin were present. There were five others present, including Superintendent Johnson.

- 1.0 Flag Salute – Chairman Aaron Bessonette led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2.0 Approval of Agenda – On a motion by Roger Perleberg, the Board approved the agenda as presented.
- 3.0 Reports, Correspondence and Program
 - 3.1. Board Report – Board member Nicholas Wood reported it was a full weekend with many student and community events taking place such as Cashmere High School Prom and Wenatchee Apple Blossom Festival. It was highlighted how well the students did in the parade.
 - 3.2. Superintendent's Report
 - 3.2.1. Fiscal / Enrollment Update – Business Manager Bo Charlton presented the district's enrollment figures as of May and reported that development of the 2025–2026 budget is currently in progress.
 - 3.2.2. Legislative Recap – Business Manager Bo Charlton provided an overview of the recent legislative session and its finalized outcomes. He discussed the anticipated impacts of these changes on the Cashmere School District for the remainder of the current school year and in future years.
 - 3.2.3. Summer School Plans – High School Principal Craig MacKenzie shared details regarding the upcoming summer school programs. The Extended Year Program, focused on credit recovery, will run from June 13 to July 2. Additionally, the Ramp-Up Program is scheduled to take place from August 4 through August 18.

Middle School Assistant Principal Jon Shelby outlined the middle school's summer program, which will run from June 16 to July 3 and will focus on English Language Arts (ELA) and Math. Approximately 30 students are expected to participate

Vale Elementary Principal Sean McKenna reported that the elementary summer program will follow the same schedule as the middle school, running from June 16 to July 3. The program anticipates serving approximately 120 students.

3.2.4. K-12 Counseling Update – Vale Principal Sean McKenna provided an update on the district’s K–12 counseling efforts undertaken throughout the year. The primary goal has been to establish systemic alignment across all three buildings and to develop a comprehensive district-wide Social and Behavioral Health Plan. Mr. McKenna presented the current version of the plan to the Board and explained how it will promote a shared understanding, vision, and approach to student support across the district.

Review of AI “Draft” Board Policy – Assistant Principal Jon Shelby led a discussion on the review of the AI-drafted policy. He addressed some general questions raised from the previous Board meeting and connected those questions to the drafted Board policy. Mr. Shelby reiterated that the purpose of the drafted policy is to provide clear guidance on the acceptable uses of AI, while ensuring alignment with the district’s proven goals and instructional practices already in place.

4.0 Visitors – There were no visitors in attendance.

5.0 Discussion Items – There were no discussion items.

6.0 Adjournment – On a motion by Paul Nelson and there being no further business to discuss, Chairman Aaron Bessonette adjourned the meeting at 8:13 A.M.

Secretary

Chairman