

CASHMERE SCHOOL DISTRICT #222
Board Work Session
June 6, 2022

Call to Order: Chairman Ted Snodgrass called the meeting to order at 7:16 AM.

Declaration of Quorum: Board members Roger Perleberg, and Paul Nelson were present. Vice-Chairman Nicholas Wood and Tom Christensen were absent. There were eight others present including Superintendent Johnson.

- 1.0 Flag Salute – Chairman Ted Snodgrass led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2.0 Approval of the Agenda – On a motion by Roger Perleberg, the Board approved the agenda as presented.
- 3.0 Reports, Correspondence and Program
 - 3.1 Board Report – The Board unanimously agreed graduation was a nice event and everything had gone great!
 - 3.2 Superintendent Report –
 - 3.2.1 District Budget Update – Business Manager Angela Allred gave a brief budget update to the Board. She stated the fund balance would end a little higher than anticipated.
 - 3.2.2 2022-23 Budget Hearing / Adoption Timeline and Process – Ms. Allred stated the 2022-23 budget would be due on August 1, 2022. Ms. Allred reviewed the required steps for budget adoption process as outlined by WAC 392-123-054. She reviewed the time schedule for preparation, adoption and filing of the annual budget. She stated the public is made aware they have access to the budget and can come discuss the budget with the district. Said notice is published at least once a week for two consecutive weeks in the Wenatchee World.
 - 3.2.3 Student Meal Prices – Ms. Allred stated the district had not increased the student meal prices in years, well before her time. She noted having done some comparisons with local school districts. She asked the Board to review the calculator worksheet she provided them and its comparisons. As noted in this worksheet, the district falls well below the national average. Ms. Allred stated she would be recommending an increase of .10 at a later board meeting. She anticipates coming back to this every year and continue to increase by .10 until the district reaches that threshold.

- 3.2.4 BMO P-Cards – Ms. Allred explained that many school districts have moved away from traditional credit cards. She stated there have been a lot of challenges with the credit cards the district currently holds through Cashmere Valley Bank. Ms. Allred would like to propose to transition to this new system. She explained that school districts qualify for rebates based on the amount of spending that is done annually. She went on to add the district would not do individual credit cards but rather a card per building. Ms. Allred spoke about bringing this item back, with a resolution, for approval at a future board meeting.
- 3.2.5 Director of Special Services Posting – Superintendent Johnson reviewed the Director of Special Services posting with the Board. He stated the district is looking at splitting up some of the duties as SpEd is a very big job with many parts to consider; legal aspects, litigation, exposure, time and effort and safety net to name a few. He reiterated this was a very busy position. He stated the district may need to rearrange within our own team and possibly work with the NCESD for additional support. Superintendent Johnson stated the position would remain posted until filled. He noted several other districts are also currently looking to fill this same position.
- 3.2.6 End of Year Luncheon/Retirement Recognition – Superintendent Johnson invited the Board to join us for this year's end of year luncheon and retirement recognition to be held Friday June 10th at 12:00 at the high school community center. This year the district plans to honor four new retirees.
- 3.2.7 School Safety and Security – Superintendent Johnson began this discussion by stating there are a lot of questions coming up with mass shootings. He explained the document the Board was provided was something he himself had drafted in an effort to continue to talk about this issue and how we can get better. Superintendent Johnson went on to share the EOP flip chart, which was created by our SRO, Dominic Mutch with the assistance of NCESD's Student Safety and Crisis Management Specialist, Mike Dingle. He spoke about the card lock systems in place and added this level of security is only as good as how well it is implemented and how diligent we are about it. He added that this is a good time to reset and remind people of what we need to be doing in order to keep our buildings safe. He reminded the building administrators that each building needs to continue to use the Raptor System, which enables schools to screen (background check) visitors upon entry. Superintendent Johnson went on to speak about Lightspeed which allows us to monitor online searches, related to topics such as self-harm and violence. He shared a flyer with the Board from Wenatchee Valley College that notes a training that will be held later this month. This will be a course that will provide training on the use of multiple resources for personnel who require application of the Incident Command System (ICS) during expanding incident.

The building administrators for all three buildings were also present to give an update of the systems they each have in place and to share areas of improvement. They noted there are a lot more volunteers coming in and out of the buildings making the diligent use of the Raptor System and sign-in sheets absolutely necessary. Vale reported the use of radio systems to communicate with their staff, particularly during recess times as another way of communicating effectively. The high school talked about easier identification of school personnel, such as a name badge clearly displayed. All three buildings spoke about the importance of securing all point of entries, and ensuring doors are not being left propped open throughout the day.

Superintendent Johnson stated that while these are hard conversations to have, they are necessary as we continue to move forward with our planning to improve. He noted the district would also move forward with a simulation training in district, for some time in the fall.

- 5.0 Adjournment – On a motion by Roger Perleberg, and there being no further business to discuss Chairman Ted Snodgrass adjourned the meeting at 8:31 AM.

Secretary

Chairman