

CASHMERE SCHOOL DISTRICT #222
Board Work Session
January 8, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

Board member Aaron Bessonette called the meeting to order at 7:00 A.M.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Board members Roger Perleberg, Paul Nelson and Sara Pipkin were present. Board member Nick Wood was absent. There were eight others present including Superintendent Johnson.

1.0 Flag Salute

1.1. Board member Aaron Bessonette led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 Approval of the Agenda – Superintendent Johnson proposed to move item 3.2.4. Schedule Building Visitations to the front of the agenda to accommodate the members of administration who were present.

On a motion by Paul Nelson, the Board approved the agenda as revised.

3.0 Reports, Correspondence and Program –

3.1. Board Report – Board member Aaron Bessonette stated the Levy is coming along and being received well. He communicated that he and Superintendent Johnson have been to numerous presentations, with the latest one being held at the Monitor church the previous week. Vale's PTO, Rotary and the Mission Creek Community Club all have scheduled Levy presentation meetings coming up this week. He went on to add that by the end of this weekend they would like to gather some volunteers to get all the Levy signs posted prior to ballots coming out.

3.2. Superintendent's Report –

3.2.4. Schedule Building Visitations – Superintendent Johnson introduced the members of admin present to discuss their upcoming availability for the purpose of scheduling building visitations in the coming weeks. He reminded the Board this would be a good time for them to discuss each building's current SIP plan, have an opportunity for a Q & A and end with walk throughs of each building. The building administrators went on to each discuss their availability with the Board. The high school decided on January 26th, the middle school selected a tentative date of February 2nd and Vale went with February 5th, which is also the next scheduled work session.

3.2.1. Fiscal / Enrollment Update – Business Manager Bowen Charlton discussed the district's current enrollment status stating there hadn't been much change as this month's count had remained consistent with the month

of December. Superintendent Johnson went on to add that the month of January is a good time to start to see where we are actually with district programs and how things will continue to look for the remainder of the year. He noted the district budgets low on programs and now that the beginning part of the year has passed, Mr. Charlton will meet with program directors and make adjustments accordingly. Superintendent Johnson ended by stated Mr. Charlton has been doing a great job as the district's new business manager.

- 3.2.2. Open Government Training – NCESD Superintendent Michelle Price was present to provide an Open Government Training to the Board. This training is a requirement for local government officials and covers the fundamentals of the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA), Public Records Act (PRA) and the records retention requirements.
- 3.2.3. Jeff Carlson District Athletic Director – Update and Discussion – Athletic Director Jeff Carlson was present to provide an update to the board regarding district athletic programs. He shared with the board the current participation numbers for each program. In addition to program updates, Mr. Carlson shared with the board three current athletic program procedures that he would like to discuss. The first was the WIAA's rules that allow 8th graders to participate in a high school sport. Current WIAA rules/guidelines allow for this to happen if it is done to save a sport due to low participation or if the high school sport doesn't have a feeder program at the middle level. He shared that our district has never allowed such participation for a host of reason, but largely due to the fact that our numbers have been strong for high school programs and it was not warranted. That said, this next year he anticipates having a light turnout for boy's tennis that may require the use of 8th graders in order to field a full team. He shared that he would like to have a one-year trial of allowing 8th grade participation for boy's tennis only. The second item that he brought up for discussion was specific to middle school girls wrestling. He is proposing that the middle school girl's wrestling season be moved to Winter Season 1 which runs from November 1st to December 15th. His rationale for the recommendation was: enhance safety by reducing number of athletes in wrestling room at one time, promote more participation by moving girls wrestling to a season with no other girl athletic offerings, and most importantly for scheduling as all of the other member schools have already made this change. Lastly, he shared with the board the current procedure related to travel and release of athletes to their parents following an event. Currently, the district allows this as long as it is pre-arranged. He is recommending that we modify this procedure to allow coaches to sign out athletes to parents following an event as long a very clear guidelines and procedures are in place. He shared that all other districts in our league currently allow this. He said that he would reach out to our insurance carrier to make sure that we have covered all requirements and are covered with insurance. After some discussion the board agreed to bring these items back for future board meeting for consideration.

- 4.0 Visitors – There were several visitors present, but none elected to speak.
- 5.0 Adjournment – On a motion by Aaron Bessonette and there being no further business to discuss, Paul Nelson adjourned the meeting at 8:19 AM.

Secretary

Chairman