

CASHMERE SCHOOL DISTRICT #222
Work Session
October 9, 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Tom Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:31 AM.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Board members Tom Christensen, Kelly Green, Roger Perleberg, Glenn Adams, and Paul Nelson were present. Angela Allred and Glenn Johnson were also present.

1.0 Flag Salute

1.1. Chairman Christensen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 Approval of the Agenda - On a motion by Tom Christensen, the Board approved the agenda as presented.

3.0 Reports, Correspondence and Program –

3.1 Board Report – There was nothing new to report from the board.

3.2 Superintendent's Report –

3.2.1 Start of School/Enrollment Report – Business Manager, Angela Allred gave an enrollment report noting that enrollment was up, slightly from the previous month, but was down three kids from this time last year.

3.2.2 Construction Update – Superintendent Johnson mentioned that the high school greenhouse with installation would cost about ½ of what was expected based on previous quotes. He also stated that the Vale project is lagging farther behind schedule. He mentioned the delay was both materials and work efficiency related. He will issue a formal, registered “adverse effects” letter to Hale & Long, hoping to create a sense of urgency. Superintendent Johnson also noted that change orders have totaled less than 1%, so everything is well within budget, so far. He shared the construction at the High School is going very well and Blew’s Construction has made adjustments to ensure they are sticking close to schedule.

3.2.3 New State Funding Model – Superintendent Johnson spoke to the board members about running a new levy in 2018. He explained that the new funding model (State funding & local levy proceeds) does not equitably fund public education resulting in large disparities between property

poor and property rich districts. Superintendent Johnson also explained that the State's funding is shifting a significant amount of the "undedicated" funding to "dedicated" funds (CTE, LAP, SPED, etc.). This will limit the District's spending flexibility. He reassured the board that it is "doable" to stay within budget under this new funding model, but it may require some budget reductions and/or additional revenue (tech and/or maintenance & operations) to make sure we are maintaining the District's maintenance and operations standards. He also noted the importance of communicating and maintaining transparency with the community's taxpayers/voters. He added that the District could run the levy in either February or April.

Superintendent Johnson and Business Manager, Angela Allred spent time with Dave Arp, Finance Director at the NCESD to develop analysis and put together a PowerPoint slide show, which will be used to communicate/share key data points. Superintendent Johnson stated the best thing to do is to be well informed, getting the word out to community members, civic organizations, parents, booster clubs, etc. Superintendent Johnson also encouraged board members to reach out to the District's local legislators to discuss it in more detail, and to share the negative impact the new funding formula will have on the school district.

Superintendent Johnson then went through the fiscal PowerPoint with the board.

4.0 Visitors – There were no visitors.

6.0 Adjournment – On a motion by Paul Nelson and there being no further business to discuss, Chairman Christensen adjourned the meeting at 7:52 AM.

Secretary

Chairman