

CASHMERE SCHOOL DISTRICT #222  
Work Session  
October 11, 2021

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Tom Christensen called the meeting to order at 7:00 AM.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Board members Ted Snodgrass, and Nicholas Wood were present. Board members Paul Nelson and Roger Perleberg were absent. There were eleven others present including Superintendent Johnson.

1.0 Flag Salute

1.1. Chairman Christensen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 Approval of the Agenda – On a motion by Vice-Chairman Ted Snodgrass, the Board approved the agenda as presented.

3.0 Reports, Correspondence and Program –

3.1 Board Report –

3.2 Superintendent's Report –

3.2.1 Budget/Enrollment Report – Business Manager Angela Allred stated there was good news in enrollment this month as the district had a gain of 13 from last month, bringing our average 5 over what we budgeted for. Ms. Allred stated this was in part due to students moving here from various states and Mexico. Ms. Allred also noted she had wrapped up and submitted year end and would report back to the Board once this comes back. She added ESSR dollars had really helped back fill apportionment. Lastly, Ms. Allred communicated to the Board that our annual audit season is expected to begin in January or February.

3.2.2 COVID 19 Update – Superintendent Johnson spoke to the Board on the latest COVID 19 update. He stated he continues to receive weekly updates with a focus last week on new guidance with testing. He shared that we continue to refine our protocols as we get new guidance. Superintendent Johnson stated the district has expanded on what is called “symptomatic testing”, which is optional but available to students and staff. He went on to add, the Binax testing can be administered with results taking only 15 minutes. Superintendent Johnson shared there is a voluntary testing window from 3:00-4:00 PM on Sundays at the Vale Elementary where parents can bring their child in to be tested. The purpose of this window is to eliminate waiting time to be tested, which could take up to a half a day. He went on to add that contact tracing is always challenging and takes a lot of time.

Specifically contact tracing in areas such as the school bus and the classroom is one thing but outdoor events and recess tends to be a little more challenging. Superintendent Johnson shared he met with the admin team the week before to discuss new scenarios and get everyone on the same page with the updated flow chart. He acknowledges there are areas where things get a little more difficult now that there are activities to consider, that we didn't have last year. Lastly, he communicated that all new guidance is posted to the district website and continues to be updated as needed.

- 3.2.3 System Planning Update – Superintendent Johnson shared the Cashmere School District System Plan with the Board. He reviewed the districts instructional models, social emotional learning and parent and community engagement for all. He also shared the Cashmere School District Strategic Plan. He stated this topic would be brought back every month, focusing on one goal at a time.
- 3.2.4 CEE Student Survey – Superintendent Johnson stated the CEE student survey would be coming up this month. He added the district has been working to tweak the questions and will have a letter to go out to parents. They can also choose to opt out of the survey. Once the data is submitted, the district will review it with CEE and begin to develop a plan of action. Superintendent Johnson reminded the Board that we now have a Student Assistance Program Coordinator through the NCESD who adds support to identify students that need additional help.
- 3.3.5 WSSDA Conference – Superintendent Johnson provided the Board with schedule and housing information for the upcoming WSSDA 2021 Annual Conference which will be held in Bellevue November 18-20. He noted 5 spots had been reserved and asked the Board to discuss planning for this conference with his assistant, Carmen Ibarra.

- 4.0 Visitors – Parent Colleen Malmassari was present to speak to the Board about how the district handles opt in students that have behavioral issues from other districts. Specifically, she wanted to know if the district had a policy to address this. Superintendent Johnson stated this was a great question and something that had recently come up in discussions with the admin team. He noted there is a policy in place and most importantly there are laws on this topic. He went on to add a district can deny entry for a variety of reasons, but if those reasons don't exist we're unable to deny entry. He also stated that once a student is let in, the same district policies and procedures in place for all students, must be followed.
- 5.0 Adjournment – On a motion by Nicholas Wood and there being no further business to discuss, Chairman Christensen adjourned the meeting at 7:50 AM.

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Chairman