

CASHMERE SCHOOL DISTRICT #222
Regular Board Meeting
February 26, 2024

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

Declaration of Quorum: Board members Roger Perleberg, Paul Nelson, and Sara Pipkin were present. Board member Nicholas Wood was absent. There were twelve others in attendance, including Superintendent Johnson.

1.0 Flag Salute – Chairman Aaron Bessonette 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 – Roger Perleberg stated the State Wrestling Championships at the Tacoma Dome had gone very well. He congratulated senior, Hugh Wheeler on bringing home a 1st place state championship! Mr. Wheeler ends his impressive CHS wrestling career as a two-time Caribou Trail League Wrestler of the Year and the 2024 1A State Champion at 157 lbs. Mr. Wheeler is also the first CHS wrestler to win a state title since 2010. Mr. Perleberg commented how proud he was of this year's group of wrestlers.

3.2 CHS Student Report – ASB President Kaden Miller and Vice-President Reese Westlund were present to update the Board on the latest CHS activities and sporting events. Mr. Miller spoke about the recent Honor Society's Father Daughter Dance that was held on February 23rd. He went on to speak about the various state send offs leadership was busy planning for adding the girls' basketball sendoff would be the following day. Lastly, he stated Key Club is currently electing officers for the next school year. ASB Vice-President Reese Westlund went on to speak about spring sports starting today, noting a record 25 girls had tried out for tennis! She also spoke about this year's Prom and how the Junior class was busy planning for this fun event.

3.3 Superintendent Report –

3.3.1 Budget / Enrollment Update – Business Manager Bowen Charlton gave a quick recap in this area. He stated February enrollment had held steady and was very similar to the month of January. He also noted there was a slight decline in running start enrollment which indicated more students are taking college courses in the high school.

3.3.2 District Fiscal and Food Service Audits – Business Manager Bowen Charlton spoke to the Board about the upcoming audits. The Child Nutrition Services Administrative Review is scheduled for the week of March 5th. The Federal / State Audit is scheduled to begin the week of March 11th. Mr. Charlton stated he is looking forward to getting both audits getting started and wrapped up with no issues. Superintendent Johnson reviewed the timeline and cost of a typical audit with the Board. He also stated Mr. Charlton would be working collaboratively on this year's audit with the previous Business Manager, Angela Allred.

3.3.3 AI Introduction / Presentation – Executive Director of Technology Services for the NCESD, Pete Phillips, was present to provide the Board with an introduction to AI. He reviewed the attached [PowerPoint](#) presentation with the Board.

3.3.4 District Risk Management / Insurance Update – Superintendent Johnson reminded the Board that our district was notified in August of an increase in our insurance premium. He noted the company had communicated this was due to an overall national raise. Due to this sharp rise and timeline of notification, Superintendent Johnson and Business Manager, Bowen Charlton drafted a letter to Clear Risk where they communicated the district's plans to research other providers for potential coverage for the district. There are two insurance pools in Washington state; Washington Schools Risk Management Pool (WSRMP) and United Schools Insurance Program (USIP / Clear Risk), which our district is a part of. Superintendent Johnson stated the district has been busy collecting quotes. He communicated he would like to invite both WSRMP and USIP to an upcoming work session to present to the Board so we are able to make an informed decision moving forward.

3.3.5 School Retirees Appreciation Week – March 18-24 – Superintendent Johnson shared a proclamation recently sent from Governor Jay Inslee noting Washington State School Retirees Appreciation Week as March 18-24. He went on to add how blessed our district is to have so many people from this retiree group who continue to dedicate their time and effort to work with our kids.

4.0 Visitors – There were several visitors in attendance but none elected to speak.

5.0 Consent Agenda –

5.1 Approval of Warrants and Financial Reports

Pay date of February 12, 2024: Warrants #324076 – #324159 totaling \$149,224.34	
General Fund	\$126,175.46
ASB	\$23,048.88

Pay date of February 29, 2024: Warrants #324174 – #324232 totaling \$129,084.44
General Fund \$117,597.12
ASB \$11,487.32

Pay date of February 29, 2024: Payroll in an amount totaling \$1,807,760.46, including benefits.

On a motion by Paul Nelson, the Board approved the warrants and payroll as presented.

6.0 Action Items

- 6.1 Request for Out of State Travel – CMS Corps of Discovery Trip – Superintendent Johnson provided the Board documentation to support a request from the middle school asking for permission for out-of-state travel to British Columbia, Canada and Bellingham, Washington and the surrounding areas for the Corps of Discovery students and chaperones. This program has been around since the 70s with a pause during the COVID pandemic. Students and staff are excited about the opportunity to continue the Corps of Discovery tradition!

On a motion by Roger Perleberg, the Board approved the CMS Corps of Discovery out-of-state travel as requested.

- 6.2 K-4 ELA Adoption of Core Instructional Materials – Assistant Principal Rhett Morgan was present to speak to the Board and request the approval of new K-4 ELA Adoption of Core Instructional Materials. This new curriculum is called Wonders. Mr. Morgan stated he and a team of ELA teachers throughout the district had helped research this new curriculum. He and the ELA committee present spoke to the process of researching new ELA curriculum. The team communicated they had spent the last year working on this project. The need for new ELA curriculum comes after the current curriculum, Journeys, was found to be outdated. It was adopted back in 2014. Our schools are currently unable to request any online support for the current ELA curriculum, Journeys. Mr. Morgan stated the new Wonders curriculum is comprehensive and will cover all areas of reading and writing for us for the next eight years. He communicated there would be one up-front cost for this new curriculum. He added that because the district's ELA committee worked to narrow down the choices for a new curriculum, he felt strongly about the Wonders curriculum being vetted by the team and it being a good product that would serve us well.

On a motion by Sara Pipkin, the Board approved the request for the K-4 ELA Adoption of Core Instructional Materials.

- 6.3 Personnel Report –

1. Retirements/Resignations/Releases/Terminations, etc.

Name	Position	FTE	Request/Reassignment
Ann Caples	Vale – 4 th Grade Teacher		Retirement
Lisa Magruder	Vale – Paraprofessional		Retirement
Judy Martin	CSD – Bus Driver		Retirement
Jordan Christensen	CMS – Math Teacher		Resignation
Jeff Cravens	CMS – 6 th Grade Math/Science Teacher		Resignation

2. Requests for Leave/Transfer/Change in Hours/Additional or New Assignment

3. Recommendation for Employment/Transfer/Return from Leave of Absence

Name	Position	FTE	Comments
Rebecca Swanson	CHS – CTE Director		Replaces Chris Cloakey
Becky Nick	CHS – Attendance Secretary		Replaces Sandy Griesse

3a. Contract Approvals/Renewals 2023-2024

4. Recommendation/Request for Approval of Positions to be Posted

Position	FTE	Comments
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CO-CURRICULAR/SUPPLEMENTAL POSITIONS

1. Resignations/Releases

Name	Position	Comments
Levi Heyen	CMS – Head Boys Track Coach	Resignation
Dylan Boyd	CMS – 7 th Grade Football Coach	Resignation
Larry Michael	CMS – 8 th Grade Assistant Football Coach	Resignation

2. Non-Renewals

Name	Position	Comments
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3. Recommendations for Employment/Renewals: Co-Curricular Contracts for Activities

Name	Position	Comments
Dylan Boyd	CHS – Assistant Football Coach	Replaces Steve Simonson
Larry Michael	CMS – 7 th Grade Football Coach	Replaces Dylan Boyd
Richard Martin	CHS – Assistant Baseball Coach	Replaces Tyler Theiss

On a motion by Roger Perleberg, the Board approved the Personnel Report.

6.3 Surplus Property –

Cashmere School District:

- Southpaw Custom Support Structure – 1

On a motion by Paul Nelson, the Board approved the surplus property as presented.

7.0 Discussion Items – There were no items for discussion.

8.0 Executive Session – Superintendent Johnson requested an approximate 20-minute executive session on a personnel matter with no action to follow per RCW 42.30.100(1)(g).

On a motion by Paul Nelson, the Board moved into executive session at 8:40 PM.

On a motion by Roger Perleberg, the Board moved out of executive session at 9:16 PM.

9.0 Adjournment – On a motion by Paul Nelson and there being no further business to discuss, Chairman Aaron Bessonette adjourned the meeting at 9:17 PM.

Secretary

Chairman