

CASHMERE SCHOOL DISTRICT #222  
Board Work Session  
March 14, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice-Chairman Nicholas Wood called the meeting to order at 7:00 AM.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Board members Roger Perleberg, and Paul Nelson were present. There were three others present including Superintendent Johnson.

1.0 Flag Salute

1.1. Vice-Chairman Nicholas Wood led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 Approval of the Agenda – On a motion by Roger Perleberg, the Board approved the agenda as revised.

3.0 Reports, Correspondence and Program –

3.1. Board Report – There was no board report.

3.2. Superintendent's Report –

3.2.2. Legislative Update – Business Manager Angela Allred was present to speak to the Board about the latest legislative update. She stated the 2022 Legislative Session came to an end on March 11, 2022. Two key pieces of legislation were passed that impact K-12. A version of the enrollment stabilization bill (SHB 1590) was passed. If a district's combined state revenue generated in 2021-22 was less than what its combined state revenue would be using 2019-20 annual average enrollment values and formulas in place for the 2021-22 school year, then the superintendent of public instruction must provide an enrollment stabilization amount to the district in the 2021-22 school year. The amount is 50% of the district's enrollment decline impact. The bill also allows districts to utilize 2019-20 school year enrollment for 2023 Local Effort Assistance calculations. The legislature also passed SHB 1664, which increases school staffing for social, mental, and physical health. The allocation increases for nurses, counselors, social workers, psychologists etc. will be phased in over a 3-year period. The transportation bills that had been proposed and received steam early in the session died during session. The fiscal year 2023 budget, however, provides for "safety net" funding for transportation costs related to McKinney Vento, foster care, and transportation of students with

disabilities. Safety net funding is provided when a district's allowable transportation expenditures attributable to serving special passengers exceeds the amount allocated under the current funding model (STARS). Ms. Allred pointed out that these are significant wins for K-12, as it demonstrates the beginning of conversations and a potential overhaul of the current prototypical funding model.

3.2.3. WA State Board of Education GREW Waiver – Assistant Principal Scott Brown began his presentation by stating there are a number of students who are credit deficient and would benefit from the Graduation Requirements Emergency Waiver (GREW). The Legislature passed a law (2021 EHB 1121) designed to help students impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The law provided the State Board of Education (SBE) the authority to create the Graduation Requirements Emergency Waiver program to waive certain graduation requirements. After a district has tried all appropriate options to help a student meet credit and graduation pathway requirements, then a district may waive credit or pathway requirements for individual students. Mr. Brown noted there are fourteen students who are currently credit deficient, with about half of those this waiver would apply to.

3.2.1. Updated DOH Guidelines – Superintendent Johnson began by stating the district had put out a communication to families late Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. This communication included the latest guidance from the DOH. Superintendent Johnson noted masks have now been made optional except for in all health / isolation rooms. Social distancing guidelines have also been significantly relaxed. He added that buildings will have areas for those who would like additional spacing. The district will continue to provide “optional” symptomatic testing for COVID. Students and staff who have COVID symptoms are still required to stay home and should get tested. Any student or staff member who tests positive is required to adhere to the updated DOH recommendations for K-12 schools. Superintendent Johnson went on to add the ‘test to stay’ option will continue to be made available. Positive cases will also continue to be reported on the district’s COVID dashboard. Lastly, he stated that mitigation strategies such as enhanced cleaning practices and maximizing outside air circulation will continue.

4.0 Visitors – there were no visitors.

5.0 Adjournment – On a motion by Roger Perleberg and there being no further business to discuss, Vice-Chairman Nicholas Wood adjourned the meeting at 7:59 AM.

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Chairman