

CASHMERE SCHOOL DISTRICT #222  
Special Board Meeting  
April 14, 2021

Call to Order: Chairman Tom Christensen called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Declaration of Quorum: Board members Ted Snodgrass, Roger Perleberg, Nicholas Wood and Paul Nelson were present. There were thirty-seven others present including Superintendent Johnson.

1.0 Flag Salute – Chairman Tom Christensen 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 – There was no Board Report.

3.2 Superintendent Report – Superintendent Johnson congratulated the entire district office team for their hard work and dedication to this year's annual audit. He reported it had come to an end with no findings noted.

3.2.1 Consideration of Next Phase of Reopening – Superintendent Johnson shared the attached PowerPoint presentation outlining the recommendation for the option for K-8 to return to full day instruction. Superintendent Johnson then asked each of the school's administrators to report on specifics in regards to building implementation.

Vale Principal Sean McKenna stated class sizes would range between 17-24 per class. In regards to the classroom layout, he stated the desks fit comfortably. Mr. McKenna also said his building was ready to offer a schedule similar to year's past which would include recess, specialists and interventions. Some of the things that are a bit more challenging will be entering and exiting the building, lunch eaten in the gym and the use of the outdoor bathrooms. Mr. McKenna spoke to continuing to maintain cohorts as well as the use of seating charts. He expressed hopefulness to spend 90% of lunches and specialist's times outside. The students will be given mask and air breaks as concerns have come in from parents and staff of how long is too long to wear a mask. Mr. McKenna communicated students will be allowed to remove their mask and have an air break, in an environment that is safe (6-foot apart). Mr. McKenna expressed that he is fully confident that Vale is ready to move forward with this new plan, should it be approved. He also stated his staff is extremely excited as well.

Assistant Principal Rhett Morgan spoke to the Board about his excitement to provide interventions to kids face to face and noted the spaces needed for these interventions have already been identified.

Middle School Principal Sara Graves spoke to the Board about the building implementation for the middle school. She stated much of the same information given by Principal Sean McKenna was the same for the middle school. Ms. Graves noted the biggest class they have is in their 8<sup>th</sup> grade class and class size may be as high as 27 in that grade level. In grades 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> they will have some class sizes as small as 22. Ms. Graves stated the middle school has remained almost 100% cohorted and have been this way since their return in November. As far as classroom layout, the middle school will have a combo of desks and tables. Ms. Graves stated the schedule won't look exactly as it has in the past as cohorting remains a top priority and makes this a bit more challenging. She stated all students will begin their day with a half hour of advisory, where they will cover social and emotional topics and conversations. The plan in place currently for entering and exiting the building will remain the same as it continues to work well. Students will also eat their lunches outdoors, weather permitting and will be allowed mask and air breaks during these times.

Assistant Principal Jon Shelby reiterated the importance of these 30 days of full-day instruction. He stated how incredibly valuable it would be for his own daughter, as well as everyone else to return to full-time instruction.

High School Principal Tony Boyle also addressed the Board stating it would be ideal for his students to get to return to full-time instruction not only on a social and emotional level but also to have a chance to build the relationships with their teachers as well as grow academically. Mr. Boyle admits there are definitely gaps and he is looking into summer school options. He stated practices for entering and exiting the building as well as self-screenings could easily continue with the new model. Mr. Boyle reiterated his staff's excitement to bring the students back full time.

Assistant High School Principal Scott Brown spoke to the Board of the moral boost felt by students when they came back to a Hybrid schedule in November. He added discipline has been virtually non-existent as kids are coming to school to work and there have been no disciplinary issues this year. Mr. Brown stated it would be great if we could bring the students back and work towards the credits they need to graduate.

- 4.0 Visitors – There were several parents in attendance. One parent, Brian Chance was present to address the Board. Mr. Chance thanked everyone who spoke at this meeting. He stated his own son attends Vale Elementary. He thanked all building administrators for the information shared at this meeting and commended everyone involved for the decision that

was being brought forth. Mr. Chance encouraged the Board to support the option for K-8 to return to the classroom full-time.

5.0 Action Items

6.1 Consideration of Next Phase of Reopening –

On a motion by Roger Perleberg, the Board approved to provide an option for K-8 to return to full-time instruction.

7.0 Discussion Items – There were no discussion items.

8.0 Adjournment - On a motion by Roger Perleberg and there being no further business to discuss, Chairman Christensen adjourned the meeting at 8:14 PM.

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Chairman