

CASHMERE SCHOOL DISTRICT #222
Regular Board Meeting
April 20, 2020

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 11 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 Paul Nelson, 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

3.2.1 Fiscal Update – Business Manager Angela Allred, provided the Board with a brief summary of this month's enrollment. She stated school districts are no longer reporting enrollment due to the closure but instead OSPI is using past year's data during this time. Ms. Allred added apportionment looked good and we should be on track to meet our fund balance for the year.

3.2.2 COVID-19 Update – Superintendent Johnson began by thanking everyone for their attendance as well as their grace and patience while we navigate these tough times and as well as the new format of gathering. Superintendent Johnson communicated that within the first week of closure, 1200 meals were being served per day, learning packets were going out, and child care was fully functional. He went on to share an overview of how the District is making a shift to online distance learning. The staff has participated in extensive professional development, led by Jeff Utecht who is well known throughout the state and has shared some really good information with the staff. Superintendent Johnson is hopeful that we are learning things that are going to transform and improve our delivery of "distance learning" instruction. Superintendent Johnson spoke to the Board about the need to continue our work with essential standards. He also spoke about modifying our schedules to help students and families during the mandated school closure.

Technology Director, Juan Valle addressed the Board with a technology update. Mr. Valle reviewed the Cashmere School District Core 4 standardized platforms for all users, recommended by Jeff Utecht. These Core 4 platforms

are Zoom, Google Classroom, Screen Castify (Flipgrid for the Vale) and Google Drive. There are also a number of other applications being used now and prior to the closure, that both teachers and students are familiar with and can continue to use, outside of the Core 4 outlined. Mr. Valle stated the District has ordered another 150 Chromebooks will be part of the replacement cycle and should be delivered in about a week. The District is also working on solutions for those families who don't have internet access. Mr. Valle went on to speak about professional development for teachers, stating they have put in a lot of time working with Jeff Utecht and working in their buildings. Parent and student training will come from the teachers, once they have been trained.

Federal Programs Director, Lisa Avila shared the Cashmere School District school closure distance learning plan for students receiving special education services. Ms. Avila explained this plan is meant to start a conversation with case managers and address each level of learning ensuring each student is getting the accommodations and level of access they need. There are four tiers depending on the student's needs that vary from teacher provided packets/video lessons to direct services delivered in person with social distancing. The plan is meant for the team and parents to document the services offered individually as well as a way to customize with each building plan as well.

Elementary Principal, Sean McKenna shared the things parents can expect from Vale Elementary. The first is the packet pick up which happens every Monday from 12-6PM. All materials being sent home are instructional materials. Instructional videos are also being released that match the student's weekly instructional calendars. Students and parents will also have the opportunity to participate in "Office Hours" held via Zoom two to three times a week. Translators will be available during these "Office Hours" Zoom sessions. Assistant Principal, Rhett Morgan added he's met with the support staff for programs such as Migrant and LAP. They have reviewed their plan on how to roll out interventions using the same technology the gen ed staff is using. They will also be setting up "Office Hours" to continue to support students and parents in these programs.

Middle School Principal, Sara Graves shared the Cashmere Middle School distance learning plan which is similar to what the other buildings are doing, using Core 4 and offering "Office Hours" for questions students and parents may have.

High School Principal, Tony Boyle shared the Cashmere High School distance learning plan. Mr. Boyle explained a number of teachers were already using several platforms such as Google Classroom, making the transition into other platforms, such as Zoom, much easier. He also confirmed 90% of lesson

