

CASHMERE SCHOOL DISTRICT #222
Budget Hearing and
Regular Board Meeting
July 22, 2025

Call to Order: Chairman Aaron Bessonette called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

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

- 1.0 Flag Salute – Chairman Aaron Bessonette led the Pledge of Allegiance
- 2.0 Approval of Agenda – Superintendent Johnson requested Action Item 3.3, Study and Survey, be postponed to the August work session for further review.

On a motion by Roger Perleberg, the Board approved the revised agenda as presented.

- 3.0 Budget Hearing – Business Manager Bo Charlton gave an overview of the budget process and provided the Board with a PowerPoint presentation to review the budget breakdown for the upcoming school year. The Budget Hearing ended after discussion and time for questions and answers at 5:57 PM.

On a motion by Chairman Aaron Bessonette, the Budget Hearing was closed and the Board moved into the Regular Board Meeting at 6:00 PM.

Open Regular Meeting

- 1.0 Reports, Correspondence and Programs
 - 1.1 Board Report – the Board reported it is still summer and there are just a few weeks before the start of the school year.
 - 1.2 Superintendent's Report –
 - 1.2.1 Fiscal / Budget Update – Business Manager Bowen Charlton stated the district is still tracking as anticipated. He went on to add there have been no enrollment changes as is typical during the summer months with school being done. Lastly, he stated he has no concerns and is feeling good with the financial side of things.
 - 1.2.2 New Employee Orientation – Superintendent Johnson communicated this year's New Employee Orientation will be held Tuesday, August 19th. He went on to invite one or two board members who are interested in attending and helping the district welcome the new employees.

- 1.2.2 Afterschool Care Proposal – Superintendent Johnson introduced Vale Elementary Principal Sean McKenna, who presented a proposal to the Board regarding afterschool care, including some of the challenges currently faced.

Mr. McKenna began by introducing Wenatchee YMCA staff members Rogan and Molly. He provided background on the district's afterschool care program *Kid Zone*, explaining how it was established several years ago. He highlighted ongoing difficulties with staffing and funding, which have made it increasingly difficult to sustain the current model. As a result, the district has explored a partnership with the local YMCA. Mr. McKenna shared that he and Superintendent Johnson have held several meetings with the YMCA and both believe this collaboration represents the best path forward for the upcoming school year.

Representatives from the YMCA then shared details about the afterschool programs they currently operate. The YMCA has offered licensed afterschool care in the region for the past seven years and currently serves the Cascade, Eastmont and Wenatchee School Districts. Their programs are licensed by the State of Washington and include a comprehensive enrichment curriculum, background checks, and all required staff trainings.

Superintendent Johnson concluded by stating that the district plans to launch the YMCA partnership this school year with an afterschool program. This year would be a pilot program.

2.0 Consent Agenda

- 2.1 Approval of Board Minutes – On a motion by Paul Nelson, the Board approved the June 30, 2025 meeting minutes as presented.

- 2.2. Approval of Warrants and Financial Reports

Pay date of July 11, 2025: Warrants #326691 – #326831 totaling \$143,876.50

General Fund	\$111,563.42
Capital Projects	\$20,144.54
ASB	\$12,168.54

Pay date of July 31, 2025: Warrants #326844 – #326880 totaling \$89,280.78

General Fund	\$89,248.04
ASB	\$32.74

Pay date of July 31, 2025: Payroll in an amount totaling \$2,007,024.49, including benefits.

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

3.0 Action Items

- 3.1 Resolution 2026-1 Budget Approval 2025-2026 – On a motion by Sara Pipkin, the Board approved Resolution 2026-1 Budget Approval 2025-2026:

A. General Fund	\$28,113,062
B. Associated Student Body Fund	\$513,479
C. Debt Service Fund	\$1,550,200
D. Capital Projects Fund	\$250,000
E. Transportation Fund	\$200,000

- 3.2 Van Purchase – Superintendent Johnson informed the Board that the district has been exploring the purchase of new vans for several years. Recently, the newly hired Transportation Director, Cassidy Miller, assisted in obtaining updated quotes for the Board's consideration. If approved, the cost per van would be approximately \$75,000—a significant reduction from previous estimates when the district last explored this purchase. Superintendent Johnson emphasized that the vans would be funded through a combination of Career and Technical Education (CTE) funds and the General Fund.

On a motion by Roger Perleberg, the Board approved the purchase of two new vans for the district.

- 3.4 Dairy Bid Approval – Business Manager Bo Charlton shared information related to this year's Dairy Bid with the Board. He stated there was only one vender who had submitted a bid: Springbrook Farms who was formerly known as Cart and Can LLC. Mr. Charlton recommended the district move forward with accepting the bid from Springbrook Farms for the 2025-2026 school year.

On a motion by Paul Nelson, the Board approved awarding the Dairy Bid to Springbrook Farms for the 2025-2026 school year.

- 3.5 Personnel Report

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

Name	Position	FTE	Request/Reassignment
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2. Requests for Leave/Transfer/Change in Hours/Additional or New Assignment

Name	Position	FTE	Request/Reassignment
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3. Recommendation for Employment/Transfer/Return from Leave of Absence

Name	Position	FTE Comments
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3a. Contract Approvals/Renewals 2025-2026

2025-2026 Certificated Contracts
 2025-2026 Administrative Contracts
 2025-2026 Classified Contracts
 2025-2026 Co-Curricular Contracts

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
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2. Non-Renewals

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

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

- 4.0 Visitors – There was one visitor present, Director of Operations of the City of Cashmere, Steve Croci, who shared questions and comments regarding the potential cutbacks in Federal funding including funding that supports the Migrant Program. He also inquired about various Capital Projects.
- 5.0 Adjournment – On a motion by Roger Perleberg, and there being no further business to discuss, Chairman Aaron Bessonette adjourned the meeting at 6:47 PM.

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