

CASHMERE SCHOOL DISTRICT #222  
Board Work Session  
August 4, 2025

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Aaron Bessonette called the meeting to order at 7:00 AM.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Board members Roger Perleberg, Paul Nelson, Sara Pipkin and Nick Wood were present. There were four others present including Superintendent Johnson.

1.0 Flag Salute

1.1. 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 – Chairman Aaron Bessonette noted that the start of the new school year is just a few weeks away. He expressed enthusiasm for the upcoming school year and acknowledged the efforts of staff, teachers and administrators in preparing for a smooth and successful return.

3.2.1. Budget / Fiscal Update – Business Manager Bo Charlton shared a fiscal update, beginning with news from OSPI, which released a memo on Friday confirming that the district will receive full federal funding. This amounts to approximately \$240,000 in accessible federal funds. He went on to share the ESD has completed its review of the district's budget and reported no concerns—conversations have primarily focused on the district's conservative budgeting approach and the broader financial landscape in Cashmere. Looking ahead, the next key budget milestone will be the first day of school, which will provide clarity on whether enrollment projections were accurate. Bo also reported that the entrance to the track has been redone, and a major water line break was recently repaired. Additionally, the district's van purchase is now official, with all paperwork submitted; delivery is expected in December or January. Superintendent Johnson congratulated Mr. Charlton on this year's budget work, noting that minimal feedback is a positive sign.

3.2.2. Introduction New District Transportation Supervisor – Superintendent Johnson introduced Cassidy Miler, the district's new Transportation Director, highlighting her effectiveness and quick action—already demonstrated through

the recent purchase of new vans the district was in need of. Ms. Miller expressed her enthusiasm about joining the district, noting that she brings experience from the Snohomish School District and a passion for student transportation. When asked by the Board Chair what stood out to her as an immediate area of need, Ms. Miller identified an old bus that has been out of service since 2017 and should be removed from the fleet. She also expressed excitement about expanding the use of technology within the department. Superintendent Johnson added that he had requested Ms. Miller to schedule meetings with building principals and program directors to introduce herself and to solicit feedback related to student transportation.

3.2.3. Review of Newly Recommended WSSDA Model Policies – Superintendent Johnson informed the Board that he recently received approximately 15 WSSDA board policies and procedures that are either newly recommended or revised for school districts to review and adopt. He presented several for a first reading, including: Policy & Procedure 3226 – *Interviews and Interrogations of Students on School Premises*; Policy 1310 – *Policy Adoption, Manuals, and Administrative Procedures*; Policy 1815 – *Ethical Conduct for School Directors*; and Policy 1825 – *Addressing School Director Violations*. All were read and reviewed by the Board. Superintendent Johnson noted that additional policies and procedures will be brought forward for review in the coming weeks and months.

#### 4.0 Adjournment

On a motion by Roger Perleberg, and there being no further business to discuss, Chairman Aaron Bessonette adjourned the meeting at 7:43 AM.

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Secretary

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Chairman