

CASHMERE SCHOOL DISTRICT #222
Regular Board Meeting
January 26, 2015

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

Declaration of Quorum: Board members Brian Maydole, Roger Perleberg, Kelly Green and Paul Nelson were present. Eight others attended including Superintendent Johnson.

- 1.0 Flag Salute –Cashmere High School senior Caley Barnes 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 – Roger Perleberg said that he had attended the wrestling tournament in Kittitas where our freshman continued to make a dynamite showing.

Kelly Green stated that there was a Senior Sober meeting for parents this evening at the high school.

Superintendent Johnson advised that Friday night’s spaghetti feed to benefit *Cashmere Cares*, sponsored by the Mission Creek Community Club and spearheaded by John Prescott had been a success. With the majority of the product donated by several local merchants, over \$4,000 was raised to benefit Cashmere students.
 - 3.2 Superintendent’s Report
 - 3.2.1 Enrollment-Budget Report – Dwight Remick advised that work had begun with regard to building a “status quo” budget for the 2015-16 school year. He stated that it would remain conservative especially since there would be no figures from the legislature for quite a while. Mr. Remick stated that the year to date enrollment average is 1488.91, which is still 38.91 over budget. He said that in spite of all the big-ticket items we have had, the projected year-end balance should be a little higher than last year.

Mr. Remick commented that the auditor’s exit conference had yet not been scheduled but there are no foreseen issues.
 - 3.2.2 CHS Leadership Report – CHS senior Caley Barnes and freshman Zachery Cook provided the Board with an update on current CHS activities including wrestling, Winter Pep Week, Data Match, and the spring musical “Guys and Dolls”. They also advised that Cashmere students would be wearing blue at

the game against Cascade in honor of the Chelan High School student who died while skiing at Mission Ridge.

Superintendent Johnson advised that long-time Cashmere resident, former teacher and tennis coach Roger Barnhart had recently passed away.

3.2.3 Study and Survey Grant Approval – Superintendent Johnson advised that every seven years a grant is available to Districts in order to fund a study and survey of the facilities. We were recently approved for \$8,626 in financial assistance. A requirement of this grant is that the facility information must be entered in the EDS Information and Condition of Schools (ICOS) system by an OSPI trained and certified consultant (Architect/Engineer) which for us would be Gary Wetch of Loofburrow Wetch Architects, by July 1, 2015.

3.2.4 Chromebook Deployment/Use – Mr. Cline spoke about the infrastructure and support that was in place, the setup of the Chromebooks and training provided to all staff prior to the distribution and use of the Chromebooks. The staff were surveyed regarding various web-based instructional programs that currently used in the District and those were installed on each Chromebook.

Mr. Johnson advised that all state mandated testing would be done online starting this spring. With the current computer labs at the schools, without the use of the Chromebook, there would be no possible way to utilize the interim/practice Smarter Balance assessments or test all of our students this spring. To ensure that all students have equal access and opportunity to take advantage of the interim/practice assessment, it is critical to use the Chromebooks.

Principal Sean McKenna stated that he was pleased with how easy it was for students to operate. He said students are learning to operate the Chromebooks and preparing to take the Smarter Balance assessments.

Tony Smith stated that he found them very user-friendly. The students can write their papers and complete research using the Chromebooks. He said it would make scheduling for testing easier too.

Use of Chromebooks by students for research and writing papers is already heavy principal Tony Boyle advised. In addition, by saving their work to the “Cloud”, they can resume and continue their work at home.

3.2.5 SBAC Practice Test-Scheduling –Mr. Cline provided the Board with a copy of the spring 2015 interim/practice and actual SBAC testing schedule for the District. He said interim/practice SBAC tests would be administered in February and served two purposes; first to prepare the students for the new

SBAC assessments and second to see if the bandwidth had the capacity to handle the schedule of heavy testing. The actual SBAC testing takes place the last twelve weeks of school.

3.2.6 District Math Update – Mr. Cline stated that each building has a math leadership team in place and their goal is to ensure our math teachers provide a rigorous, relevant and engaging learning experience for every student. With that in mind, they set about the process of selecting math materials to pilot in the District. They began looking at materials last fall, made site visits to Wenatchee and Bellingham schools to see how the materials were utilized in the classroom.

Sean McKenna advised that 10 teachers, grades K-8, made the site visits to see for themselves what works with students and what does not.

Mr. Cline stated that Bridges and CMP3 materials most closely followed alignment to standards, effective teaching as defined by our District Math Leadership Teams and aligned to the CEL 5 D+ instructional framework that we follow.

Mr. Cline provided the Board with the timetable for the piloting, training, implementation, recommendation, ordering and training of the recommended materials.

Mr. Smith said the site visit to Bellingham was very informative as they have already been through the process.

Mr. Cline said it was the District Math Leadership Teams recommendation to pilot the Bridges and CMP3 materials. They are continuing to research HS math materials to pilot.

4.0 Visitors – Sebastian Moraga of the Cashmere Valley Record attended. There were no other visitors.

5.0 Consent Agenda

5.1 Approval of Board Minutes – Approval of September 22, 2014, December 22, 2014 and January 12, 2015 board minutes.

5.2 Approval of Warrants and Financial Reports

Pay date of January 9, 2015: Warrants #303564 - #303621 totaling \$143,174.39
General Fund \$137,601.54
ASB \$5,572.85

