MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF CUSICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 59

April 22, 2025 @ 5:00pm - Library

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
Paul Edgren, Director, Area 1
Anna Armstrong, Area 2
Mark Cutshall, Area 3-via Phone
Tye Shanholtzer, Area 4
Jason Lyon, Area 5

ADMINISTRATIVE/STAFF:
Don Hawpe, Superintendent
Steve Bollinger, 6-12 Principal
Doug Theil, TK-5 Principal
Greg Bollinger, Athletic Director
Heather Dauphin, Business Manager
Regina Williams, Recorder

PRESENT: Aubrey Markel, Ryan Markel, BriAnna Balcom, Matt Schlaich, and Students: Michael Butler, Jamieson Oaks, Miley Duclos, Rylinn Chitwood

CALL TO ORDER at 5:00 pm. Pledge of Allegiance

I. CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD-NONE

II. COMMENTS-NONE

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes from Board Meeting on March 25, 2025, was approved in **motion 2024/2025-86** by Director Lyon, seconded by Director Edgren and carried 3-0. Director Shanholtzer abstained-absent from that meeting.

IV. PROGRESS REPORTS

A. Heather Dauphin, Business Manager, Budget Status

1. General Fund $2,344,303.02
2. Capital Project $518,394.76
3. Transportation $192,993.70
4. ASB $87,412.78

B. Steve Bollinger, K-12 Principal/ASB-Written Report-Students returned from spring break ready to finish strong. We are currently testing in SBAC and will finish Maps testing in May. Trap shooting practice has started and students seem to be enjoying the activity and the competition. The state FFA convention is May 7th – 11th in Pullman. Students are competing in multiple events including barbeque. Our career fair is April 24th. We are looking forward to another great day put on by Mr. Strobel and his students. Our highly capable students are going to the Museum of Arts and Culture and the Spokane Children's theatre on April 30th, and girl power is May 9th at the Bear Paw Camp.

C. Doug Theil, K-5 Principal-Written Report-Parent/Teacher conferences took place prior to Spring Break with higher than expected attendance. We held our third quarter assembly to honor various students' accomplishments. Ms. Seaney, our fourth grade teacher, led a song sung by our all school choir. They all did a great job singing. Our students are beginning the long haul of testing from now until the end of the year.

D. Greg Bollinger, Athletic Director-Written Report-

a. High School baseball is going well. The team is 2-3 currently and 2-2 in league. First couple of games they weren't able to perform well initially in the field, but have steadily improved.

b. Track and Field is going to be good for the kids that stick it out. Our runner has progressed so much this year that he is setting a new PR each week in multiple runs. At this point he has a good possibility of not only making it to state, but also placing.

E. Jaime Palmer, Home Pride Director-Written Report

- ***a.*** Student count stands at 116 students enrolled in our ALE HomePride program.
- ***b.*** On February 27th, HomePride students attended a presentation day at the North Spokane Library. This presentation day was an extension of the science field trip to the Spokane Falls Community College planetarium in January. Students brought posters and items to display on the topic of space and celestial bodies. They presented to the group what they learned about the topic they chose. Staff has begun spring parent/teacher/student conferences. At this and other events HomePride certificated teaching staff will be holding in person parent/student/teacher conferences regarding curriculum choices for the 2025-2026 school year.
- ***c.*** On March 20th, HomePride students attended a presentation day at the North Spokane Library. This presentation day was on the topic of careers. Students brought in posters and items to display on the topic of a career. They presented to the group what they learned about the topic they had chosen. At this and other events HomePride certificated teaching staff is holding in person Spring parent/student/teacher conferences regarding curriculum choices for the 2025-2026 school year.
- ***d.*** On April 17th HomePride students gathered at the Deer Park fire station for a tour of the facilities and a presentation by fire station staff. 7th-12th grade students were instructed in how to perform hands only CPR.
- ***e.*** On April 28th and May 12th Home Pride students will be attending a PE day at Bidwell Park. Students will be able to participate in group PE activities.
- ***f.*** On May 6 and 7th, all 3rd-8th, 10th and 11th grade students will be taking their standardized tests at the Cusick High School library.
- ***g.*** On May 20th Home Pride students will be attending a science day at Bidwell Park put on by the Mobius Science center. Students will rotate through the different science projects that are being staffed and provided by Mobius.
- ***h.*** Home Pride certificated teaching staff continue to hold parent/student/teacher conferences regarding curriculum for the upcoming year.
- ***i.*** Registration is currently open for the 2025-2026 school year.

F. Kalispel Language Immersion Schools (KLIS)-Written Report

- a. KLIS student count now stands at 31 students from grades K-6
- b. It is a continued honor and pleasure to serve and support the very important work of our own Kalispel tribe's Salish language preservation.

G. Kirbi Anderson, Grades TK-12 School Counselor-Mental Health Support- Written Report

- a. Caseload (sees on monthly basis): 10+
- b. Classroom Whole Group Lessons: 1 lesson per month for each grade (hour long)
- c. Referral to Outside Services: 3 to WISE & Meeting w/CASA
- d. Family Mediations (phone/in person) 10+
- e. K-12 McKinney-Vento student enrollment 20+
- f. Career Day 2025- We will be participating in a smaller career day this year that will be put on here in Cusick. "Touch a Truck" will include TK-5th Grade down at our local fire station. Dates are still to be determined.
- g. State Testing has started, I will be assisting HS and Elementary teachers with their students during that time.
- h. Upcoming Field trips- I will be taking the junior and senior class to SCC for a tour and to explore all the trade programs that they offer in May.
- i. High School:
    - i. Scheduling 6th-8th fourth QTR Electives
    - ii. Scheduling 6-12 for second semester.

iii. Keeping track of students that need summer school for credit retrieval
iv. HSBP is done for seniors, graduation requirements MET on transcripts.

j. Elementary:
i. Meeting with students 1/1 when needed
ii. Kelso's Choices Lessons in all classrooms on a monthly basis

H. *Joshua Mason, Chief Security Office-Written Report*

a. March 20, 2025, I attended a presentation via zoom with fliploc which manufactures a specialized locking system for classroom doors.
b. March 24, 2025, Liaison with law enforcement regarding an active investigation
c. March, 25, 2025 I assisted a student with locating lost property
d. March 26, 2025, Evacuation drills were conducted in the Elementary and Secondary schools
e. March 31, 2025, I assisted with conflict resolution regarding two students and contacted the Pend Oreille County Sheriff's office regarding the conflict.
f. April 2, 2025, I attended a webinar on assessing online threats provided by Safer Schools Together.
g. April 7th-10th Spring break

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Washington DC Trip-Student Presentation
B. Overnight stays for FFA State Convention May 7-11, 2025-approved in **Motion 2024/2025-87** by Director Lyon, seconded by Director Edgren and carried 4-0.
C. Surplus-Small Bus-Minimum Bid $5,000- approved in **Motion 2024/2025-88** by Director Lyon, seconded by Director Edgren and carried 4-0.
D. Indian Ed Grant Information-
E. AED Grant-$3000 grant was used to purchase 2 new AED's one for each Gym.
F. Highly capable grant-Not available to apply for yet, discussion followed on Future possibilities for this program.
G. Career Fair Information- Job Exploration fair is scheduled for April 24, 2025, run by Todd Strobel's students.
H. Trout in the classroom-New program introduced by Aubrey Markel for her Ag classroom.
I. Intent to Hire
a. **Brittany Biss-Full time k-12 Roaming teacher for 25/26 school year**-approved in **Motion 2024/2025-89** by Director Lyon, seconded by Director Edgren and carried 4-0.
b. **Craig Wardrop-JH Assistant Coach, Boys Baseball- Motion 2024/2025-90** by Director Edgren, seconded by Director Lyon and carried 4-0.
J. **Candidate Filing Reminder, Online portal opens May 5th (Mark Cutshall, Paul Edgren, Jason Lyon)**
K. **May Board Meeting May 27, 2025 @ 5:00pm**
L. **Executive Session-** None

VI. OLD BUSINESS-

a. Trap shooting- Youth clay target league/Newport Gun club included us in their fundraiser.
b. Prom- 7 schools participating with approx. 450 students.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA- There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Board or a citizen in attendance requests that the item be removed from the consent agenda.

A. APPROVAL VOTE OF WARRANTS;

B. APPROVAL VOTE OF PAYROLL;

The Consent Agenda was approved **in motion 2024/2025-91** by Director Edgren, seconded by Director Lyon and carried 4-0.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 6:25, in **motion 2024/2025-92** by Director Lyon, seconded by Director Edgren, and carried 4-0.

Board Chairman

Secretary to Board/Superintendent

Regina Williams, Recorder