

Easton School District No. 28  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
January 24, 2017  
Jennie Marie Giovenale-Austin Library

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Lynn Lopez at 6:30 PM.

**Attendance:** Lynn Lopez, Chris Helgeson, Amy Grove

**Board Members Absent:** Mike Fudge, Jen Knox

**Staff Members Present:** Patrick Dehuff, Marilyn Fudge, Becky Houle, Sara McCoy

**Guests:** Katie Razee, Josie Razee, Carlee Houle

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approve Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda for the January 24, 2017 board meeting was made by Chris Helgeson. This motion was made with two items added. These two agenda items included Resolution #429, and a proposed change to the school nurse schedule. Amy Grove seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Communication to the Board:** Superintendent Dehuff reported that there was communication to the board, which was provided to the board via e-mail and hard copy.

**Board Minutes:** Chris Helgeson made a motion to approve the December 12, 2016 school board minutes. Amy Grove seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Reports:**

**Financial:** Wandah Messinger reviewed December's budget status report and enrollment report with the board and discussed the finances of the district for the past three months.

**Staff:** Sara McCoy, on behalf of all the staff, acknowledged and thanked administration and transportation staff who designated late starts and a school closure during the storm last week. Mrs. Van Den Hoek's 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are writing original fiction stories. Mr. Barrera's Spanish class is planning a field trip to a Mexican restaurant to practice their foreign language skills. Ms. McCoy and Ms. Plue recently attended a Science Cadre Leadership meeting that was held on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Central Washington University. Ms. Plue took a group of students to a robotics competition on January 13<sup>th</sup> 2017. The students learned how to program their robots. Ms. Plue also attended Kid Wind training and brought back two wind generators to be used in her classroom. Mrs. Allenbaugh reports that her 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade computer skills class has learned the 10 finger keyboard skill. Her students can now use Google docs and Google slides. Mrs. Houle's kindergarten and first grade students have completed the new Kindergarten physical science kit called Push, Pull, Go. They will be starting the Solids

and Liquids unit. Ms. McCoy's second graders have been reading and writing about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Corretta Scott King, Rosa Parks and the events that led up to the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Her students took an on line "Kahoot it" test and did great. Ms. Badda reports that twenty one archers shot very well at the Multi color archery tournament on January 6<sup>th</sup> 2017. Results are as follows:

High School Boys: Dylan Eyerly, 1<sup>st</sup> place. High School Girls: Emily Smith, 1<sup>st</sup> place, Kassidy Greenlaw, 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Carlee Houle, 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Middle School Boys: Joe Ratkoviak, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Zech Wolter, 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Middle School Girls: Kaylin Aper, 1<sup>st</sup> place, Destiny Rosales 2<sup>nd</sup> place. There were forty one archers who competed in a virtual on-line tournament against Whatcom home schoolers from Lynden WA. The High School Health class is piloting a new curriculum on Mental Health. The Junior High class started snowshoeing. The elementary grade classes are in the process of Aims-Web testing in reading and math.

**Student Representative:** No report

**Principal:** Mrs. Henderson discussed the opportunity for us to have a community/parent meeting led by Jon Ladines, the trainer from Force Dynamics Defense System who has trained the district employees for an active shooter situation. Mrs. Henderson has discussed with Jon the option to come and refresh with staff on what we have learned, and possibly start additional training for the front office, bus and lunch room. The GEAR UP program is in the second semester. The secondary teachers have been offered an opportunity to tutor three days a week. At professional development this coming Friday, they will discuss homework club. We have a staff member from Comprehensive Mental Health that comes to the school one day a week. The End of Course (EOC) test in Biology will have ten questions and is fifty minutes long. We have nineteen students who will take this test.

**Superintendent:** Dr. Dehuff attended a recent community meeting regarding a proposed development, Marion Meadows, located off of Sparks Road in Easton. Dr. Dehuff would like to discuss the potential impact of this proposed development on Easton School District at our upcoming school board workshop on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Superintendent Dehuff discussed the Consolidated Program Review, which is a five year audit of all Federal programs. Changing requirements as the district transitions from the federal guidelines of "No Child Left Behind" to the new federal guidelines of "Every Student Succeeds Act" was discussed. The month of January is school board recognition month. Superintendent Dehuff presented each Board Director with a certificate of appreciation. He thanked each Board Director for their time and dedication in serving their community in their important role as a Board Director for Easton School District.

**Board:** Board Chair, Lynn Lopez would like to review the public comment portion on the board procedure. The workshop on February 14, 2017 needs to be directed towards information on small school funding and what the impact would be if the development, Marion Meadows, is approved. The board and administration would like to have the community members, parents and staff all invited to this discussion. A notice will be

posted informing the community of this meeting. Lynn Lopez also mentioned that it would be good to review the sports combine for the high school and work on the board goals.

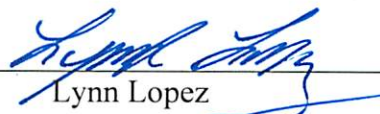
**Board Business:** A letter of resignation from board member Mike Fudge was submitted to the board. Mike Fudge and his family recently moved out of the Easton School District. Chris Helgeson made a motion to approve Mike Fudge's resignation. Amy Grove seconded the motion and the motion carried. A discussion was held regarding "out of teaching endorsement" for certain staff per OSPI guidelines. Previously, teachers were allowed to teach one class outside of their endorsement. This allows for flexibility, and provides more class offerings for students, which is particularly helpful for small schools. New federal guidelines allow for teachers to teach a class that is outside of their endorsement provided there is board approval. This allows the teacher to teach the class while seeking the endorsement. The classes that need board approval for teachers teaching outside of their endorsement are: Michelle Allenbaugh for English and Reading for grades 9-12, Theresa Plue for Robotics, and Brian Todd for Weight Training. Chris Helgeson made a motion to approve the "out of endorsement" teaching of these classes for the 2016-17 school year. Amy Grove seconded the motion and the motion carried. OSPI apportioned the Healthy Kids Grant Reimbursement into the Capital Projects Fund. Resolution #429 is a resolution to transfer \$34,044.00 from the Capital Projects Fund to the General Fund. Chris Helgeson made a motion to approve Resolution #429. Amy Grove seconded the motion and the motion carried. Superintendent Dehuff requested that the school nurse position be increased to two days a week when needed. There are times during the school year when one day a week is sufficient. However, depending on the work load, there are times when two days a week is needed. Our current nurse, Mary Roberts will be submitting a letter of resignation but will stay on while a replacement is sought. Chris Helgeson made a motion to approve the increase in hours for the nursing position. Amy Grove seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:** Chris Helgeson made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mike Fudge seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Regular Meeting Adjourned:** At 6:55 PM, Chris Helgeson made a motion to adjourn the regular session to go into Executive Session. Amy Grove seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Adjourn to Executive Session:** The board entered into an Executive Session to discuss a "complaint against a public employee" and the estimated time was announced to be 30 minutes. At 7:25 PM, the Board Chair announced that the Executive Session would be extended for an additional 30 minutes. At 8:55 PM, the Executive Session was adjourned and regular session was opened up. Amy Grove made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:56 PM. Chris Helgeson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

  
Patrick Dehuff  
Superintendent

  
Lynn Lopez  
Board Chair