

Easton School District No. 28
Meeting of the Board of Directors
January 26, 2016
Jennie Marie Giovenale-Austin Library

Call to Order:

Board Chair Kathie Stratton called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Kathie Stratton, Anna Dodge, Lynn Lopez, and Ken Everaert

Board Members Absent: Chris Helgeson

Staff Members Present: Patrick Dehuff, Marilyn Fudge, Wandah Messinger,
Lisa Henderson, Steve Jensen, Jenny Jensen, Tammy Roy, Monte
Roy, Cece Badda and Jim Giaudrone

Guests: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda: Anna Dodge made a motion to approve the agenda for the January 26, 2016 board meeting. Lynn Lopez seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Communication to the Board: Superintendent Dehuff informed the board that he and Board Chair Kathie Stratton had received e-mail messages and a written letter requesting clarification of a statement that Kathie Stratton made at the November 24, 2015 board meeting. Mrs. Stratton's statement was made as a result of two letters that were mailed to each individual board member's personal mailing address, which was not in compliance with the district policy and procedure for communicating with the Board. The statement made by Kathie Stratton is attached. Superintendent Dehuff stated that the policy and procedure for communicating to the board has been printed on the board meeting agendas over the past several years. He advised board members to refrain from discussing school related issues outside of a board meeting, including clarification of previous statements made to avoid any violations of the Open Public Meeting Act.

School Board Appreciation: January is School Board Director Appreciation month. Superintendent Dehuff read a proclamation from Governor Inslee and presented each Board Director with a certificate of honor and thanked each Board Director for their time and dedication. The culinary class will be hosting a dinner for the Board of Directors at their next meeting on February 23rd.

Reports:

Capital Projects: Steve Jensen updated the board on the capital projects for the building. The Stanley lock personnel will be here on Wednesday to complete work for the keyless entries. Mr.

Jensen reviewed the list of projects that the board had outlined earlier this year as well as some new projects that need to be prioritized. Superintendent Dehuff thanked Steve Jensen, Jenny Jensen, and Melissa Sandby for all their extra work and time to keep the school clear of snow during the winter months.

Financial: Business manager Wandah Messinger reviewed the budget status with the board. The enrollment report was reviewed as well. These reports are attached.

Staff: Cece Badda reported for the staff. Ms. Badda mentioned that Grace Cook, a secondary student, presented to three elementary classrooms on the topic of germs. Ms. McCoy's class is learning Italian. In science, they are studying balance and making mobiles. The Knowledge Bowl team did well at their last competition. Lakotah Henderson and Jeffery Smith took first place in the recent Robotic event in Wenatchee. Twenty-one archers competed in Kennewick at the Multi-Color archery tournament and TV stations interviewed several archers. Mrs. Houle's kindergarten class is currently using their iPads and will be downloading additional apps.

Student: None

Principal: The new semester has new electives for 5th and 6th grade students. They have the option of taking guitar, music or robotics. The Robotics teams qualified for State competition. GEAR UP instructor, Ernest Henderson stated that there is a possibility of having another team qualify. We are exploring options to add wood shop as an elective course and that we will need to ensure that our shop meets current codes regarding equipment, space, safety factors, etc. A yearbook class, cinema class, and math strategy class will be offered this semester. We are currently using multiple on-line courses for our students. Mrs. Henderson provides weekly updates to parents that show their students' progress. Thorp School District has invited our staff, parents, and community members to participate in a GAP Training at their school on February 26th and 27th. The GAP training is to teach defensive tactics for an active shooter situation. Each board member has the current printing of the Paw Prints newsletter. We had six students leave because of family jobs and we are gaining four new students. On February 24, there will be a parent night for Junior and Senior classes.

Superintendent: Superintendent Dehuff said that he is excited about the strong learning culture that is in the building. Students talk about their classes and are enjoying their learning. Dr. Dehuff went over a variety of legislative issues pertaining to public education and highlighted these on legislative reports that were distributed to the Board of Directors.

Board Member: No report

Board Chair: No report

Board Minutes: Lynn Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes from the board meeting held on November 24, 2016. Anna Dodge seconded the motion and motion carried. The minutes from the December 15, 2015 meeting were tabled until the February board meeting.

Consent Agenda: Anna Dodge made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Lynn Lopez

seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned: Anna Dodge made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lynn Lopez seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.



Patrick Dehuff
Superintendent



Kathie Stratton
Board Chair