

Easton School District No. 28
Meeting of the Board of Directors
March 28, 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, Jen Knox

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Patrick Dehuff, Marilyn Fudge, Lisa Henderson, Becky Houle, Cece Badda, Jenny Jensen.

Guests: Duane Houle, Carlee Houle, Anna Dodge, Meghann Dodge

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda for the March 28, 2017 board meeting was made by Chris Helgeson. Amy Grove seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Communication to the Board: None

Interviews: The board interviewed prospective board members for the open position. Melanie Griffith and John Jensen were interviewed individually by the board. A third person, Dan Wasell, was scheduled to be interviewed but was not able to attend. Mr. Wasell had been interviewed at an earlier date for a previous open board position. He sent his answers to the board in writing based on his prior interview.

Adjourn to Executive Session: At 6:55 PM, Jen Knox made a motion to adjourn to an Executive Session to discuss the candidates' qualifications for the board position. Chris Helgeson seconded the motion and the motion carried. Lynn Lopez stated that the Executive Session would last ten minutes.

Reconvene Regular Meeting: At 7:05 PM the board reconvened the regular board meeting.

Appointment of New Board Member: Board Chair Lynn Lopez thanked the candidates for the open position for coming to the meeting. Board Chair Lynn Lopez made a motion to appoint John Jensen as the new board member. Jen Knox seconded the motion and the motion carried with one abstention (from Chris Helgeson). John Jensen will be sworn in at the April 25th 2017 board meeting.

Board Minutes: Amy Grove made a motion to approve the minutes from the school board meeting on February 14, 2017. Chris Helgeson seconded the motion and the motion carried. Amy Grove made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 28, 2017 board meeting. Chris Helgeson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Reports:

Financial: Wandah Messinger presented the monthly budget status report to the board. She informed the board that tax monies are beginning to come in. The monthly budget status report is attached to these minutes.

Staff: Becky Houle presented on behalf of the staff. Mrs. Van Den Hoek shared that the 5th and 6th grade students are gearing up for their annual trip to Camp Seymour. This year they will be dissecting squid, holding snakes, canoeing, and tackling the climbing wall. If the kids do well on their Food Waste Challenge, Mrs. Van Den Hoek will be jumping into the Puget Sound. Ms. Plue will be launching an end-of-the-year review of all science concepts for the 7th and 8th grade science students. Her biology students are finishing the study of genetics, with application of genetic engineering. The biology class will be preparing to pass the Biology End of Course exam, which is a requirement for Washington State graduates. Students in general science are beginning their general chemistry unit. They will end the year with an introduction to the biology they will be studying next year.

Student Representative: No report

Principal: No report

Superintendent: Superintendent Patrick Dehuff thanked Mrs. Lisa Henderson for her handling of issues that arose while he was out of town recently.

Board: Lynn Lopez requested that we discuss adding "Public Comment" to our board agendas.

Board Business: Cece Badda requested permission of the board for out of State travel for archers who qualified for the National Archery Tournament in Kentucky. The archers will be leaving on May 10th, 2017 and returning on May 14th 2017. There will be a total of eight archers competing at the National Archery Tournament this year, ranging from the 5th grade to high school. Each student is being accompanied by one or two of their parents. Amy Grove made a motion to approve out of State travel for the archers to compete in the National Archery Tournament in May 2017. Chris Helgeson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Superintendent Dehuff and Principal Henderson discussed the proposed policy #6514, Use of Force. The district hosted a meeting for parents and community members to discuss the proposed policy with District Administration and the Trainer who we have contracted with for the "Use of Force" training of staff. The discussion was some parents and board members. Chris Helgeson made a motion to approve policy #6514. Jen Knox seconded the motion and the motion carried. Lynn Lopez thanked the administration for all the information.

Wandah Messinger outlined the expenditures of our Sports program for the last four years. These included costs of the program during years when we were not combined and years when we were combined. While there was some variation year-to-year, the overall costs of the sports program are similar whether High School sports are combined, or not. Student and parent survey data was shared and the board discussed the pros and cons of having our own High School sports program vs. having a combined High School sports program. After much discussion, Chris Helgeson made a motion to end the combined sports program with Thorp School District at the end of the 2016-17 school year. Lynn Lopez seconded the motion and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the board.

Consent Agenda: Chris Helgeson made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Amy Grove seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Adjourn Meeting to Closed Session for Hearing: Jen Knox made a motion to adjourn to a Closed Session for a Hearing at 8:15 PM. Amy Grove seconded the motion and the motion carried. The regular meeting adjourned to a Closed Session for a Hearing.

Reconvene Regular Meeting: At 9:17 PM, the Closed Session for the Hearing was adjourned and the regular meeting was reconvened.

Meeting Adjourned: Chris Helgeson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jen Knox seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM.


Patrick Dehuff
Superintendent


Lynn Lopez
Board Chair