

Easton School District No. 28
Meeting of the Board of Directors
April 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, Lynn Lopez, Chris Helgeson

Board Members Absent: Anna Dodge, Ken Everaert

Staff Members Present: Patrick Dehuff, Lisa Henderson, Marilyn Fudge, Cece Badda

Guests: Owen Dodge

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda: Chris Helgeson made a motion to approve the agenda for the April 26, 2016 board meeting. Lynn Lopez seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Communication to the Board: There was no communication to the board.

Reports:

Financial: Wandah Messinger was unable to attend this evening. Wandah attached the budget status and a letter to the board in regards to the lunch program. Dr. Dehuff reviewed the budget status and the letter regarding the lunch program with the board. Copies of these documents are attached to the minutes.

Staff: Cece Badda gave the report for the staff. Cece Badda's PE classes have been in the height of fitness testing with a break now and then will begin kickball. The Jr. High just completed a national Purple Power Sqord challenge. 323 schools competed and we placed 15th. All students will get a free purple band. Mrs. Badda mentioned that she is in the process of choosing the brand of bike for our bicycle grant and trying to secure support from the local bike shop. Cece Badda applied for an award for our physical education program through "Let's Move, Active Schools." The award was granted to Easton School in recognition of its exemplary physical education program. Cece Badda nominated Carolyn Free for the Outstanding Alumni Award. She is one of two finalists.

The preschool students are embarking on an exciting educational journey into the world of nutrition and health. Over the remaining weeks of school, they will be learning about the five food groups, healthy meal planning, how to be physically active in class, and

much more. They will also receive helpful handouts with information, tips, and activities to use at home.

The caterpillars have arrived. Our kindergarten students are studying the life cycle of the Painted Lady butterfly. This butterfly is well suited for classroom study. It is small and brightly colored, will accept a variety of foods, is found worldwide, and undergoes complete metamorphosis in a relatively short time (3-4 weeks depending on the temperature). The main objective of the unit is to introduce young children to the concept of life cycles by using one organism as an example. Students also learn observational and recording skills, and add to their scientific vocabulary.

Student: No report

Principal: Mrs. Henderson shared that the 5th and 6th grade class will be at Camp Seymour from May 11th to May 13th. They will be taking part in various activities while at the camp. This is the second year that Mrs. Van Den Hoek has taken her 5th and 6th graders to Camp Seymour. Lisa recognized Chris Helgeson and Amanda Zimmerman for the time they donated to fund raising for the camp trip. The Community Builders and Lynn Lopez have again helped with the funding for the trip to Camp Seymour. The 1st through 4th graders participated in a hike to Ancient Lakes last week. It was the hottest day that we have seen this year. State testing will begin in May, and will last for approximately one week. There will be track meets for both Jr. High and High school this week. The Jr. High track team had their first meet yesterday. All of the track athletes did very well and PR'd (achieved a personal record). The staff will be going on a hike this Thursday and Mrs. Eva Tyler will be leading them. Quite a few staff members are participating in the Biggest Loser contest (to lose weight and body fat) here at school. The iPad training is complete and the training was helpful for the staff. Mrs. Henderson gave special kudos to Julie Miller. Julie has spent two years working on the Skyward program and has spent a lot of time traveling to Yakima for training. Mary Fudge has qualified for the National Merit Scholarship, with PSAT scores that are in the top 1% in the Nation. The staff has been working towards our students being college bound and career ready and we will not lose sight of vocational or trade schools as an option as well. Ernest Henderson, our GEAR UP Program Director has accepted a new position, and has resigned from the GEAR UP program. Mrs. Beth Van Den Hoek will be taking over on the Robotics class in Easton. Mrs. Henderson reviewed a tentative class schedule for the 2016-17 school year. She prepared three different options based on feedback from parents, students and staff. We have arranged to have a representative from our insurance carrier do a walk-through of the shop to give us recommendations. The Culinary class will continue next year. We will have a Study Skills class for the 7th grade class.

Superintendent: Dr. Dehuff shared the results of the recent health inspection of the building. The playground equipment needs to have work done to bring it into compliance. This will require the purchase of new equipment. The Healthy Kids, Healthy Schools grant awarded the district \$52,000. This will cover a new walk-in freezer, dishwasher, steam kettle, counter top griddle workstation, kitchen mixer stand, stainless steel table-combined work area, ice machine, point of sale station for the kitchen, green house structure, and a water bottle refill station.

Board Member: No report

Board Chair: Board Chair Kathie Stratton reminded her fellow board members that when replying to an e-mail message pertaining to school business, to not click “reply all.” This will keep any discussion amongst board members from occurring outside of a public meeting. Mrs. Stratton informed the board that she and her husband have accepted an offer on their home. Mrs. Stratton said that if the sale proceeds, she will be required to resign from the board in the near future as she will be moving out of the boundaries of the School District.

Board Business: The board was asked to approve out of State travel for archers that qualified for the National Archery Tournament in May. The archers are Owen Dodge, Kaylin Aper and Aristy Rosales. Aristy Rosales will not be going to Nationals as she will just be returning from a family trip. Lynn Lopez made a motion to approve the out of State travel for the archers to attend the National Archery Tournament in Kentucky. Chris Helgeson seconded the motion and the motion carried. Superintendent Dehuff requested the board approve the adoption of the school policies that was given them to review at previous board meeting. These are policies that are vetted through Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA). Superintendent Dehuff and the school board have looked over all of our policies over the past several months to ensure that they are updated. Lynn Lopez thanked Dr. Dehuff for all the work he has done to inform the board and prepare the updated policies. All the policies will be on our school website when approved by the board. The motion to approve each series of board policies as follows:

Series:

1000 – Chris Helgeson made a motion to adopt the 1000 series. Lynn Lopez seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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Board Minutes: The approval of the minutes from the March 21, 2016 school board meeting will be postponed until the school board meeting in May so that a quorum of members who attended the March meeting could vote on its approval.

Regular Meeting Adjourned: The regular board meeting was adjourned to an Executive Session at 8:02 PM for 20 minutes for the Superintendent evaluation.

Executive Session: At 8:22 PM, Board Chair Kathie Stratton announced that the Executive Session would be extended 15 minutes. At 8:37 PM, Lynn Lopez made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Chris Helgeson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Re-Convene Regular Meeting: Chris Helgeson made a motion to re-convene the regular board meeting at 8:38. Lynn Lopez seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Adjourn Meeting: Chris Helgeson made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:40. Lynn Lopez seconded the motion and the motion carried.


Patrick Dehuff
Superintendent


Kathie Stratton
Board Chair