

Easton School District No. 28
Meeting of the Board of Directors
November 24, 2015
Jennie Marie Giovenale-Austin Library

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Kathie Stratton 6:30 P.M.

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Chris Helgeson, Kathie Stratton, Anna Dodge, Lynn Lopez

Board Members Absent: Ken Everaert

Staff Members Present: Patrick Dehuff, Lisa Henderson, Marilyn Fudge, Ofelia Todd,
Becky Houle, Brian Todd, Cece Badda, Steve Jensen and Jenny Jensen

Guests:

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda: Anna Dodge made a motion to approve the agenda for the November 24, 2015 board meeting. Chris Helgeson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Communication to the Board: None

Reports:

Financial: Business manager Wandah Messinger was absent tonight due to weather conditions. Superintendent Patrick Dehuff reviewed the financial updates for the board. A copy of this report is attached to the minutes.

Staff: Becky Houle reported on behalf of the staff this evening. Mr. Eim's 3rd and 4th grade class are working on poetry stories, and language using their iPads. The students try to stump us daily with new words. They have started using Typing.com that prepares them to move from single letter words to sentences and then paragraphs. Moby Max continues to supplement the math and has increased the ability of meeting each student's needs.

Marchel Allenbaugh is eagerly working towards collecting needed items for the military care packages. She would like to have enough to be able to ship one box next week. The school newspaper class delivered the first edition of Paw Prints to classrooms today. Articles include 4-H, archery, and the high school volleyball State tournament. There is also a staff member spotlight, and articles on Jr. High girls basketball, iPads, and Camp Seymour. The newspaper staff was thoughtful enough to include a color by letter turkey for our young readers.

Junior High students are starting to reach the 5 million points they have acquired from wearing their Sqord. The recent FITA archery tournament had 21 archers compete at Nock Point. Owen

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Brian Todd said that the Christmas play will be held on December 17th at 6:30 PM. This year's Christmas play is based on a 1950's theme. If anyone has items from that era, please let Brian know. Jenny Jensen, the Athletic Director, said that the high school volleyball team had an awards dinner. Among the other awards, Coach Jessie Stueckle was named coach of the year.

Student: None

Principal: Lisa Henderson shared information about a "Healthy Kids-Healthy Schools" grant that Easton School will apply for. Mrs. Henderson showed a power point to the board of some of the events that have happened this year with our students and staff, including pictures of the staff wishing her a happy 40th birthday. She said that a lot of the school staff went to Yakima to support the high school volleyball team at the State tournament.

Superintendent: Patrick Dehuff and board member Anna Dodge attended the annual Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) conference that was held in Bellevue this year. They both commented on the vendors this year. One of the vendors (Mimio) displayed how the iPads could interact with a white board in the classroom. Dr. Dehuff will do more research on this product. The keynote speaker this year was Dr. Pedro Noguera. His speech was inspirational and he shared ways to improve student engagement and close the achievement gap.

Board Member: Lynn Lopez thanked Steve Jensen for the work done on the front of the school this summer.

Board Chair: Board chair, Kathie Stratton addressed the staff in regards to a letter that was sent to each individual board member's personal mailing address (one letter from the certified staff and another letter by a former colleague). She reminded the staff of Policy 1430 and Procedure 1430, regarding communication with the board. The board works together as a whole, not individually and board policies and administrative procedures need to be followed. Kathie Stratton said that there is an opportunity for staff to acknowledge accomplishments of their colleagues in their staff report. She also mentioned that the content of the letter by the former colleague could put that former colleague at risk and asked the staff to ensure that any future communication to the board is in compliance with board policy.

Board Business: There are times when our students travel out of state or overnight. Currently, these events require prior board approval. For some of these events, there is enough advance notice that it doesn't pose a problem. However, there are other times such as the recent example of our volleyball team competing in a state tournament where there is not much advance notice. When this occurs, we can try to put together a special meeting. However, if a quorum of the board is not available on short notice, it could pose a problem. The board requested Superintendent Dehuff to draft guidelines for the board to consider that would delegate the decision to approve out of state or overnight travel to school administration.

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Resolution #416 was presented to the board. Resolution # 416 transfers funds from the Transportation fund to the Debt Service fund in the amount of \$3,860.73 for the bus payments. Chris Helgeson made a motion to approve Resolution #416. Anna Dodge seconded the motion and the motion carried. Resolution #417 was presented to the board. Resolution # 417 transfers \$100,000 from the General fund to the Capital Project fund for the purpose of capital improvements. Chris Helgeson made a motion to approve Resolution #417. Anna Dodge seconded the motion and the motion carried. Resolution # 418 was presented to the board. Resolution #418 transfers \$1,192.99 from the General fund to the Debt Service fund as payment for the 2015 van. Anna Dodge made a motion to approve Resolution #418. Chris Helgeson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

A discussion was held in regards to the best location in the school to submit communication to the board. A secured box will be located somewhere in the front entrance to the building for communication to the board. Becky Houle requested that the board consider a different seating arrangement for board meetings. A discussion followed this request. The board would like the seating of board members to accommodate discussion amongst board members and to view the digital display of board materials. However, they are open to ideas on seating arrangements that staff and other guests would like to explore.

A discussion was held in regards to a staff restroom in the secondary wing. There is currently a bathroom at the end a hall that is adjacent to an office that is currently being used by Jenny Jensen (and has to currently be accessed by going through the office). Steve Jensen, Maintenance Supervisor led the board and guests on a tour of an area in the secondary wing that he thinks could be considered for staff bathrooms in the secondary wing. The board would like to get estimates on costs of the staff bathrooms and then look at our list of potential capital projects to establish their priority. This was done that past year when the board determined the priorities of capital projects. In the meantime, the two single bathrooms that are adjacent to the office can be changed from gender specific to allow either gender to use them to allow more flexibility in the use of bathrooms that could be used by staff.

Board Minutes: Chris Helgeson made a motion to approve the October 13, 2015 minutes of our board workshop. Lynn Lopez seconded the motion and the motion carried. Chris Helgeson made a motion to approve the November 11, 2015 minutes of our special meeting (overnight travel for our volleyball team). Lynn Lopez seconded the motion and the motion carried. Anna Dodge abstained from both of these votes because she was absent from these meetings. Anna Dodge made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 27, 2015 meeting. Chris Helgeson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

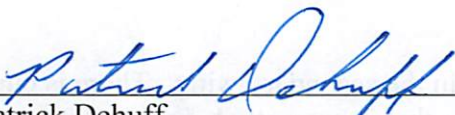
Meeting Adjourned To Executive Meeting: RCW 42.30.110 (Complaint against a public employee). The board adjourned at 8:32 PM to an executive meeting. Board Chair Kathie Stratton announced the session would be 30 minutes. At 9:02 PM Mrs. Stratton announced an extension of the executive session to 9:15 PM.

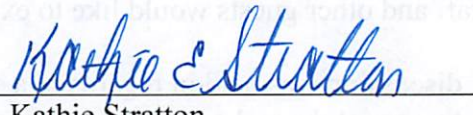
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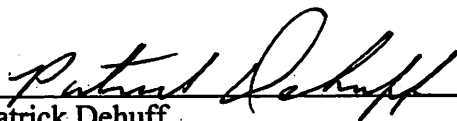

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