

Easton School District No. 28
Meeting of the Board of Directors
November 8, 2016
Jennie Marie Giovenale-Austin Library

Call to Order:

Board Chair Lynn Lopez called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Lynn Lopez, Chris Helgeson, Amy Grove, Mike Fudge

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Patrick Dehuff, Marilyn Fudge, Lisa Henderson, Wandah Messinger, Ofelia Todd, Becky Houle

Guests: Jennifer Knox, Warren Hopkins

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda: Mike Fudge made a motion to approve the agenda for the November 8, 2016 board meeting, with the change to add a Superintendent report. Chris Helgeson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Financial Report: Business Manager Wandah Messinger presented to the board a preliminary budget status report for the 2015-2016 school year. The attached report outlines the fund balance for each fund. Wandah mentioned that \$40,000 of the fund balance in the General Fund is held at the ESD for compensated absence pool. Board Chair Lynn Lopez thanked Wandah Messinger, Patrick Dehuff, and Lisa Henderson for the work they have done and continue to do to maintain a healthy fund balance.

Superintendent Report: Superintendent Dehuff extended an invitation for board members to join him in attending the 13th Legislative dinner that will be on 11/21/16 at CWU. Lynn Lopez and Chris Helgeson attended the dinner last year. It is an opportunity for Board Directors to meet and visit with our legislators, and advocate for public education issues. We recently posed a question to the WSSDA legal department on how to approve minutes when there is not a quorum of members in attendance who had also attended the meeting where the minutes were taken (and now being asked for approval). WSSDA responded and said that it is not an unusual situation and that it was fine for the board to proceed with approving the minutes in this situation.

Board Business: At the prior meeting, the board made a decision to appoint Jennifer Knox to fill the remainder of the term for the position that Anna Dodge previously held. Superintendent Dehuff asked Ms. Knox to stand with him and repeat the Oath of Office as a School Board Director. The Board of Directors welcomed Jen Knox to the Board. The board was given Policy #6514, Use of Force as a first read. Principal Henderson discussed details of the GAP training that the staff recently went through. This is a change in how to handle a lockdown situation.

Staff were trained to fortify and defend the classrooms.

Adjourn to Closed Session: Chris Helgeson made a motion for the board to adjourn to a closed session at 7:07 PM to discuss contract negotiations with the Easton Education Association. Mike Fudge seconded the motion and the motion carried. Board Chair Lynn Lopez announced that the closed session would be 30 minutes. At 7:37, Lynn Lopez announced that the closed session would be extended an additional 15 minutes.

Re-Adjourn to Regular Meeting: At 7:52 PM, Chris Helgeson made a motion to adjourn the closed session. Mike Fudge seconded the motion and the motion carried. The closed session was adjourned and the regular session resumed.

Adjourn Meeting: Chris Helgeson made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Mike Fudge seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.


Patrick Dehuff
Superintendent


Lynn Lopez
Board Chair