

Easton School District No. 28
Meeting of the Board of Directors
December 15, 2015
Jennie Marie Giovenale-Austin Library

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Board Vice Chair Ken Everaert 6:30 P.M.

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Chris Helgeson, Lynn Lopez, Ken Everaert

Board Members Absent: Kathie Stratton, Anna Dodge

Staff Members Present: Patrick Dehuff, Marilyn Fudge, Wandah Messinger,
Cece Badda

Guests:

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda: Lynn Lopez made a motion to approve the agenda for the December 15, 2015 board meeting. Chris Helgeson seconded the motion and the motion carried. Ken Everaert requested the approval of the minutes from the November 24, 2015 meeting be postponed to our next meeting since there is not a quorum of board members tonight that were also present at the meeting on November 24th.

Communication to the Board: None

Reports:

Financial: Business manager Wandah Messinger reviewed the student enrollment with the board. Washington State Auditor's Office has completed their accountability audit for our district. The report states that the District's internal control were adequate to safeguard public assets. The District also complies with state laws and its own policies in the areas examined.

Staff: Cece Badda reported for the staff. The Knowledge Bowl team did well at the recent event. They placed 10th after competing against much larger districts. Spirit week is going well. The Christmas program will be on Thursday, December 17th at 7:00 PM. The Hoops for Hearts fundraiser brought in over \$200. The junior high basketball team had a great season. The archery students will be completing in a tournament on January 8th 2016 in Kennewick. The fund-raising for the basketball NOAH Shooting machine was a huge success. They raised enough monies to purchase the new machine. The Robotics team attended a competition at Central Washington University. One of our teams qualified for the State and National robotics competition.

Student: None

Principal: None

Superintendent: Patrick Dehuff discussed with the board the shortage of substitute teachers that is happening in Washington State. Superintendent Dehuff distributed a report to the board that shows the shortage in the state by region. We recently increased our substitute teacher pay from \$125 to \$165 per day, which will help us maintain a pool of substitute teachers. Also, on days that we are unable to fill in with a substitute, the staff has helped cover classes on their prep period if needed. Julie Miller works hard every day to be sure that all positions are covered. The Senate approved to repeal the law, "No Child Left Behind." School districts in the State of Washington will still conduct assessments and have accountability measures in place but these will be directed by the State instead of the Federal Government.

Board Member: Lynn Lopez appreciated that she had to be 'buzzed in' to the school. She is very happy to have that additional security for the students and staff.

Board Chair: None

Board Business: Superintendent Dehuff discussed the archery program with the board. Ms. Badda has been teaching archery since 2005 for our students. This requires a lot of time, fund raising, weekends, and a person can 'burn out'. Ms. Badda and Dr. Dehuff are discussing various ways to revise the program to relieve some of the burden for Ms. Badda. The program began with high school students competing. It has now grown to include Junior High, and 5th and 6th grade students. This increases time in practices, as well as maintaining the equipment. They are looking at ways to revise the fund raising for any archer that qualifies for Nationals.

Jennifer Jensen reported that they have looked at various options for the new furniture needed in the commons. Steve Jensen, Maintenance Supervisor gave an update on the Capitol Projects. The work on the electronic access for rooms and entrances will be completed soon. The additional speakers (for lock-down drills, announcements, etc.) will be installed next week. Steve Jensen is requesting bids for a bathroom in the secondary wing. Ken Everaert asked if the heating system is being looked at as well. A discussion was held in regards to out of State travel for the students. Superintendent Dehuff swore in the board members that were recently elected or re-elected to the school board. The board members are Lynn Lopez, Chris Helgeson and Ken Everaert. Dr. Dehuff thanked each board member for their commitment to the district and to our students.

Adjourn to Closed Session: The board adjourned the regular meeting to go into a closed session to discuss contract negotiations at 7:45 PM. The closed session began at 7:46 PM.

Re-Open Regular Meeting: The board re-convened the regular meeting at 8:00 PM.

Board Business: Chris Helgeson made a motion to approve the collective bargaining agreement between the district and Easton Education Association (Certified Staff). Lynn Lopez seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Board Minutes: The approval of the minutes from the November 24th 2015 meeting was postponed to our next meeting to ensure that a quorum of members who attended the meeting on November 24th are present to approve the minutes.

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

Meeting Adjourned: Chris Helgeson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lynn Lopez seconded the motion and the motion carried. The board meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.


Patrick Dehuff
Superintendent


Kathie Stratton
Board Chair