

Easton School District No. 28
Meeting of the Board of Directors
April 24, 2012
Jeannie Marie Giovanale-Austin Library

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Tony Fitzgerald at 6:05 p.m.

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Ken Everaert, Kathie Stratton, Tony Fitzgerald,
Laura Villegas-Chouinard

Board Members Absent: Anna Dodge

Staff Members Present: Pat Dehuff, Marilyn Fudge

Visitors:

Safety Briefing:

Tony Fitzgerald reviewed the safety exits and procedures should an emergency occur.

Communications to the Board: Mr. Dehuff gave the board a revised version of policy #4210 that was received from Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA). This policy states the regulation of dangerous weapons on school premises. The board discussed this at the March meeting, and at that time the board requested that Mr. Dehuff revise the policy to include Easton's archery program. The policy presented to the board tonight includes the addition of: "archery competitions" in Section C., and additional language within the paragraph outlining exceptions to weapons being on school property, "or an archery class, practice session or tournament." Kathie Stratton made a motion to accept policy #4210. Laura Villegas-Chouinard seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Policy # 6220, Bid Requirements was given to the board from WSSDA. This revision is an exception to other revisions. This revision is based on the information that is in the attached email. The Consolidated Program Review that Mr. Dehuff recently completed is an example that everything is looked at very closely at everything that is possibly associated with a school. The district could loose Federal funding could be lost if not done correctly. In the Consolidate Program Review, Mr. Dehuff recommended these changes to them. Policy #6220, in #2., the additional language of "price or rate quotations shall be solicited from three or more qualified sources." Under Section B. #2 "price or rate quotations shall be solicited from three or more qualified sources." Laura Villegas-Chouinard made a motion to accept Policy #4210. Kathie Stratton seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Laura Villegas-Chouinard made a motion to accept Policy #6220. Kathie Stratton seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

School Board:

Students and School:

Superintendent: Mr. Dehuff told the board that audit will soon be complete. The audit process looks over everything that the district has done for the last three (3) years. This was a bit of a challenge for the office at times due to the change in the business office. We learned that more than one (1) person needs to know how everything is handled. This is for protection of the district. Our new business manager will be hired soon through the ESD. Georgeanne Magruder will continue handling the district's payroll and account payable. Georgeanne comes to Easton twice a month. The contracts with the ESD for these positions continue to save the district money. Mr. Dehuff is completing the Consolidated Program Review. There is quite a bit of compliance that is required for public education. It is important for school districts to always be in compliance, not only to find any errors, but to learn how to do things better. We have two (2) teachers retiring this year. Dave Tate, who is our maintenance and transportation supervisor and Bob Scheffeliemer, our math teacher for the secondary students. Both are great people to have in our district. Mr. Dehuff thanked Kathie Stratton for volunteering to sit on the panel to interview for the maintenance and transportation position. He has chosen nine (9) of the applicants to interview for the position. There will be seven (7) people on the panel. Mr. Dehuff will not rate any of the applicants, but he will sit in on each interview. Each panel member will have the information prior to the interviews. The information will be in a booklet, and will include the job description, the questionnaire, the interview schedule times, and each applicants completed application. Mr. Dehuff will review the process of interviews with the panel. The panel will be reminded to not share any of the interviews with anyone, including the individual panel members. Panel members will discuss at the end of all the interviews, and individual rating is complete. Anna Dodge had requested that Mr. Dehuff look into online classes and what kind of support for the students is available. The one on line course that one of our students is currently enrolled in, offers tech support till 11:00 pm, 9:00 pm our time. All questions can be emailed to the department and the online tutors will respond. Teachers commit to time on line and email for all students enrolled. Parents can log on and track progress. If a parent or student has a concern or that is not resolved to their satisfaction, then the person who is the overseer is brought in. This person is usually the counselor in the school. It is time to look forward to the end of school year. This means looking at the budget, next year's school calendar. We have three (3) vacated positions this coming year. The math position will be posted soon. The budget will be reviewed before posting for an English position. We will be reviewing the scheduling for next year as well. It was discussed at the previous workshop; Ms. McLaren's taking a leave of absence for the first semester of 2012-2013 school years. Ms. McLaren has published two books, and is currently working on her third book. There is no financial impact on the district during her leave. The district will be hiring a long term substitute for her.

Financial: We need to add Marilyn Fudge to the ASB Impress account. Georgeanne Magruder and Marilyn Fudge use the impress fund as a "slush" fund in a way. Cashmere Valley Bank needs to see in the board's approval of adding a person to an account. Ken Everaert made a motion to approve adding Marilyn Fudge. Kathie Stratton seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Chair – None

Board Member – None

Consent Agenda -

Minutes – April 24, 2012

General Fund Vouchers

ASB Vouchers

Financial Report

Tony Fitzgerald abstained from voting on the consent agenda since he was absent from the April meeting. Kathie Stratton made a motion to accept the consent agenda.

Laura Villegas-Chouinard seconded. Motion carried. Unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned – The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Patrick Dehuff
Superintendent

Tony Fitzgerald
Board Chairman