

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

Call to Order:

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

Attendance:

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

Board Members Absent: Ken Everaert

Staff Members Present: Patrick Dehuff, Lisa Henderson, Wandah Messinger, Marilyn Fudge,
Steve Jensen

Guests: Chandler Dahl, Owen Dodge, and Chas Dahl

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda: Chris Helgeson made a motion to approve the agenda for the April 28, 2015 board workshop. Lynn Lopez seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Communication to the Board: None

Reports:

Financial: Business Manager Wandah Messinger presented a budget status report and reviewed each district account. Ms. Messinger's report is attached.

Staff: Steve Eims provided the staff report. Mr. Eims said that the kindergarten students were hatching butterflies. Mr. Eims thanked the board for the iPads in the classrooms and told them that the students are doing amazing things on the iPads. Board Chair Kathie Stratton thanked Mr. Eims for piloting the iPads and for his support.

Student: None

Principal: Mrs. Henderson reported that all students have iPads, with the exception of five (5) who have opted out. Two are seniors, one 8th grader and one elementary student. We will continue to work with the students and families who opted out in obtaining one. Each staff member has an iTunes card to purchase apps. All the students attended orientation before receiving their iPad. In regards to the State required testing, we have seen that some of the families in the Ellensburg School District have opted their student out. This is not something that we would like to see here in Easton. That would count against our scores. The third and fourth grade has language arts, which is computer adapted. The teacher will give the lesson and the class will go to the computer lab to answer questions. Part two is an essay. Key Boarding without Tears will teach each student how to use a keyboard. The Smarter Balance test is a

longer test. Our third grade class had to retake their test due to an error in the test program. We were not the only school district that had to retake the test. The junior high and high school track teams are all doing well. Our three graduating seniors are enrolled in college. The National Archery competition will be in May. The Community Builders have invited Easton students to attend a Drug Free Retreat. The students who have won for the coloring contest will be receiving free tickets to the fair. The prom will be this coming Saturday. Dr. Derrick will be taking his Cinematography class on a field trip to Seattle. The elementary grades 1 – 4 will be going on a field trip to the Point Defiance Zoo. Mr. Eims will be walking to the Easton State Park for environmental day.

Superintendent: Dr. Dehuff said that it is concerning that some parents from other schools are opting out of the testing. With Easton School District being small in size, even a few students who opt out can have a large impact on our scores. We are reassuring parents regarding State testing. The Smarter Balance Assessments will be harder for all students in the State. Dr. Dehuff thanked Mr. Eims for his excitement on our programs, and engaging all his students. The legislation will be in a special session that could last up to thirty days. The House and Senate continue to have differences in this session.

Board Chair: None

Board Member: None

Board Business: Steve Jensen, Transportation and Maintenance Supervisor shared with the board the bids for concrete and asphalt repair for the school. Steve will continue to work on getting more bids. The staff were evenly split between two recommendations for the school calendar for the upcoming 2014-15 school year. Both calendars have the required days, and instructional time. One proposal would have the first day of school on 9/7/15 and the last day of school on 6/17/16. The second proposal would have the first day of school on 9/1/15 and the last day of school on 6/10/16. Normally, our first day of school is after Labor Day. However, Labor Day is later in the month this year than it normally is. The board discussed the pros and cons of each proposal. After discussing it, the board felt that it would be best for learning if the proposal with the earlier start date was adopted rather than extend the school year later in June. Anna Dodge made a motion to approve the school calendar for the 2015-2016 school year beginning on September 1, 2015 and ending on June 10, 2016. Lynn Lopez seconded this motion and the motion carried. Cece Badda was not able to attend the meeting, and instead sent a letter to the board requesting out of State travel for three archers to attend the National Archery Tournament in Kentucky in May. The archers who will compete at the National Archery Tournament are Kristina Fudge, Owen Dodge and Chandler Dahl. Anna Dodge made a motion to approve out of State travel for the archers. Lynn Lopez seconded the motion and the motion carried. Wandah Messinger recommended to the board that the school lunch prices remain the same for the 2014-15 school year.

Board Minutes: Chris Helgeson made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 24th 2015 meeting. Lyn Lopez seconded the motion and the motion carried. Anna Dodge made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 24th 2015 meeting. Chris Helgeson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned: Anna Dodge made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chris Helgeson seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

absent

Patrick Dehuff
Superintendent

Kathie Stratton

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