

Easton School District No. 28
Meeting of the Board of Directors
February 23, 2016
Jennie Marie Giovenale-Austin Library

Call to Order:

Board Chair Kathie Stratton called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Attendance:

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

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Patrick Dehuff, Wandah Messinger, Lisa Henderson, Steve Jensen, Becky Houle, and Amanda Zimmerman

Students Present: Mary Fudge

Guests: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda: Anna Dodge made a motion to approve the agenda for the February 23, 2016 board meeting. Lynn Lopez seconded the motion and the motion carried. The location of the meeting was moved to the multi-purpose room (signs were posted on the front entrance of the school and the entrance to the library) for a meal that was prepared by the culinary class to express their appreciation to the school board (January was “school board appreciation month”).

Communication to the Board: There was no communication to the board.

Combined High School Sports Program: Two years ago, the Easton School District Board approved an agreement to combine High School sports with Thorp School District. The two year agreement is coming up for a vote on whether to continue to combine High School sports with Thorp School District. Athletic Director Jenny Jensen provided an overview of the combined sports program. Jenny Jensen shared the challenges of a combined sports program including travel time for practices at Thorp and the logistics combining a sport program with another district. Mrs. Jensen explained that a renewal of combined sports with Thorp School District would be for 4 years but that the agreement could be cancelled by either district sooner, if they chose to. Becky Houle asked if there would be a survey of students and parents regarding the combined sports program. Anna Dodge asked if the costs were split 50/50 between the two districts regardless of how many athletes come from each district. Superintendent Dehuff confirmed that the costs are split evenly between the two districts and said that he would work on putting together a survey for our students and parents.

Reports:

Financial: Business manager Wandah Messinger reviewed the budget status with the board. The enrollment report was reviewed as well. These reports are attached.

Staff:

Kindergarten/Preschool – Students recently completed their Valentine’s Day unit that included sorting, graphing, and counting activities and they completed simple research on several presidents for President’s Day.

1st/2nd Grade - Yoga lessons were incorporated into the balancing and weighing science curriculum.

3rd/4th Grade – Students are learning how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide fractions, find common denominators, create equivalent fractions, make whole numbers and turn them back into improper fractions. As part of the Circuit Science unit, the students are creating flashlights and going in search of specific items around the room. They are learning that positive mindsets help their growth and understanding. How they view themselves, their classroom, and the world around them has a lot to do with their mindset and their success.

English Language Learning – English Language Proficiency assessment is online this year so students have taken practice tests to prepare for the technology demands. Assessments will begin this Thursday.

Archery – 19 archers are preparing to compete in the Blue Face tournament this Friday in Kennewick.

Cinema Class – Our secondary students are enjoying the new Cinema class. The students watch selected movies, evaluate aspects of each movie, analyze genres, complete film summaries, and compare and contrast elements.

Homework Club – The number of students attending Homework Club has remained steady. Students work on their homework, and Moby Max (math tutorial), or quietly read independently.

Student: Mary Fudge discussed ASB and how they overcame the deficit from a previous trip taken by the Spanish class. Mary Fudge recognized Wandah Messinger for her work in helping the ASB with finances.

Principal: Lisa Henderson reminded the board that GAP training was going to be held this coming Friday (1:45 pm - 5:45 pm) and Saturday (8:00 am – Noon) at Thorp School District. GAP training teaches defensive tactics for an active shooter situation. Lisa mentioned that the data looks good from our assessments of students who are 2nd language learners (English is not the primary language spoken in their home). Lisa mentioned that an archery tournament in Kennewick (Blue Face tournament) is coming up. She also discussed the robotics class and State competition at Central Washington University, and that we had entered into a partnership with Comprehensive Mental Health to provide services for students when needed.

Superintendent: Superintendent Dehuff told the board that he was working on ensuring that all of our policies are up to date and that he would be distributing a copy of recommended updated policies for the board to review. He also asked the board if they preferred to keep our monthly workshops and decide on whether to have them or cancel them on a monthly basis based on need or if they preferred to not have monthly workshops and call for special meetings as needed. The board discussed both options and felt that it was best to keep the workshops (2nd Tuesday of the

month, starting at 6:30 pm) as scheduled and decide on whether to hold them or cancel them on a monthly basis depending on need.

Board Member: No report

Board Chair: No report

Board Minutes: Ken Everaert made a motion to approve the minutes of board meeting held on December 15, 2015. Lynn Lopez seconded the motion and motion carried. Lynn Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes of the board meeting held on January 26, 2016. Anna Dodge seconded the motion and the motion carried. Chris Helgeson abstained from the vote since he did not attend the meeting held on January 26, 2016.

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 Session: The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm for an executive session for the annual Superintendent evaluation. Kathy Stratton, board chair announced that the executive session would last 25 minutes.

Meeting Reconvened: The regular meeting was reconvened at 8:30 pm.

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 8:31 pm.


Patrick Dehuff
Superintendent


Kathie Stratton
Board Chair