

Easton School District No. 28  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
February 24, 2015  
Jennie Marie Giovenale-Austin Library

**Call to Order:**

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

**Attendance:**

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

Board Members Absent: Ken Everaert, Anna Dodge

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approve Agenda:** Chris Helgeson made a motion to approve the agenda for the February 24, 2015 board meeting. Lynn Lopez seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Communication to the Board:** None

**Reports:**

**Financial Report:** Wandah Messinger reviewed the budget status for each individual fund. The capital projects fund shows a change since we upgraded lighting in the secondary classrooms. The report is attached to these minutes

**Staff:** Mrs. Ofelia Todd represented the staff for this evening's board meeting. Becky Houle, the kindergarten teacher reported that all students in her class demonstrated improvement on the Aims Web reading and math assessment. Sara McCoy, the first and second grade teacher, shared that all second graders made progress in the Math Module Four. Mr. Eims reported that all his students made progress on the Aims Web assessment. They are currently working on Biographies. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Beth Parker, said that they are gearing up for their field trip on March 18<sup>th</sup>. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade students have made gains in math and in reading. Our Special Education teacher, Ms. Jenkins shared that over the last month she was able to exit three students from special education.

**Principal:** Mrs. Henderson shared that they have four (4) chaperones for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade field trip. There are two (2) females and two (2) males. We are comfortable with the choice made for chaperones. A letter was sent to the students' parents regarding any discipline for the upcoming field trip. The junior high girls volley ball girls won their game tonight against Thorp. The staff is currently working on revising the dress code, and the PDA (public display of

affection) for the handbook. Steve Eims held a British style tea party and read poetry in his class this week. Next week is classified employees week.

**Board Chair:** Kathie Stratton discussed a possible grant for schools. Kathie will bring the information regarding this grant to the board and administration.

**School Board Business:** Dr. Dehuff recommended the hiring of an additional secondary teacher with an English endorsement, and a full time paraprofessional who would be primarily utilized to assist with secondary students. He continued by saying small schools have distinct advantages but also have challenges to overcome. One of the primary advantages of small schools are the strong relationships that develop and the ability to provide a more personalized education to individual students. The challenges include providing enough interesting elective offerings and extracurricular activities. Superintendent Dehuff shared with the board that the number of secondary students at Easton School has increased over the past several years and is projected to continue this increase over the next couple of years. This is an exciting opportunity for our school and students. We need to be ready by providing support for this increase in student population at the secondary level.

**Minutes:** Anna Dodge made a motion to approve the minutes from the 12/16/2014 meeting. Chris Helgeson seconded that motion. Kathie Stratton abstained because she was absent from that meeting. The motion carried. Lynn Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes from the 1/13/2015 meeting. Chris Helgeson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

**Meeting adjourned for an Executive Session:** At 7:55 PM the board adjourned for an Executive Session (RCW.42.30.110) for the annual evaluation of Superintendent Dehuff. Board Chair Kathie Stratton announced that the session would be 30 minutes. At 8:25 PM, Kathie Stratton informed those present outside the session that the Executive Session would be extended to 8:45 PM.

**Regular meeting resumed and adjourned:** The regular meeting resumed at 8:45 PM. Board Chair Kathie Stratton reported that there were no decisions or actions to report pertaining to the Executive Session. Lynn Lopez made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned. Anna Dodge seconded the motion the motion and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM.

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Patrick Dehuff  
Superintendent

Kathie Stratton  
Board Chair