

Easton School District No. 28
Meeting of the Board of Directors
February 27, 2018
Jennie Marie Giovenale-Austin Library

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Lynn Lopez at 6:30 PM.

Attendance: Lynn Lopez, John Jensen, Amy Grove, Chris Helgeson, Jen Knox, (via telephone)

Board Members Absent: None

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

Guests: April Simonson, Gary Wargo

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda: John Jensen made a motion to approve the agenda for the February 27, 2018 board meeting. Amy Grove seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Communication to the Board: None

Board Minutes: Amy Grove made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2018 board meeting. Chris Helgeson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Financial: Business Manager Dustin Kinley was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Dr. Dehuff reviewed the financial information that Dustin had attached to the agenda.

Transportation Cooperative: Mr. Gary Wargo, Superintendent of Cle Elum-Roslyn School District discussed an opportunity for Easton School District to participate in a Transportation Cooperative. Mr. Wargo explained that the Transportation Cooperative would give the District more resources for bus repairs and training for bus drivers. Superintendent Dehuff and Steve Jensen attended a meeting with Cle Elum-Roslyn and Thorp SD regarding the Cooperative. There is no upfront or on-going financial cost to the district, except fee for service for bus repairs when needed. Routine maintenance would continue to be completed at Easton School but this Co-Op would allow us to have bus repairs done at a facility that is close and less costly than other bus repair options. The board would like to look over the documents provided to them regarding transportation cooperatives and requested that Steve Jensen attend the March board meeting to give his input as well.

Overnight Travel Request: Cece Badda requested permission from the board for overnight travel and lodging for the archers that qualify for the National Archery Tournament, which will be held in Salt Lake City, UT on April 13th and 14th. The archers who qualify will be determined after the State Archery Tournament on March 16th in Ellensburg. Chris Helgeson made a motion to approve overnight travel for archers that qualify to attend the National Archery Tournament. Lynn Lopez seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Reports:

Staff: Ms. Badda shared the picture of the archers that attended the Blue Face tournament. The High School art class has done glass work and their work is displayed in the office. They are currently working on a wall mural for the entrance to the gym. The district has received a grant NFL Play60 to put a yogurt machine in the lunch room. Life Skills is incorporating 15 lessons for students, grades 5 through 8. Jenny Jensen completed a CPR and first aid class in Ms. Badda's class. This coming Wednesday, Ms. Jenkins will be taking students from her class to CWU for a transitional trip. High School track and field has started. The Jr. High volleyball team has a game next Monday. There will be a bingo and spaghetti feed to raise monies for the reader board, and the 5th and 6th grade trip to Camp Seymour.

Principal: Mrs. Bechtholdt will have the science page link to the Easton Facebook page. For Memorial Day, she has asked students to write an essay about Memorial Day. The letters will be posted to the Wall of Heroes that will be displayed at the Easton Memorial Day Celebration. This coming Friday, the professional development for staff will include training for proctoring science tests. Mrs. Bechtholdt will be attending a class at ESD 105 for Discipline and the Law. Elementary students have shown improvement in math since starting the Bridges math curriculum. Conferences will be March 28th and 29th. There will be a Community Resource Fair in the commons on March 29th from 12:30 to 6:30 pm. We are preparing to have our next Active Shooter training in the fall with John Ladine again.

Superintendent: Superintendent Dehuff said that he was pleased with the levy results. The district prides itself on being a good steward of the tax payer's monies, and maintains the lowest rate per 1,000 of assessed valuation in the county. The community continues to be supportive of Easton School. Superintendent Dehuff discussed the need for a capital projects levy. We have plenty of capital needs but have held off on running a capital projects levy until the bonds on our building are paid off, so there is not an impact to our taxpayers. The existing bond will be paid off at the end of 2019, so it is a good time to identify capital needs and priorities and begin discussions regarding a capital project levy.

Board: John Jensen would like to have a status report on the HVAC system of the school. Superintendent Dehuff said that he would ask Steve Jensen to give an update at our next board meeting as well as provide input on the proposed Transportation Cooperative. Lynn Lopez would like to have the board review the capital projects spreadsheet and discuss capital project priorities at our next board meeting. The Easton Memorial Day committee has met to begin work on the Easton Memorial Day festivals. John Jensen shared that the committee is looking for help on the day of parade. They will have their next meeting on March 12th at 6:00 pm at the Parkside Restaurant.

School Calendar: The district was closed one day this winter due to adverse weather and road conditions. Since Easton School was closed, we will need to have a make-up day. There are no built in snow days in the calendar so we will need to add a day at the end of the school year, which would change the last day of school from June 12th to June 13th. Chris Helgeson made a motion to approve the change in the school calendar, which makes June 13th the last day of the 2017-18 school year. John Jensen seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

Meeting Adjourned: Lynn Lopez adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.


Patrick Dehuff
Superintendent

Lynn Lopez
Board Chair