

Easton School District No. 28
Meeting of the Board of Directors
March 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, Anna Dodge, Ken Everaert

Board Members Absent: Lynn Lopez

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

Guests: Kristina Fudge, Mary Fudge, Kendra Strahm, Warren Hopkins

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda: Anna Dodge made a motion to approve the agenda for the March 24, 2015 board meeting. Chris Helegeson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Communication to the Board: None

Reports:

Financial Report: Wandah Messinger reviewed the monthly budget status report with the board. This report is attached to these minutes.

Staff: Mrs. Ofelia Todd represented the staff for this evening's board meeting. Mrs. Todd shared that Mrs. Houle's kindergarten class has their work displayed in the elementary hallway. The students have done art work on famous people.

Student Representative: The Associated Student Body (ASB) was represented by President Kendra Strahm, Vice President Mary Fudge and Treasurer Kristina Fudge. The ASB shared that they have held two dances this school year. Both dances had good attendance and everyone had a good time. They are looking at a date for the prom. They have asked Thorp School if they would like to do a combined prom. They are hosting a school talent show on April 2nd. They are discussing the end of the year field trip for the secondary students. The elementary takes a separate end of the year field trip. Mary Fudge said that fund raising for ASB this year has gone well. The Knowledge Bowl students finished 1st in Regionals 2B. They will be going to State competition next. This will be a good experience for them. The senior students are hosting a

spaghetti feed and bingo night on April 16th to raise money for their graduation.

Principal: The 5th and 6th grade students had a great time on their field trip to Camp Seymour. They had the opportunity to participate in exciting things. They did canoeing, looked at sea life, and had a great time. The students have expressed interest in returning next year. The State Archery Tournament will be held on March 27th at Central Washington University. The junior high volleyball team continues to be undefeated. Their last game is on March 26th. The Smarter Balance State testing is a computer test and will begin with language/arts. All of our junior and seniors have passed the required State testing. We held an iPad information parent night where teachers prepared a presentation for parents of the students in their classroom. We will be rolling out the iPads to all students after coming back from spring break. The staff is reviewing applications for their iPads that will benefit their students. A portion of the professional development for staff this month will focus on classroom management, and expectations of the students before receiving their iPads. Molly Berger, from ESD 105, will review the staff survey regarding their knowledge of iPad applications. Ms. Berger will prepare training for the staff based on their current knowledge level. Ms. Berger is a great resource for our district. Kathie Stratton acknowledged all the work that has been done to complete this for the district.

Superintendent: Superintendent Patrick Dehuff said that there have been a couple of recent newspaper articles highlighting Easton School. Our Chef, Jim Giandrone was interviewed for his new culinary class. There was also a good article on the board. Dr. Dehuff recently attended the Small Schools conference. He shared a book from that conference that discusses education in other countries. It shares other countries success stories in education that we can learn from. At the conference, the Trout Lake School District shared that their students do not feel that being in a small school is a disadvantage. There is plenty of community involvement and embedded outdoor activities. Superintendent Dehuff said that there were some similarities in their presentation that were similar to Easton School. We currently have one student in running start and we anticipate having several this coming school year. The board's input regarding priorities of future Capital Projects was great. The concern about intermittent smoke (from wood burning stoves in the community) coming into the science room was discussed. We have had two inspections of the room and will be discussing options with our HVAC contractor. We are waiting for bids for asphalt and concrete.

Board Member: Ken Everaert said that his son Kenan went on the field trip recently to Stone Gardens, a climbing wall. Kenan said it was a blast.

Board Chair: No report

School Board Business: Dr. Dehuff opened the conversation regarding the secondary staffing changes that was discussed at the last board meeting. Wandah Messinger reviewed the financial cost differences by adding either a half time, or full time teacher. The teacher's salary is based on years of experience in teaching and amount of education. The advantage of a full time English teacher is that this would add more choices of classes/electives for our students. At our prior meeting, adding a teacher and a paraprofessional was discussed. Superintendent Dehuff mentioned that the district could move ahead with hiring a teacher first and wait on the decision on whether to hire an additional paraprofessional. This would allow us to advertise now for a

teacher, which will provide a better opportunity of finding a quality teacher and the decision of whether to hire an additional paraprofessional could be postponed until the legislature has finished their session and contract negotiations with our certificated and classified staff is done. Anna Dodge made a motion to approve the hiring of a full time secondary English teacher. Chris Helgeson seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Minutes: The minutes of the February 24, 2015 meeting will be resubmitted at our next board meeting since there is not a quorum of board members at the meeting that were present during the meeting on February 24th. Ken Everaert made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 10, 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.

Closed Session: The regular board meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM for the board to convene to a Closed Session to discuss contract negotiations. The closed session started at 7:52 PM. Attending the closed session were: Kathie Stratton, Ken Everaert, Anna Dodge, Chris Helgeson, Wandah Messinger, Patrick Dehuff, Lisa Henderson, and Warren Hopkins. The Closed Session was expected to be 30 minutes. The closed session was extended at 8:22 PM for an additional 30 minutes. The closed session adjourned at 8:51 PM.

Executive Session: The board went into Executive Session at 08:52 PM for the superintendent evaluation. It was estimated that the Executive Session would last 45 minutes. The Executive Session adjourned at 9:34 PM.

Regular Meeting Adjournment

The regular meeting resumed at 9:35 PM. Having no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting was made by Ken Everaert. The motion was seconded by Chris Helgeson and the motion carried. The regular meeting adjourned at 9:36 PM.


Patrick Dehuff
Superintendent


Kathie Stratton
Board Chair