

Easton School District No. 28  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
June 14, 2016

Jennie Marie Giovenale-Austin Library

**Call to Order:**

Anna Dodge called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

**Attendance:**

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

Board Members Absent: Ken Everaert

Staff Members Present: Patrick Dehuff, Lisa Henderson, Tammy Roy, Cece Badda, Ofelia Todd, Becky Houle

Guests: Carlee Houle

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approve Agenda:** Lynn Lopez made a motion to approve the agenda for the June 14, 2016 board meeting. Chris Helgeson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Communication to the Board:** Communication to the Board was provided by hard copy to board members in their board packets.

**Board Business:**

*Kathie Stratton Resignation:* Kathie Stratton recently sold her home at Lake Kachess and has moved to Ellensburg. Kathie has resigned from her position as Board Director (and Board Chair) and has submitted a letter of resignation. Kathie Stratton did a great job serving the district as our Board Chair and will be greatly missed. Lynn Lopez made a motion to accept Kathie Stratton's resignation. Chris Helgeson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

*Summer Online Classes:* Superintendent Dehuff discussed the need for summer online classes for our running start students and for students who need credit recovery. The classes would be paid for by the district and will allow students to take classes over the summer to enhance their opportunities in running start or for students in credit recovery who need to make up classes. Chris Helgeson made a motion for the district to provide the opportunity and pay for summer online classes for our running start students and those students needing credit recovery. Lynn Lopez seconded the motion and the motion carried.

*Shop Teacher Position:* Patrick Dehuff and Lisa Henderson talked to the board about the opportunity to have a part-time Shop/CTE instructor. Our insurance carrier, Clear Solutions, has completed an inspection of our woodshop and found that it would meet code with a few minor changes. The need for a part-time Shop/CTE instructor was discussed. It would be best to

advertise soon to have offerings during 1<sup>st</sup> semester. Lynn Lopez made a motion to approve a part time Shop/CTE instructor. Chris Helgeson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

*Elementary Configuration:* Lisa Henderson discussed a proposal to combine kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade and not have 2<sup>nd</sup> grade combined because it will be a large class. Lisa explained the process that she went through over the spring with surveying teachers and parents and developing several configuration models to consider. After getting input from staff and parents, Superintendent Dehuff and Principal Henderson recommend that kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade be combined and that 2<sup>nd</sup> grade not be combined during the upcoming 2016-17 school year. They also recommend that Easton School hire a part-time preschool teacher. The likely schedule for preschool will be 3 hours a day, three times a week. Chris Helgeson made a motion to hire a part-time preschool teacher. Lynn Lopez seconded the motion and the motion carried.

*Paraprofessional Position:* Superintendent Dehuff discussed the option of adding a paraprofessional position to assist in the secondary grades. The board would like to see some financial projections of costs associated with adding a paraprofessional. Patrick said that he would bring those to the next meeting.

*Summer School:* Lisa Henderson discussed the option of providing summer school, which will be funded off of a grant. Summer school will be from August 16<sup>th</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>. The grant provides funding for one teacher and one paraprofessional. Lynn Lopez made a motion to hire a teacher and a paraprofessional to teach summer school. Chris Helgeson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

*Capital Projects:* Superintendent Dehuff provided the board with an updated priority list for capital projects. He will work on getting bids and putting them on an excel spreadsheet for the board to review.

**Regular Meeting Adjourned:** Chris Helgeson made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting to a Closed Session at 7:32 PM for discussion on Union Contract Negotiations. Lynn Lopez seconded the motion and the motion carried. The board adjourned to Closed Session for an estimated time of twenty minutes. At 7:52 the board announced the closed session will be extended for an additional twenty minutes.

**Re-Convene Regular Meeting:** Chris Helgeson made a motion to re-convene the regular board meeting at 8:12 PM. Anna Dodge seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Lynn Lopez made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 PM. Chris Helgeson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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Patrick Dehuff  
Superintendent

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Anna Dodge  
Board Director