

Easton School District No. 28  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
August 29, 2018  
Jennie Marie Giovenale-Austin Library

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

**Attendance:** Lynn Lopez, Chris Helgeson, Amy Grove, John Jensen, Jen Knox

**Staff:** Patrick Dehuff, Dawn Bechtholdt, Marilyn Fudge, Tracy VanLone, Becky Houle, Steve Eims, Cece Badda and Brian Todd

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Guests:** April Simonson, Gage Knox, Jade Knox

**Board Minutes:** John Jensen made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 24, 2018 board meeting. Chris Helgeson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Communication to the Board:** None

**Reports:**

**Financial:** Business manager, Dustin Kinley, was un-able to attend the meeting. Superintendent Patrick Dehuff reviewed the budget status report and enrollment status with the board. These reports are attached to the minutes.

**Staff:** Becky Houle spoke on behalf of the staff. Mrs. Houle read “staff was hoping to have a settled contract by the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school. It’s unfortunate that we were unable to get there. Therefore we are carefully considering our next steps.”

**Principal:** Principal Dawn Bechtholdt discussed the math training that our new staff members attended over the summer months. The teachers all had positive comments. The secondary math class will be piloting the new Holt math. This pilot is free for the school year, and includes the materials required. Students that did not meet the standards last school year will be taking the new math strategy class to build student skills. By adding this class, the hope is to bring them to the level that they should be on. The Technology Education and Literacy in Schools (TEALS) program is set up and ready to go in the computer lab. Marchel Allenbaugh will be overseeing the program. Each morning, Microsoft will connect via video for the virtual training. Cle Elum – Roslyn School District has invited our secondary students to join their secondary students when for some of their activities or speaking events. The lunch for staff today was catered by the Hitching Post, a neighboring business. The local representative with the National Guard, Aaron Anderson, helped facilitate paying for the lunches through the National Guard. Mr. Anderson also donated notebooks and water bottles on behalf of the National Guard.

**Superintendent:** Dr. Dehuff distributed a letter to the board from the attorney representing the

district regarding mitigation fees from the Marion Meadows development. The board read the letter and the Board of Directors discussed the need to pursue mitigation fees from developers to lessen the tax impact to our local community when capital improvements and expansions are needed because of growth. Superintendent Dehuff mentioned that he will be working on bringing a draft proposal of a Capital Facilities Plan to the Board of Directors.

**Board:** Lynn Lopez requested that School Board Directors develop a list of goals for the Board of Directors. Please send your thoughts to Superintendent Dehuff. John Jensen suggested that staff submit their ideas for goals as well.


**Board Business:** Lunch prices for the new school have been adjusted increased as stated in the attached letter.

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

**Adjourn to Closed Session:** The board closed the regular meeting at 7:30 pm to go into a closed session to discuss contract negotiations.

**Adjourn Closed Session:** Jen Knox made a motion to adjourn the closed session at 9:01 pm. Amy Grove seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Meeting Adjourned:** A motion was made by Jen Knox to adjourn the regular meeting. Chris Helgeson seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

  
Patrick Dehuff  
Superintendent

  
Lynn Lopez  
Board Chair