

Easton School District No. 28
Meeting of the Board of Directors
January 24, 2012
Jeannie Marie Giovanale-Austin Library

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Board chair Tony Fitzgerald at 6:03 p.m.

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Ken Everaert, Tony Fitzgerald, Kathie Stratton

Board Members Absent: Anna Dodge, Laura Villegas-Chouinard

Staff Members Present: Marilyn Fudge, Pat Dehuff, Tom Walsh

Visitors: Larry Everett

Safety Briefing:

Tony Fitzgerald reviewed the safety exits and procedures should an event occur.

Communications to the Board: Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) sent a request to update all board members information for the association. The board members will fill out the paperwork and return them to WSSDA.

School Board: A discussion was held regarding the need to remove former Business Manager, Tracy Plouse, as a signer on the Easton School checking accounts. Kathie Stratton made a motion to remove Tracy Plouse as a signer from the Cashmere Valley Bank, and from the Wells Fargo Bank accounts associated with Easton School. Ken Everaert seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Students and School:

Staff: Mr. Tom Walsh was the staff representative for the staff. Tom shared that Jenny Jensen is the new Associated Student Body (ASB) advisor.

Superintendent – January is School Board Appreciation month. Superintendent Patrick Dehuff presented each board member with a certificate and acknowledged the time that they volunteer to the district. He thanked each of them personally for all that they do for Easton School District. Mr. Dehuff shared information on some of the programs that the district is currently involved in. Mr. Dehuff and a team of staff members are participating in a grant-funded pilot program on the upcoming new Principal/Teacher Evaluation. The new Principal/Teacher Evaluation program will be phased in throughout the State over the next couple of years. The Kittitas County Superintendents are meeting monthly for professional development. They have been discussing

the upcoming Common Core Standards and have been doing learning-walks in each other's districts. This group will be hosted at the Easton School on February 28, 2012. Math Benchmark Assessments is a program that tests students three times a year prior to MSP, HSPE, and EOC State testing in the spring. Math Benchmark Assessments provides feedback to teachers regarding their student's strengths and weaknesses. Math Benchmark Assessments are also financed through grant-funding. Ms. Sara McCoy, 1st and 2nd grade teacher, and Mrs. Becky Houle, preschool and kindergarten teacher, will be attending a language development training seminar for four (4) days in Toppenish. Mr. Steve Eims recently attended a second training session of a Guided Language Acquisition Design (GLAD) program. Superintendent Dehuff informed the board that ESD 105 will be replacing Alden and Associates for technical support beginning March 1, 2012. Tony Fitzgerald questioned whether budget cuts from the State affect ESD offices, and could that affect our contracts with them. Mr. Dehuff explained that ESDs are impacted by State cutbacks and that individual contracts with districts provide a source of revenue for ESDs while they provide a cost-effective means of obtaining needed services, particularly in small districts such as ours.

Financial: Mr. Francis Badu, financial consultant with ESD 105 had planned on attending the board meeting tonight but bad weather and roads kept him from attending. Mr. Dehuff presented the financial report that was prepared by Mr. Badu. Board members commented that they like the new format that Mr. Badu presented. Mr. Dehuff reviewed the revenues and expenditures with the board. A copy of that report is attached.

Board Chair – None

Board Member – None

Consent Agenda -

Minutes – December 12, 2011

General Fund Vouchers

ASB Vouchers

Financial Report

Ken Everaert made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Kathie Stratton seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned – The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Patrick Dehuff
Superintendent

Tony Fitzgerald
Board Chairman