

Easton School District No. 28
Meeting of the Board of Directors
January 27, 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, Ken Everaert, Anna Dodge, Chris Helgeson, Lynn Lopez

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Patrick Dehuff, Marilyn Fudge, Lisa Henderson, Wandah Messinger, Becky Houle.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda: Anna Dodge made a motion to approve the agenda for the January 27, 2015 board meeting. Chris Helgeson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Board Appreciation: January is School Board Appreciation month. Superintendent Patrick Dehuff expressed his appreciation to each board member for their dedication to the school and community by serving as a Director of the Easton School District. Dr. Dehuff read aloud the proclamation for School Board Appreciation month from Governor Inslee. Dr. Dehuff handed each board member a certificate of appreciation for their service to Easton School District. The district provided dinner for the board for this event tonight.

Communication to the Board: None

Reports:

Financial Report: Wandah Messinger reviewed the December 2014 budget status. Each board member was provided a copy of the budget status reports. The report is attached.

Staff: Becky Houle reported that the staff is very happy with Chef's new salads and wraps. Chef Jim is doing a good job with providing healthy meals. Ms. Badda reported that her students who participated in the multi-color tournament did very well.

Student Representative: The ASB will not have a representative attending until basketball season is over.

Principal: The second semester will have a few changes. GEAR UP will contribute to support

STEM activities and other events that support the overall goal of getting students to be college and career ready. GEAR UP could help pay the cost for Beth Parker (5th and 6th grade teacher) and Daniel Barrera (secondary math teacher) to obtain their Master's degrees. GEAR UP is also partnering with the Easton Youth Group to help purchase equipment for robotics. There is a cooking class offered this semester. We are working on getting a conditional CTE certification for Chef Jim and plan on having him teach a culinary class. Fifteen students have signed up for this new class. Mrs. Henderson has spoken with OSPI regarding the qualifications for staff or community members who have specialized knowledge and skills to teach CTE classes on a conditional certification. This would allow us to offer a wider variety of classes and provide for more "hands on" classes for our students. Julie Miller has an outstanding job as our school secretary. She is very motivated to do a good job, is well organized, and a quick learner.

Superintendent: Superintendent Dehuff thanked business manager Wandah Messinger for her outstanding work on our finances, which was reflected in the recent audit. There were no findings and just one suggestion for improvement regarding the documentation in the board minutes regarding executive sessions (start and end times and specific reason for executive session). The school received an e-mail message from a parent from Pateros. This parent expressed how impressed she was with the sportsmanship of our high school basketball teams. Ken Everaert asked if the iPads will be ready to roll out to our students soon. A discussion followed regarding the remaining steps that need to be taken prior to the rollout of the iPads to our students.

Board Member: None

Board Chair: Kathie Stratton discussed the laws of a workshop. An agenda is not required. The board will have minutes from the workshops. If there is a cancelation it will be posted. This is also true of special meetings. Kathie took training on the Open Public meeting Act.

School Board Business: None

Minutes: Anna Dodge made a motion to approve the minutes from the 12/16/2014 meeting. Chris Helgeson seconded that motion. Kathie Stratton abstained as she was absent from that meeting. The motion carried. Lynn Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes from the 1/13/2015 meeting. Chris Helgeson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned for an Executive Session: At 7:55 PM the board adjourned for an Executive Session (RCW.42.30.110) for the annual evaluation of Superintendent Dehuff. Board Chair Kathie Stratton announced that the session would be 30 minutes. At 8:25 PM, Kathie Stratton informed those present outside the session that the Executive Session would be extended to 8:45 PM.

Regular meeting resumed and adjourned: The regular meeting resumed at 8:45 PM. Board Chair Kathie Stratton reported that there were no decisions or actions to report pertaining to the Executive Session. Lynn Lopez made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned. Anna Dodge

seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM.


Patrick Dehuff
Superintendent


Kathie Stratton
Board Chair