

Easton School District No. 28
Meeting of the Board of Directors
January 28, 2014
Jeannie Marie Giovanale-Austin Library

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Tony Fitzgerald at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Kathie Stratton, Tony Fitzgerald, Rodica Stoita

Board Members Absent: Ken Everaert, Anna Dodge

Staff Members Present: Patrick Dehuff, Marilyn Fudge, Lisa Henderson,
Katelyn McDonnell, Phil Derrick, Wandah Messinger

Guests: None

Safety Briefing: Tony Fitzgerald reviewed the safety procedures should an emergency arise.

Approve Agenda: Kathie Stratton made a motion to approve the agenda for January 28th 2014 board meeting. Rodica Stoita seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Communication to the Board: Superintendent gave the board two letters. The first letter is a letter of resignation from Ms. Kaya McLaren, our third and fourth grade teacher. Ms. McLaren will be leaving our school at the end of this school year. Dr. Dehuff commented that it is very kind of Kaya to give the district an early notice. Kaya's position will be posted in house first. If the position is not filled it will be posted out. Tony Fitzgerald made a motion to accept Ms. McLaren's resignation. Kathie Stratton seconded the motion and the motion carried. The second letter is from Sherman Tate, our maintenance and transportation supervisor. Mr. Tate is resigning his position with the District effective February 28th 2014. Kathie Stratton made a motion to approve Mr. Tate's resignation. Rodica Stoita seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Financial: Wandah Messinger distributed the current budget status report to the board members. Wandah discussed each category with the board. This budget report is attached to these minutes.

Reports:

Staff: Katelyn McDonnell reported for the staff tonight. Ms. Badda recently completed recording her Jr. High students for her National Teacher of the Year. Ms Badda said that it took a few takes, but they finally got a finished tape! Ms Badda will be teaching photography this next

semester, as well as her other classes. Ms. Plue's 9th grade science class is working with genetics. Mr. Derrick's class for PNW has ended for the semester. He is now teaching Journalism, which will be doing the yearbook. Mrs. Henderson's class is reading the book Jurassic Park.

Principal: Mrs. Henderson showed the board the website from engage New York that is a unit being used to teach the new common core standards. This is a unit that would last a whole school year. They will be doing professional development on this program. It is possible that we could be doing this as a pilot program next year. This would be used as an interim until text books can catch up with the new common core standards. The staff agrees with her that this would be a good first step. They want to review each module. Mrs. Henderson and Superintendent Dehuff will be attending the upcoming ERNN conference in Olympia.

Superintendent: Superintendent Dehuff discussed the levy with the board. One of the goals for the levy will be to improve technology. Rather than running a separate technology levy, the district will be utilizing the M&O levy to improve technology. There is another levy meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 6th at 6:00 pm at the Easton Fire Station. The local paper, the NKC Tribune recently ran an article that had our levy request amount (per thousand of assessed valuation) incorrect. Dr. Dehuff has spoken with the paper and they are running a correction this week. Dr. Dehuff gave the board a WASA update (attached) in regards to the McCleary case. He also discussed the attached information regarding the ESEA Waiver from OSPI and spoke of the challenges with scheduling professional development with the new requirements of 1080.

Board Member: No report

School Board: The board was given policies to review, and follow up with as an action item at their next meeting. Dr. Phil Derrick attended the meeting to request out of State and overnight travel for students to compete in decathlon tournaments in Sandpoint, Idaho and in Boise, Idaho. Kathie Stratton made a motion to approve out of State and overnight travel for the decathlon students to compete in tournaments in Sandpoint, Idaho, and Boise, Idaho. Rodica Stoita seconded this motion and the motion carried. Mrs. Fudge mentioned that there are some library books that need to be surplus. These books will be inventoried prior to being surplus.

Board Chair: Tony Fitzgerald discussed his concerns that he feels there are some confusion by some on Procedure # 1430, Communication to the Board. He talked about the ability to change the procedure to policy. The board and administration discussed this. This discussion will be followed up at a future meeting.

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes – Dec. 17, 2013
- General Fund Vouchers
- ASB Vouchers
- Financial report
- Payroll

Kathie Stratton made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Rodica Stoita seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 p.m.


Patrick Dehuff
Superintendent


Tony Fitzgerald
Board Chairman