

Easton School District No. 28
Meeting of the Board of Directors
October 10, 2017
Jennie Marie Giovenale-Austin Library

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

Attendance: Lynn Lopez, Chris Helgeson, Amy Grove, John Jensen

Staff Members Present: Patrick Dehuff, Dawn Bechtholdt


Pledge of Allegiance


Approve Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda for the October 10, 2017 board meeting was made by Amy Grove. Chris Helgeson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Communication to the Board: None

Levy Discussion: Superintendent Dehuff distributed levy informational materials that were prepared when our last Educational Programs, Maintenance, and Operations levy was passed. In addition, comparisons of Easton School District's rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for local school taxes were distributed. One was a comparison that is located on OSPI's website (2016 figures) and the other is one prepared by Ryan Swanson of PiperJaffray. Easton School District has the lowest rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for local school levies (combined bond and M&O levy) in Kittitas County and is one of the lowest in the state. Superintendent Dehuff mentioned his concern about a new law that restricts local funding which will hurt small school districts such as Easton School, even though our local tax rates are low. Lynn Lopez mentioned that it is important for residents to understand what programs and support that the levy provides to Easton School. The board had a general discussion regarding the time-frame of running the renewal levy. The current levy will expire at the end of 2018. The board will authorize a renewal levy for the February 13, 2018 ballot and will discuss and decide on the terms (levy amount and number of years to run the levy) at the next board meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: Chris Helgeson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Jensen seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.


Patrick Dehuff
Superintendent


Lynn Lopez
Board Chair