

Easton School District No. 28
Meeting of the Board of Directors
October 22, 2013
Jeannie Marie Giovanale-Austin Library

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Board chair Tony Fitzgerald at 6:35 p.m.

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Kathie Stratton, Anna Dodge, Tony Fitzgerald, Ken Everaert, Rodica Stoita

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Patrick Dehuff, Wandah Messinger, Marilyn Fudge, Lisa Henderson, Sara McCoy

Guests: None

Approve Agenda: A motion was made by Anna Dodge to approve the agenda for the October 22, 2013 school board meeting. The motion was seconded by Kathie Stratton and the motion carried.

Safety Briefing:

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

Communication to the Board: No report

Financial: Wandah Messinger presented the monthly financial reports. Ms. Messinger said that the district continues to be financially sound with a healthy fund balance. The funding for our new school bus has been approved and the new bus will arrive by the end of November.

Reports:

Staff: Ms. McCoy reported for the staff this evening. There is an Archery article in the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD). April Dehuff provided instruction to secondary students on CPR and AED. Students in the lifetime sports class went fly fishing at Suncadia, and went to Yakima to study entomology. The lifetime sports students have gone Geocaching and have created their own Geocach at the Easton Ponds. The Easton Archers are practicing for FITA, which will be held at The Nock Point in Mountlake Terrace on November 17th. Ms. McDonnell's classes for secondary math have gotten off to a great start this year. Fall MAP testing is complete and we are looking forward to the fall student-parent-teacher conferences. Guided Language Acquisition Design (GLAD) strategies have been

incorporated into Mrs. Houle's preschool and kindergarten classes. These GLAD strategies improve vocabulary development, science concepts and critical thinking skills. The preschool and kindergarten students are participating in a pilot program, Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (WaKIDS) assessment. The first and second graders went on a field trip to the Woodland Park Zoo.

Principal: The varsity volleyball team is doing very well this season. Mrs. Henderson reported receiving a grant of \$300 for the kindergarten class. There will be a Halloween dance on the October 24th from 8 pm to 10 pm for grades 7th through 12th. We have two volunteers who are helping in the library four days a week. The new requirement of parents, guardians, and visitors wearing visitor passes is going smoothly. Professional development on the common core standards are being held in conjunction with Thorp and Cle Elum-Roslyn School Districts. Christine Champe, a trainer of Guided Language Acquisition Design (GLAD) strategies spent a day at Easton School providing feedback to our teachers. School conferences will be held this week. The new Smarter Balance state assessment will be initiated this year at Easton as a pilot program.

Superintendent: Dr. Dehuff talked with the board about the upcoming board workshop in November as an opportunity to discuss levy information. Parents, guardians, and the community will be encouraged to attend to hear the discussion of levy facts and the needs of the district. The meeting will be posted and put on our readerboard. If the levy is on the February ballot, the board will need to make decisions regarding the amount and length of the levy by the end of December. Superintendent Dehuff mentioned that the purpose of the upcoming workshop would be limited to the discussion of levy facts and district needs. There can be a discussion on district needs, including instructional (incorporating technology into instruction) needs and building needs, as well as a discussion on the financial impact of the levy to our local taxpayers (price per \$1,000 of assessed valuation). However, discussion about campaign strategies needs to be handled by a separate group (levy campaign committee) at a future time and not at board meetings or workshops. Dr. Dehuff discussed the importance of exercising caution and maintaining appropriate guidelines for PDC compliance when the district runs a levy.

School Board: The board has in their packets three resolutions to review. Policy #2190, Highly Capable Programs, policy #3240, Student Conduct Expectations and policy #3412, CPR and AED instruction. These policies are for review and will be on the agenda for the board meeting on November 26th as action items. The board discussed upcoming dates for board meetings in the months of November and December. The workshop on November 12 will be advertised as a levy informational and fact meeting. The community, parents, and staff will be encouraged to attend.

Board Member: Tony Fitzgerald, Anna Dodge, Patrick Dehuff and Marilyn Fudge will be attending the annual WSSDA conference on November 21, 22, and 23rd in Bellevue.

Consent Agenda:

Minutes – September 24, 2013
General Fund Vouchers
ASB Vouchers
Financial report
Payroll

Anna Dodge made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Ken Everaert seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Patrick Dehuff
Superintendent

Tony Fitzgerald
Board Chairman