

Easton School District No. 28
Meeting of the Board of Directors
October 23, 2018
Jennie Marie Giovenale-Austin Library

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

Attendance: Lynn Lopez, Amy Grove, John Jensen, Jen Phillips

Staff: Patrick Dehuff, Dawn Bechtholdt, Marilyn Fudge, Tracy VanLone, Becky Houle, Dave Allenbaugh, Marchel Allenbaugh, Ofelia Todd, Cece Badda and Brian Todd

Board Members Absent: Chris Helgeson

Guests: April Simonson, Amanda Zimmerman

Board Minutes: Jen Knox made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2018 board workshop. John Jensen seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Communication to the Board: The board received two letters of Communication to the Board. Board Director Chris Helgeson submitted a request for a leave of absence from board meetings until February 2019 due to a fire department training program that meets during the evenings of board meetings. Board members are permitted to have a leave of absence with the approval of the board members. Lynn Lopez made a motion to approve Chris Helgeson request for a leave of absence. John Jensen seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The second letter of Communication to the Board was received prior to the board meeting and included in the Board packets. Ofelia Todd asked if the letter could be read out loud. Dr. Dehuff asked the person who provided the Communication to the Board if it was okay to distribute the letter. After getting an affirmative answer from the person who wrote the letter, he distributed copies of the letter to guests and staff who were in attendance at the meeting. The Board had a discussion regarding public comments during board meetings. The Board would like to have public comment added to the agenda. They discussed the time of five (5) minutes per speaker, which the speaker could have longer if given five minutes from another guest. John Jensen asked if the comments could be submitted in writing prior to speaking. Dr. Dehuff will review wording on the process. There will be a sign up sheet at the upcoming meetings for future public comments. Dr. Dehuff stated that he was the person responsible for the verbiage at the prior meeting regarding the Mission, Vision, and Mission that the district is working on. Board chair Lynn Lopez opened the meeting for public comments at this time. 1) Becky Houle, the kindergarten 1st grade teacher, read aloud a written statement on behalf of the certificated staff. This letter is attached to the minutes. 2) April Simonson, community member, and parent, thanked the board for opportunity to speak at the meetings. 3) Brian Todd, counselor, and music teacher, thanked the board for the re-arrangement of the room (Board Directors and administrative staff facing the audience) during board meetings.

Reports:

Financial: Business manager, Dustin Kinley, was unable to attend the meeting. The financial report was attached to the agenda. Superintendent Dehuff reviewed the budget status report and the enrollment report with the board.

Staff: Brian Todd was the spokesman for staff. He invited everyone to join us in honoring our veterans on November 8th at 10:00 am. Mr. Todd thanked Tracy VanLone, our math teacher for all of her work on the production. He thanked all the staff for their help. Marchel Allenbaugh said that she had a good visit with the Microsoft representative. They are pleased with the progress of the TEALS class. Ofelia Todd shared that the students are enjoying having science at the end of the school day.

Principal: Principal Dawn Bechtholdt reported that the middle school and high school students have been fly-fishing, and bike riding for PE class. The letters for parents regarding conferences are ready to be sent home. On October 25th, there will be the Community Resource Fair at the school during conferences, and on October 28th, there will be a statewide earthquake drill. We are looking into a new program for messaging families with info when needed, including school closures and delays due to inclement weather.

Superintendent: Superintendent Dehuff provided an update regarding mitigation fees to the school district for the new development, Marian Meadows.

Board: There was no report from the board.

Board Business: Resolution #444, which certifies the 2019 excess property taxes, was prepared and submitted to the Board by business manager, Dustin Kinley. The district is required to have this resolution in order to collect local school taxes. John Jensen made a motion to approve Resolution #444. Jen Phillips seconded the motion and the motion carried. The board discussed the surplus of previous yearbooks. Jen Phillips made a motion to approve the surplus of past yearbooks. Lynn Lopez seconded the motion and the motion carried. The Board was given recommended updates by WSSDA on two policies (policy # 5401 and policy #5406) to be a first read. These updates to the policies will be on the November agenda.

Consent Agenda: Jen Phillips made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Amy Grove seconded the motion and the motion carried.

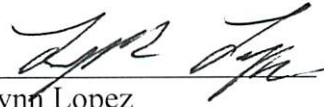
Adjourn to Closed Session: The board adjourned the regular meeting at 7:25 pm to discuss contract negotiations in a Closed Session.

Adjourn Closed Session: Jen Knox made a motion to adjourn the Closed Session at 8:00 pm. Amy Grove seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned: A motion was made by Jen Phillips to adjourn the regular meeting. Amy Grove seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.



Patrick Dehuff
Superintendent



Lynn Lopez
Board Chair