

Easton School District No. 28
Meeting of the Board of Directors
October 24, 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, John Jensen

Board Members Absent: Amy Grove, Jen Knox

Staff Members Present: Patrick Dehuff, Marilyn Fudge, Dustin Kinley, Dawn Bechtholdt, Brian Todd

Guests: Dan Wasell, April Simonson, Warren Hopkins

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda for the October 24, 2017 board meeting was made by Chris Helgeson. John Jensen seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Communication to the Board: None

Board Minutes: Chris Helgeson made a motion to approve the minutes from September 26, 2017 board meeting. John Jensen seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Reports:

Financial: Business manager, Dustin Kinley reviewed the budget status report with the board. Mr. Kinley also reviewed the current trend in enrollment. We had budgeted for 108 students and we currently have 113.5 students enrolled at Easton School. These reports are attached to the minutes.

Staff: Brian Todd reported on behalf of the staff tonight. Lyn Cox, our secondary science teacher, shared that the six classes of science (including Biology and Chemistry) have a combined total of over 60 activities and labs since school started. The 7th and 8th grade science class is working in a Life Science Unit with supporting text from the Smithsonian and supporting kits from Carolina Supply. This pilot program is amazing. Ms. Badda's Lifetime Fitness class is getting ready for a fishing trip this Friday at Suncadia's pond. The students are fitness testing, and acquiring a base score to create personal fitness plans. Jr. High PE will be biking around Lake Easton tomorrow. High school artists have their art work on display in the commons for the conferences. Elementary PE students are actively playing cooperative games and fitness testing. They are currently bowling using bean bags and plastic cups for pins. The archery team has just finished the cookie dough fundraiser. Students brought in over \$5,000 in sales, which will provide the archery team with \$2,000 from this fundraiser. Thank you for all your support. On community news, the new owners of the Hitching Post down the road from our school will be

hosting game nights every Friday for kids. Mr. Todd shared that the Veteran's Day assembly will be on November 9, 2017 at 10:00 AM. Directly after the assembly, lunch will be served to the veterans and their guest.

Student Representative: No report

Principal Report: Principal Dawn Bechtholdt reported to the board that we have a 95% rate of attendance for the year so far. The elementary staff has requested collaborative time to learn and set up units. The secondary staff would like to have math support for the new curriculum. The staff is continuing with professional development on a variety of topics including ELA, Guided Language Acquisition Design, Safe Schools, and Technology. Gretchen Jenkins and Dawn Bechtholdt recently attended a SPED law conference in Seattle. A local store, The Hitching Post, is working with the school staff offering incentives, work study, and walking field trips. We need volunteers for reading in the elementary.

Superintendent: Dr. Dehuff shared the experience we recently had for Active Shooter Training with Force Dynamics. It was a very interesting learning experience. Jon, the trainer for Force Dynamics is passionate about this training to help protect students and staff if they are faced with an active shooter incident. This year, an incident occurred in a school district in Washington State who had received the training. The fact that the staff was trained with bats actually saved a middle school principal's life. The principal called Jon to thank him for the training of staff that saved his life. We will continue to advocate for safety of our students and staff and will continue with future trainings on defending ourselves against an active shooter. There will be a Legislative dinner hosted at the Rodeo City BBQ in Ellensburg on November 13th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. This is an annual event that board members are invited to attend and we will have several speakers who address legislative issues or concerns regarding education with the legislators in our district. Superintendent Dehuff also reminded the board of the upcoming annual Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) conference in Bellevue.

Board Report: Director John Jensen inquired about the cost to repair or replace the heating system in the building. Superintendent Dehuff mentioned that we have recently been getting quotes on repairs to our heating system.

Board Business: At the workshop earlier this month, the board discussed the renewal of our Educational Programs and Operation levy. At November's regular board meeting, the board will need to approve a resolution to renew the levy if it will go before the voters in February, 2018. The board discussed the information from the prior meeting (length of levy, the districts' being the lowest rate in Kittitas County, the levy lid). Dr. Dehuff has supplied information for the board to review to help with their decision. Our current Educational Programs and Operation levy was passed in February 2014. It was a four year levy of an annual amount of \$495,000. After discussing various options, John Jensen made a motion to ask the voters to renew the Educational and Operations levy at the same amount of \$495,000, over four years. Chris Helgeson seconded the motion and the motion carried. Dr. Dehuff will have the resolution prepared for the board at the next board meeting on November 28, 2017. A recommended change to Policy #2005, School Improvement Plans was provided to the board at the October 24th meeting. The

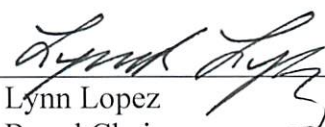
recommended change is to remove the wording of "ELRS" which is an acronym that is not used anymore. Chris Helgeson made a motion to approve the change in Policy #2005. John Jensen seconded this motion and the motion carried.

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

Closed Session: Beginning at 7:35 pm, the board went into a closed session for approximately 30 minutes to discuss contract negotiations. The closed meeting was adjourned at 8:05 and the regular meeting resumed.

Meeting Adjourned: The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:07


Patrick Dehuff
Superintendent


Lynn Lopez
Board Chair