

Easton School District No. 28
Meeting of the Board of Directors
October 27, 2020
Zoom Meeting

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by April Simonson at 5:30 PM.

Attendance: John Jensen, Jen Phillips, April Simonson

Staff: Dawn Bechtholdt, Marilyn Fudge, Patrick Dehuff, Gretchen Jenkins, Becky Houle, Cece Badda, Freida Ellison, Jennifer Jensen

Guests: Phillip Meehan, Terri Campbell, Maria Ramsey

Approve Agenda: John Jensen made a motion to approve the agenda. Jen Phillips seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Board Minutes: Jen Phillips made a motion to approve the minutes from the school board meetings on September 22, 2020, September 29, 2020, and October 13, 2020. John Jensen seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Communication to the Board: None

Public Comment:

Reports:

Financial Report: Business Manager Freida Ellison reviewed the budget status reports, financial trends, and enrollment.

Staff Report: April Simonson gave a staff report. April Simonson said that it is amazing to hear the students' voices and see their faces. She is initially focusing on making good connections with each student and making sure that everybody has what they need. Students have also shared when things were not going well, and changes were made.

Principal Report: Principal Dawn Bechtholdt gave an update on the elementary hybrid model, and mentioned that teachers are working on livestreaming their lessons through zoom for remote learners. Webcams and microphones have been ordered to enhance the livestreaming of instruction. We will also be providing headsets for our students for use at home. Principal Bechtholdt discussed the schedule for the secondary students when they begin the hybrid model on November 12th and gave an update on Schoology.

Superintendent Report: Superintendent Dehuff recognized Board Director April Simonson for her hard work and dedication as a substitute science teacher. He acknowledged the commitment that April Simonson is making, while juggling her duties as a substitute teacher, taking care of

her family, and being a Board Director and participant in the planning committee as we have put plans in place to improve remote learning and address safety measures to bring our students back to school. Dr. Dehuff also acknowledged staff members for their commitment to help bring our students back to school, including Jenny Jensen, Dawn Bechtholdt, and Julie Miller for riding on the bus to help with health assessments and temperature checks, and for other staff members who have been working on improving remote learning and working on safety measures to help us bring our students back. Superintendent Dehuff said that he is enjoying greeting the students as they come off of the bus or are dropped off by their parents/guardians.

Board Report: Jen Phillips mentioned the rising number of cases of COVID-19 in the county and asked if we could receive an update from Dr. Mark Larson, Kittitas County Health Officer and see if they have any additional guidance for us. Superintendent Dehuff will make contact with Dr. Larson.

Board Business:

Policy 3241: Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) recommends policy changes to school districts. WSSDA has recommended some changes to Policy 3241, Student Discipline. The Board was provided a copy of an updated Policy 3241 that includes the changes recommended by WSSDA as a first read at our previous board meeting on September 29, 2020. John Jensen made a motion to approve the changes to Policy 3241 that were recommended by WSSDA. Jen Phillips seconded the motion and the motion carried.

5 Year CTE Plan: A five-year CTE plan was provided to the Board of Directors. The plan outlines 16 criteria, which include the following: 1) Educator licensing; 2) Curriculum, instruction, and evaluation; 3) Academic integration; 4) Student access to program; 5) Accountability; 6) Safe practices; 7) Facilities; 8) Instructional materials; 9) Leadership and employability; 10) Long range planning; 11) Advisory committee; 12) Program of study; 13) Work based learning; 14) Career guidance; 15) Program Evaluation; and 16) Professional development. There are goals and objectives for each criterion. After some discussion about the plan, Jen Phillips made a motion to approve the 5-year CTE plan. John seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Curriculum Update: The Board of Directors was provided the following curriculum update.

- We have been in contact with McGraw-Hill, and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for preview copies of materials for 7-12 US History/Geography, World History/Geography and CWP/Civics and Pacific Northwest History. In addition, we are requesting a Series for Preview for Middle School titled A History of US by Joy Hakim, which are historical stories in non-fiction reading.
- Teachers have also reviewed materials in the Open Educational Resources Section of Social Studies for their courses and will be infusing some of them within Schoology as assignments to meet Social Studies standards.

- The Since Time Immemorial: Tribal Sovereignty in Washington State is already embedded as part of our Social Studies Curriculum.
 - Elementary and secondary teachers have been trained in using the STI curriculum last year, this summer and fall to be able to teach the relevant lessons using the required OSPI curriculum at grades 4/5, 7/8 and 11/12.
- When the preview books come, we will follow processes for a curricular review and possible Pilot for second semester this year.

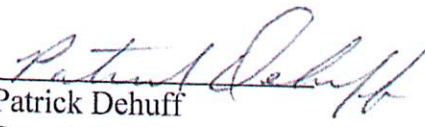
Resignation: Cathy Hammerberg, preschool teacher, submitted a letter of resignation. Superintendent Dehuff acknowledged the work that Cathy Hammerberg has done for Easton School, including being a substitute teacher who previously filled as a long-term substitute for the science classroom, team taught the 5th/6th grade class, and has been our preschool teacher. John Jensen made a motion to approve Cathy Hammerberg's resignation. Jen Phillips seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Preschool Program: There was a general discussion regarding the preschool program and whether to postpone the program until next school year or to move ahead with posting the position of preschool teacher. The Board thought it would be best to bring the secondary students back as planned on November 12th and see how that goes first before making a decision regarding preschool. The topic will be on the agenda for the Board meeting on November 24, 2020.

Memorandum of Agreement: The Memorandum of Agreement between the Easton Education Association and the Easton School District was reviewed with the Board of Directors. The agreement was negotiated and put in place because of the changes in working conditions for teachers due to COVID-19.

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

Meeting Adjourned: John Jensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. April Simonson seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm


Patrick Dehuff
Superintendent


Chris Helgeson
Board Chair