

Easton School District No. 28  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
October 28, 2014  
Jeannie Marie Giovenale-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: Ken Everaert, Anna Dodge, Kathie Stratton, Tony Fitzgerald

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Patrick Dehuff, Marilyn Fudge, Lisa Henderson,  
Becky Houle, Brian Todd, Ofelia Todd

Guests: Chris Helgeson, Lynn Lopez

**Safety Briefing:** Tony Fitzgerald reviewed the safety procedures should an emergency arise.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approve Agenda:** Kathie Stratton made a motion to approve the agenda for the October 28, 2014 board meeting. Anna Dodge seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Communication to the Board:** None

**Reports:**

**Financial:** Wandah Messinger reported on the current budget status. She explained that the reports will look differently as we are switching from a cost accounting basis to an accrual basis. Normally, September is a month of higher expenditures from the General Fund due to the start of a new school year. We are continually looking for grants to help fund improvements and updates. Our ASB Fund continues to have a healthy fund balance. There are no changes in the Vehicle-Transportation Fund. We will be doing a resolution soon to transfer money from the Library Trust account for the computers in the library.

**Staff:** Becky Houle reported for the staff this evening. Mrs. Houle said that the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are enjoying the science segment with an aquarium. Ms. Badda's outdoor club sold apples bringing in over \$200.00 and an additional \$32.00 in bake sales. The archery club sold over \$1,500 in cookie dough sales. Ms. Badda's 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be going to the Junior Achievement Finance Park on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November. Archery practice for the upcoming FITA tournament will begin with 7:00a.m. practices. Mr. Todd has been working on the Veteran's Day assembly. His elementary music classes have begun practicing for the annual Christmas program.

**Superintendent:** Superintendent Dehuff shared with the board that Linda Martin (superintendent of Thorp SD), Chris Jensen (assistant principal for Thorp SD), Lisa Henderson and Patrick Dehuff held interviews for the Athletic Director position. The interviews went well and Jennifer Jensen was selected as the Athletic Director for Easton and Thorp School Districts. Mrs. Jensen is looking forward to her new position. They will continue looking for a game manager to help with the games at Thorp SD. Transportation for the high school sports continues to have its challenges. Dr. Dehuff has checked on various vehicles. He is avoiding anything that is larger than a 10 passenger van because to decrease the likelihood of a rollover accident. He will continue to research and find a safe, appropriate vehicle for the district. Another goal will be to increase our pool of substitute bus drivers. This is an issue all over the region and some school districts in Yakima County have resorted to hiring charter buses. Superintendent Dehuff would like to avoid this because of the expenses associated with charter buses. A camera was recently installed on the large bus and parents were notified before it was turned on. The annual Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) conference will be in Spokane WA., November 19-22. There is also an upcoming Legislative dinner held in Ellensburg for School Board Directors in the 13<sup>th</sup> Legislative District. This provides an opportunity for the Legislative and School Board Directors to share their concerns, and goals to improve public education. Our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Beth Parker will be coming to the Board soon to request permission to take her class to Camp Seymour. This will be an overnight field trip. Grant funding will cover most of the cost of this trip. Easton School District is the recipient of a seven-year Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness (GEAR UP) grant for our current 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders and will help prepare them to be college and career ready.

**School Board Member:** Board Chair Tony Fitzgerald presented his letter of resignation to the board. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that he is nearing the end of his term and wanted have a smooth transition. He stated that he feels that it has been a great honor to have served on the Easton School Board. He will value the friendships that he has made with everyone here and the students.

**School Board Business:** At the prior board meeting a discussion was held in regards to a conflict between Board Policy 1430 and Procedure 1430, regarding communication to the Board. A recommendation was made by the board chair to revise the Board Policy. After reviewing the recommended changes, Kathie Stratton made a motion to approve the revision of Policy #1430. Anna Dodge seconded the motion and the motion carried. The board was given a list of books for surplus because of their old age. Kathie Stratton made a motion to approve the list of surplus items. Anna Dodge seconded the motion and it carried. The board was given a copy of a negotiated addendum to the EEA contract on TPEP language to review. The Easton Education Association and an administrative team negotiated the TPEP language. Anna Dodge made a motion to approve the negotiated contract language on TPEP. Kathie Stratton seconded the motion and the motion.

**Consent Agenda:**

Minutes – October 14, 2014  
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. Tony Fitzgerald abstained because he was absent during the October 14th meeting.

**Adjourned for Executive Session:** The board adjourned for an Executive Session to discuss qualifications of candidates for two open board positions at 7:40 PM. The board chair announced that the executive session would last 20 minutes.

**Regular Meeting Reconvened:** The board resumed their regular board meeting at 8:00 pm. Anna Dodge made a motion to approve the appointment of Chris Helgeson as a Board Director. Ken Everaert seconded the motion and the motion carried. Chris Helgeson is appointed to the position that was previously held by Rodica Stoita. Superintendent Dehuff administered the Oath of Office to Chris Helgeson.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:08 pm

  
Patrick Dehuff  
Superintendent

  
Tony Fitzgerald  
Board Chairman