

December and the regular school board meeting will be held on December 17th at 6:30 p.m.

Levy: The board discussed the renewal of our existing maintenance and operations (M&O) levy that will expire in 2014. After contemplating several options over the past couple of months which included the option of a technology levy or a capital projects levy in addition to the renewal of our existing M&O levy, the board decided to ask the taxpayers to renew the M&O levy which will expire in 2014 and not ask the taxpayers to approve either a technology or capital projects levy. The board believes that there is strong community support for Easton School but that we need to be cautious about asking for any new taxes. Therefore, the board would like to proceed with the request to renew our M&O levy on the February ballot but not include any additional taxes or ballot measures. The amount of the levy request was discussed and Superintendent Dehuff provided several options to consider. When asked for a specific recommendation, Dr. Dehuff recommended that the board seek \$495,000 M&O levy (annually) for four years. This request is 1.07 per thousand for the M&O levy. The existing bond measure is .73 per thousand so the total amount (existing bonds and the renewal of the M&O levy at \$495,000 per year) comes to 1.80 per thousand. This amount is the lowest tax rate for school districts in Kittitas County and is far less than the state average. The board instructed Superintendent Dehuff to prepare Resolution # 399, calling for the renewal of the existing M&O levy in the amount listed above for four years. Tony Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Resolution #399 in the amount of \$495,000 (annually) for the Maintenance and Operations levy. Kathie Stratton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Board Chair Tony Fitzgerald directed Superintendent Dehuff to work with the board on the development of long-range plans to address future technology, building, and transportation needs of the district.

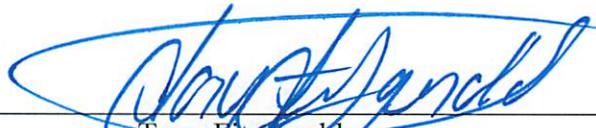
Consent Agenda:

- Minutes – October 22, 2013
- General Fund Vouchers
- ASB Vouchers
- Financial report
- Payroll

Ken Everaert made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Rodica Stoita seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.


Patrick Dehuff
Superintendent


Tony Fitzgerald
Board Chairman

that benefits the American Heart Association. The Outdoor Club had a table at the Christmas Bazaar. Ms. Badda thanked Sandy Ferguson for her donations. Ms. Badda is hoping to take the students in her life-time sports program to Lake Union in the spring for a rowing trip. They have been fly-fishing, learning how to tie flies, and geocaching. The PE classes have completed their fitness testing. The art class is working with stained glass. A group of students from Central Washington University came up to practice archery with our archers. The Lady Jags volleyball team was awarded the Sportsmanship Award and coach Jenny Jensen was awarded Coach of the Year.

The board, staff and guests left the library at 7:00 p.m. to tour the school building with Sherman Tate and Jenny Jensen. The purpose of this tour was to discuss building and equipment needs as we plan for the future.

Principal: Mrs. Henderson reported that the early release on Fridays for professional development of staff is going well. They are working on the Teacher-Principal Evaluation Program (TPEP) in small groups. She is working with staff on setting district wide goals. Both secondary and elementary are working on increasing students' vocabulary. The secondary staff is working on establishing goals for their advisory time with students to make them career ready. Mrs. Henderson is excited to have been asked to attend the Cle Elum Rotary breakfast, and to bring a senior from Easton with her. Title I and LAP interventions have begun. Mr. Todd did a wonderful job on the Veteran's Day assembly. Jenny Jensen helped by having her volleyball ladies escort veterans to their seats. The Christmas program will be on Wednesday, December 18th. CeCe Badda, Steve Eims and Claudia Guilford applied for a grant through the Kittitas County Retired Teacher association and each received \$150.00 that will be used for classroom supplies and for winter gloves for students who can't afford them.

Superintendent: Superintendent Patrick Dehuff talked about the strengths that we have in the District. He commented on three (3) staff members. The first is Jenny Jensen, who builds and sustains quality relationships with students, families, staff, and the community. Cece Badda also works very hard to establish great relationships with others and has accomplished a lot for her students by collaborating with others and building strong programs. Patrick also recognized Lisa Henderson for her hard work, dedication, and ability to provide quality instructional leadership.

Board Member: Board Chair Tony Fitzgerald will share with the board next month about the experiences he had at the recent WSSDA conference in Bellevue.

School Board: The board was given three (3) proposed policies at their last meeting. These policies are recommended by the Washington State School Director Association (WSSDA). Policy # 2190, Highly Capable Programs is a new policy that is recommended by WSSDA. A motion was made by Ken Everaert to approve policy #2190. Kathie Stratton seconded the motion and the motion carried. WSSDA recommended updating Policy #3240, Student Conduct. A motion was made to approve this policy change by Ken Everaert. Rodica Stoita seconded the motion and the motion carried. WSSDA recommended updating Policy #3412, Automated External Defibrillators. A motion was made to approve this policy change by Rodica Stoita. Ken Everaert seconded the motion and the motion carried. The board discussed the meeting dates for December 2013. Because of the holidays, there will not be a board workshop in

Easton School District No. 28
Meeting of the Board of Directors
November 26, 2013
Jeannie Marie Giovanale-Austin Library

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Board Vice chair Ken Everaert at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Kathie Stratton, Ken Everaert, Rodica Stoita
Tony Fitzgerald (arrived at 6:55 pm)

Board Members Absent: Anna Dodge

Staff Members Present: Patrick Dehuff, Marilyn Fudge, Lisa Henderson, Sherman Tate
Jenny Jensen, Cece Badda

Guests: None

Approve Agenda: A motion was made by Kathie Stratton to approve the agenda for the November 26, 2013 school board meeting. The motion was seconded by Rodica Stoita and the motion carried.

Safety Briefing:

Communication to the Board: No report

Financial: Wandah Messinger was absent from the meeting due to illness. The board was given Resolution #400, a Transfer of Funds to make the new bus payment. Ken Everaert made a motion to approve Resolution #400. Kathie Stratton seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Reports:

Staff: Ms. Cece Badda gave the staff report. Ms. McLaren's class is working on increasing their vocabulary. Her students are bringing words to her and she is making a card with the word and the definition. Mrs. Houle's Kindergarten students explored the history of Thanksgiving. They all made hats and bonnets. They built miniature Mayflower boats to sail around the Atlantic Ocean (kiddies' pool). They are continuing to explore the bond that was formed between the Pilgrims and the Native Americans. Ms. Badda shared that the archers competed in the FITA competition. The archers did well and some shot their personal best. The archers are now practicing for the Multi Color competition in January. \$1,600.00 was raised from the cookie dough sales. The elementary PE classes will be participating in the "Hoops for Hearts"