

Easton School District No. 28
Meeting of the Board of Directors
November 26, 2019
Jennie Marie Giovenale-Austin Library

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chris Helgeson at 5:30 PM.

Attendance: Amy Grove, John Jensen, April Simonson, Chris Helgeson

Board Members Absent: Jen Phillips

Staff: Dawn Bechtholdt, Patrick Dehuff, Gretchen Jenkins, Phil Derrick

Guests:

Approve Agenda: April Simonson made a motion to approve the board agenda with a change in the agenda of moving the resolutions to follow the board minutes. John Jensen seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Board Minutes: Amy Grove made a motion to approve the October 22, 2019 minutes. John Jensen seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Resolutions: Resolution #452 certifies the collection of property taxes in 2020 for Easton School District. April Simonson made a motion to approve Resolution #452. John Jensen seconded the motion and the motion carried. Resolution #453 authorizes the transfer of \$1,212.62 from the Transportation Vehicle Fund to the Debt Service Fund for bus payments. John Jensen made a motion to approve Resolution #453. April Simonson seconded the motion and the motion carried. Resolution #454 authorizes the transfer of \$635.29 from the General Fund to the Debt Service Fund for the van payment. Amy Grove made a motion to approve Resolution #454. John Jensen seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Communication to the Board: Communication to the Board was submitted to the Board of Directors.

Public Comment: None

Reports:

Financial: Dr. Dehuff reviewed the budget status reports, financial trends, and enrollment report with the Board of Directors. The Capital Projects levy has passed and will be certified this evening. Superintendent Dehuff is collecting input from staff on technology needs and priorities for capital improvements will be identified. The new bus delivery has been delayed because it is not ready for delivery. The estimated arrival of the bus will be sometime in January.

Staff: Phil Derrick handed out a list of history courses that he has taught at Easton School and identifies the courses taught this semester. Other courses being taught by staff is math and

science are doing density calculations. Mrs. Badda is doing Hoops to Heart on December 13th; there will be an archery tournament in December. The elementary will be pressing cider tomorrow. The Holiday play will be held on December 11th.

Principal Report: Principal Becholdt said the Halloween Carnival and the Holiday Bazaar were a huge success. The Suncadia Foundation approved our twenty safety buckets for our classrooms. The GEAR UP partnership is willing to pay for STEM connections for our students, and to help pay for some online courses. The CTE committees at ESD105 approved our five-year CTE plan in October. We started a Kittitas County CTE group to support our students with future internship and job shadowing connections in Upper Kittitas County.

Superintendent Report: The December board meeting will be held on December 17th. The Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) annual conference was good. There were good breakout sessions, and general sessions to attend. Superintendent Dehuff thanked April Simonson for driving the Board Directors and Superintendent to the conference each day. At the conference, we were able to see examples of some motivating, and interesting ideas that could be implemented at Easton School. Easton School District Board of Directors was recognized by WSSDA for having one of the best attendances of Board Directors at their new training sessions. We will discuss some of the particulars of the sessions during our upcoming board meeting on December 17th.

Board Report: John Jensen brought up a safety idea for the Board of Directors to consider. John is on the Upper Kittitas County Task Force, and said that if the Board of Directors would write a letter to Kittitas County, we may be able to get a couple of speed limit signs that light up to remind drivers of their speed at both entrances to the school zone. The letter should be mailed to the Kittitas County Public Works Department. Amy Grove is looking forward to discussing this at the next meeting.

Board Business: The board had a discussion in regards to the business manager position. ESD 105 has recommended to us to fill our business manager position rather than continue to contract with ESD 105. The cost of contracting will be going up and ESD 105 recommends that we fill the position because we could have more days of coverage with our own employee and that it would be more cost effective than contracting out for the service now that the rates will be going up. Superintendent Dehuff mentioned that we may want to consider some internal moves of staff to fill the position. A discussion on the pros and cons of shifting existing personnel was discussed and the Board of Directors was open to that suggestion. Regardless of whether we fill the position through internal moves of existing staff or whether we advertise, it is up to the Board of Directors on whether to approve the hiring of a business manager. Superintendent Dehuff recommended to the Board of Directors to approve the hiring of a business manager, based on the price increase of contracting for this service and the recommendation of ESD 105. April Simonson made a motion to approve the business manager position. Amy Grove seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

Meeting Adjourned to Executive Session: The board adjourned for 30 minutes for an Executive Session at 6:56 pm. The board extended the executive session for an additional 30 minutes and announced the extension to anybody who was still present in the building.

Regular Session Resumed: The Executive Session ended at 7:56 pm and the Regular Session resumed.

Meeting Adjourned: John Jensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Amy Grove seconded the motion and the motion carried.


Patrick Dehuff
Superintendent


Chris Helgeson, Board Chair
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