

Easton School District No. 28  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
December 16, 2014  
Jennie Marie Giovenale-Austin Library

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Board Chair Ken Everaert at 6:33p.m.

**Attendance:**

Board Members Present: Ken Everaert, Anna Dodge, Chris Helgeson, Lynn Lopez

Board Members Absent: Kathie Stratton

Staff Members Present: Patrick Dehuff, Marilyn Fudge, Lisa Henderson, Wandah Messinger, Cece Badda, Becky Houle, Sara McCoy, Steve Eims, Brian Todd, Ofelia Todd, Beth Parker, Carol Shapiro,

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approve Agenda:** Anna Dodge made a motion to approve the agenda for the December 16, 2014 board meeting. Lynn Lopez seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Communication to the Board:** Ofelia Todd introduced herself to the school board as the new president of the Easton Support Personal Association (ESPA). Mrs. Todd said that communication is vital to succeed. Members of the ESPA include Ofelia Todd, Carol Shapiro, Tammy Roy, and Julie Miller. Mrs. Todd said that if there are questions from the board, to please contact her.

A second letter was submitted in regards to various issues. On Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 2014 the board chair, Mrs. Kathie Stratton, Superintendent Patrick Dehuff and board liaison Mrs. Fudge met to discuss the letter, in compliance with Board Policy 1430, Communication to the Board, to determine whether the issues should be discussed by the board or referred to administration. Board chair Kathie Stratton is unable to attend tonight's meeting. Mrs. Stratton submitted a letter and requested that the board vice-chair Ken Everaert read it aloud at the board meeting. Ken Everaert read Mrs. Stratton's letter to the board, staff and visitors. Kathie Stratton's letter is attached to the minutes. Vice chair Ken Everaert stated that he agreed with the letter written by Mrs. Stratton. Following Ken Everaert's comments, Board Directors Anna Dodge, Chris Helgeson and Lynn Lopez said that they agreed with her comments as well. In addition, there were a variety of documents available related to School Board Director's and Superintendent's roles and responsibilities and information on the Open Public Meeting Act. Board members, staff, and visitors were encouraged to take copies of this information.

**Reports:**

**Financial Report:** No report

**Staff:** No report

**Student Rep:** No report.

**Principal:** Mrs. Henderson invited all of the school board to the staff Christmas party that will be held on December 18<sup>th</sup> at the El Caporal in Cle Elum. The high school girls' basketball first game is this evening. She acknowledged Brian Todd for the work that he has put into the Christmas musical. Mrs. Henderson feels that everyone is looking forward to the holiday break. The elementary students will have pajama day on Friday. We have begun distributing iPads to staff. The staff and administration are making lists of apps that they think will be beneficial. Beth Parker, Brian Todd, Steve Eims, and Lisa Henderson have shared apps. Phil Derrick has found a webinar to learn from. In January, Superintendent Patrick Dehuff and Lisa Henderson will start to review agreements so that the iPads can start being handed out to students for their use. Lisa Henderson acknowledged the good work that is being done by Amanda Zimmerman for a couple of our struggling students and for the significant gains that they have achieved since she has been assigned to help them.

**Superintendent:** No report

**Board Member:** Lynn Lopez, board director, recently attended the annual Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) conference. Lynn said that the knowledge that she learned while attending the conference was great. Lynn brought a packet for new School Board Directors for Chris Helgeson to review.

**Board Chair:** No report

**School Board Business:** Wandah Messinger, our business manager, updated the school board in regards to the iPads for the board use. Once the iPads are complete with Gmail, and Google, the school board will be able to access the agendas for board meetings prior to the meetings.

Beth Parker, our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher approached the board and asked for their approval to take her class to YMCA Camp Seymour this coming March. Ms. Parker showed the board a slide show about the camp and explained the trip. The trip would entail three (3) days and two (2) nights. The camp will provide students with an outdoor classroom learning experience. The students will have heated cabins, and toilets. Ken Everaert made a motion to approve overnight travel for Beth Parker and her 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Lynn Lopez seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Superintendent Dehuff shared with the board that a parent had recently requested that the district ban students from bringing their cell phones to school. The topic will be discussed at the next board workshop, which is scheduled for January 9<sup>th</sup>.

Secondary science teacher, Theresa Plue has requested a leave of absence for personal reasons for several months, beginning November 2014.

**Consent Agenda:** Anna Dodge made a motion to approve the consent agenda from the


November 25<sup>th</sup> 2014 school board meeting. Chris Helgeson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Meeting adjourned for an Executive Session:** The board adjourned the regular meeting to go into executive session at 7:12 PM. Vice Chair Ken Everaert stated that the executive session is to discuss “complaints or charges against a public employee”, and will last approximately thirty (30) minutes. If the meeting goes past the thirty (30) minutes, it will be announced. Ken Everaert asked Patrick Dehuff, Lisa Henderson, and Wandah Messinger to stay for the executive session.

At 7:42 Ken Everaert opened the library door and announced that the Executive Session will be extended for another thirty (30) minutes.

**Executive Session adjourned:** The Executive Session was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

**Regular meeting resumed and adjourned:** The regular meeting of the school board resumed at 8:13 PM and was adjourned at 8:14 pm.

  
Patrick Dehuff  
Superintendent

  
Ken Everaert  
Board Vice-Chair