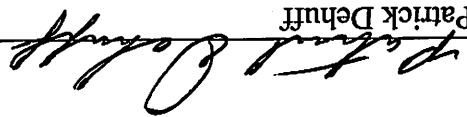


Patrick Dehuff  
Superintendent



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Board Chairman



## **Reports:**

**Staff:** Steve Eims said that everyone is in the Holiday spirit. The staff wanted to thank the board for hiring Lisa Henderson. They are enjoying working with her.

**Principal:** Lisa Henderson stated that the schedule for the second semester is almost complete. Photography and journalism will be added during the second semester. The journalism class will help produce the school yearbook. The secondary staff is working on improving advisory time with students. They are working on time management and career readiness. Brian Todd is working on scholarship applications.

**Superintendent:** Dr. Dehuff thanked the board for all the time and effort that they give to the district. Dr. Dehuff is working on a levy fact sheet with the Tribune. The levy fact sheet will point out that the proposed Educational Programs, Maintenance, and Operations levy that will go before the voters is not a new tax. Dr. Dehuff congratulated the board for their decision to avoid asking for any new taxes (such as a technology or capital projects levy) and focus on renewing our expiring levy (Educational Programs, Maintenance and Operations). Dr. Dehuff mentioned that Easton has the lowest rate of local school taxes in Kittitas County and much lower than the State average.

**Board Member:** Anna Dodge attended the Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) conference in November. Anna was impressed with the session that she attended on enhancing classroom instruction with the use of I Pads. One piece of advice that was stressed at the conference was to avoid getting logged down on technology decisions. Instead, the school districts that presented at WSSDA recommended moving ahead with upgrading technology, whether that be desktops, laptops, netbooks, I Pads, or any combination of these technology choices. Anna Dodge will share more at a future meeting.

**School Board Chairman:** Tony Fitzgerald sat in on the recent contract negotiations for the classified staff that are forming a union. Tony shared that it was very interesting. There are three (3) contract negotiation meetings scheduled in January 2014.

## **Consent Agenda:**

- Minutes – November 26, 2013
- General Fund Vouchers
- ASB Vouchers
- Financial report
- Payroll

Ken Everaert made a motion to approve the consent agenda, adding the transportation voucher. Kathie Stratton seconded the motion and the motion carried. Anna Dodge abstained because she wasn't able to attend the previous school board meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Easton School District No. 28  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
December 17, 2013  
Jeannie Marie Giovanale-Austin Library

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Board chair Tony Fitzgerald at 6:30 p.m.

**Attendance:**

Board Members Present: Kathie Stratton, Anna Dodge, Ken Everaert, Rodica Stoita,  
Tony Fitzgerald

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Patrick Dehuff, Marilyn Fudge, Lisa Henderson, Wandah  
Messinger, Steve Eims

Guests: None

**Approve Agenda:** A motion was made by Kathie Stratton to approve the agenda for the December 17, 2013 school board meeting. The motion was seconded by Rodica Stoita and the motion carried.

**Safety Briefing:** Tony Fitzgerald reviewed the safety information should an emergency occur.

**Oath of Office:** Superintendent Patrick Dehuff swore in each newly and re-elected board member. The board members sworn in were Mrs. Kathie Stratton, Ms. Anna Dodge and Mrs. Rodica Stoita. Each board member was sworn in for a four (4) year term. Dr. Dehuff thanked each of them for their dedication and for all of the time and knowledge they give to the district.

**Communication to the Board:** No report

**Financial:** Wandah Messinger told the board that she will present a budget status report to them in January. Sherman Tate sent a letter to the board asking to surplus the 1998 GMC bus. The options are to seek closed bids or sell the bus for scrap. The monies from the sale or scrap will be deposited into the transportation fund. Kathie Stratton made a motion to approve the surplus request of the 1998 GMC bus. Anna Dodge seconded the motion and the motion carried. Resolution # 401 was presented to the board, which authorizes the new bus purchase. A motion was made by Anna Dodge to approve resolution # 401. Rodica Stoita seconded the motion and the motion carried. Resolution #402 was presented to the board, which authorizes the transfer of monies from the general fund to the transportation fund to pay for the new bus. Rodica Stoita made a motion to approve resolution #402. Anna Dodge seconded the motion and the motion carried.