

Easton School District No. 28  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
February 25, 2020  
Jennie Marie Giovenale-Austin Library

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Amy Grove, Vice-chair, at 5:30 PM.

**Public comment:** None

**Board Members Attendance:** Amy Grove, John Jensen, Jen Phillips, April Simonson.

**Staff:** Patrick Dehuff, Freida Ellison, Cece Badda, Lyn Cox, Gretchen Jenkins, Cece Badda, Steve Jensen

**Board Members Absent:** Chris Helgeson is on a leave of absence from the board.

**Guests:** None

**Approve Agenda:** John Jensen made a motion to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting. Jen Phillips seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Board Minutes:** Jen Phillips made a motion to approve the minutes from the board meetings on January 14, 2020, January 28, 2020, and February 11, 2020. April Simonson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Communication to the Board:** None

**Public Comment:**

**Reports:**

**Financial:** Easton School District's new Business Manager, Freida Ellison provided a monthly financial report that included each of the district's fund balances, trends, and enrollment. The monthly financial report budget is attached to these minutes. Dr. Dehuff asked Freida Ellison about the distribution of Capital Project levy funds. Ms. Ellison replied that the majority of Capital Project levy funds will be distributed in April and October.

**Staff Report:** Ms. Cece Badda attended the meeting to represent the staff. She said that the K-1 students have started Weather and Sky Science. Today they explored dangerous weather types and learned about flooding. The students used sponges as the earth surface. They had a mock series of thunderstorms which showed how the sponge will only absorb so much water before flooding happens. On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, the K-3 grades will be celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday. It will be a day filled with stories and hands on STEM activities. 2-3 grade students have been using laptops to start a typing without tears program. They are all showing progress. The students are learning about climate and weather and how it affects people's lives. Students are integrating hands on materials with technology and writing to learn about concepts such as why and how climate is different from the equator to the poles. A

celebration of Mardi Gras was hosted by Steve Eims and Sydney Kretschman for 4-6 grade students today. Parents, students, and some party crashers enjoyed the day filled with activities. The yearbook club is gathering pictures for this year's publication. Gretchen Jenkins, SPED director, shared that two of her students were exited from SPED services. Lyn Cox, our middle and high school science teacher, will be taking her 7-8 grade students to Valley View elementary to teach the technique of inking.

In archery, the archers brought home 7 medals from the Multi-Color archery tournament. 17 archers competed in the Yeti 3D archery tournament at Easton School. The archery team will be competing at the Blue Face archery tournament in Kennewick this coming Friday. Go Purple, Shoot Gold, Shoot a Thon will be held at Easton School on March 5<sup>th</sup>. The Washington State archery tournament will be held on March 14h. The team shirt design was created by Loreydy and is on sale. Orders for Plush Pippen pies can be made between February 24 - March 11 and delivery will be April 1-3. Jodi Erickson will be a guest speaker at the Lifetime Sports class on the topic of the science of life and longevity.

**Superintendent Report:** Superintendent Dehuff shared information that came out in from a newsletter called, "This week in Olympia (TWIO)". This issue discusses the testimonies given on Senate Bill 6344. Dr. Dehuff and Jen Phillips attended the legislative session and gave public testimony on behalf of Easton School. Dr. Dehuff mentioned that he spoke with Steve Jensen, our Transportation Supervisor, regarding running a school bus to Cle Elum for out-of-district students. We need to explore ideas that will bring our enrollment up, including advertising about our small school atmosphere in the papers and radio. The final decision of any budget cuts comes from the Board of Directors. They Board of Directors want to be sure that people have the opportunity to share their thoughts, so the board is able to consider all options.

**Board Report:** Jen Phillips is working on completing an online survey for input regarding cost saving measures for Easton School. Jen gave the board members a copy to review the questions. When this is complete, we will add the survey to web site. The agenda was requested to be amended to request the additional approval of the survey questions. Jen Phillips made a motion to approve the survey. April Simonson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

John Jensen shared information that Kittitas County received a \$500,000 grant. John drafted a proposed letter from the Board of Directors requesting that Kittitas County place flashing speed limit signs on the roads surrounding Easton School. John requested signatures from the board members, if in agreement. John will hand deliver the signed letter tomorrow to the Kittitas County office. John Jensen made a motion to approve the letter from the board to Kittitas County. April Simonson seconded the motion and the motion carried. John Jensen discussed a proposed letter from the Board of Directors to the staff at Easton School. Copies were made from John's proposal and provided to each Board Director to review, and provide feedback prior to approval. The letter will be on the agenda for next school board meeting that is scheduled for March 10, 2020.

#### **Board Business:**

Steve Jensen discussed the condition of the boilers in the building. Mr. Jensen provided pictures of the boilers to the Board. It showed the venting out of steam and loss of water from bad seals. Steve Jensen will make contact with the company who originally installed the boilers for a repair estimate. When we have more information, a decision can be made on whether the boilers should be repaired or replaced.

Cece Badda requested to take the archery team out of state for the National Archery Tournament in Utah. We won't know till the 14<sup>th</sup> of March who qualifies for Nationals. We want to be able to set up travel for archers and their parents/guardians as soon as it is determined. April Simonson made a motion to approve out of state travel for archers that qualify. Amy Grove seconded the motion and the motion carried.

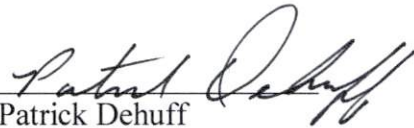
Policy #2030 – Revisions to policy #2030 (Service Animals in Schools) was discussed by the board due to some inconsistencies in the wording in the policy. Superintendent Dehuff told the board that procedure # 2030 would also be modified if the Board of Directors approved the revisions to board policy # 2030. The board expressed that the updated policy #2030 would address their concerns. Jen Phillips made a motion to approve the update of policy #2030. April Simonson seconded the motion and the motion carried. Policy #2409 (World Language Competency), is a first read on the proposed new policy. This policy will be discussed at the board meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

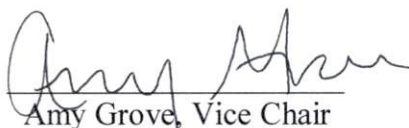
**Consent Agenda:** John Jensen made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Jen Phillips seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

**Adjourn Executive Session:** The board adjourned at 7:20 pm to go into an Executive Session for Superintendent evaluation.

**Reconvene Regular Meeting:** The Executive Session adjourned at 9:16 pm and April Simonson made a motion to reconvene the regular board meeting. Jen Phillips seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Jen Phillips made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. John Jensen seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:17pm.

  
Patrick Dehuff  
Superintendent

  
Amy Grove, Vice Chair  
Board Chair