

Easton School District No. 28
Meeting of the Board of Directors
February 25, 2013
Jeannie Marie Giovanale-Austin Library

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Tony Fitzgerald at 6:35 p.m.

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Kathie Stratton, Anna Dodge

Board Members Absent: Ken Evereart

Staff Members Present: Patrick Dehuff, Wandah Messinger, Marilyn Fudge

Guests: Trevor Carlson

Approve Agenda: A motion was made by Kathie Stratton to approve the agenda for the meeting on February 25, 2013. The motion was seconded by Anna Dodge and the motion carried unanimously.

Safety Briefing:

Tony Fitzgerald reviewed the safety exits and procedures should an emergency occur.

Communication to the Board: Trevor Carlson spoke with the board regarding the refinancing of the school bonds. Trevor has worked with Easton School District since 2004. Interest rates have gone down. The board can set the limit of a dollar amount of savings. By approving a resolution, Foster Pepper can precede with a bond sale when rates dip down. He explained the procedure that was required for Foster Pepper PLLC to make any changes. Resolution #391 is an official document that will allow Foster Pepper to refinance the bonds. The board directed Trevor Carlson to work at a 4% (four percent) savings, which would save the taxpayers in our school district approximately \$80,000.00 after all of the expenses to refinance the bonds are factored in. The board discussed holding a special meeting to approve this resolution and move ahead the process. The board requested a Special Meeting on March 12, 2013 at 6:30 pm to approve Resolution #391. Marilyn Fudge will contact attorney Jim McNeil for advice on the wording of notice of the special meeting. Anna Dodge made a motion to approve, Kathie Stratton seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Superintendent: Patrick Dehuff informed the board that the high school track program with Thorp started today. He said that the students were excited about the opportunity to participate in spring sports. The junior high track program will start at a later date in March.

School Board: The school board discussed current positions on the board. The board members present requested that this topic be tabled till the March 2013 meeting when all board members are present. Mr. Dehuff discussed a principal search with the board. Dr. Gene Sharratt has offered to lead a search for a school principal for our district. Dr. Sharratt had worked with the Easton School district on prior occasions, and he is a person with the knowledge and commitment to ensure that we find the best person for this position. Kathie Stratton made a motion to approve having Dr. Gene Sharratt attend the next board meeting to discuss the process of a principal search. Anna Dodge seconded this motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Board Member: Anna Dodge made a motion to approve the correction on the Agenda of the Resolution number from Resolution #341 to the correct number #391. Kathie Stratton seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Financial: Superintendent Patrick Dehuff reviewed the school budget that Wandah had sent to him to review with the board. The budget report is attached.

Consent Agenda:

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

Kathie Stratton made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Anna Dodge seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned to Executive Session: rcw.42.30.110 at 8:00 pm for the Superintendent Evaluation.

Meeting Re-adjourned: 9:45 pm

Regular Board Meeting Adjourned: 9:45 pm

Patrick Dehuff
Superintendent

Tony Fitzgerald
Board Chairman