

Easton School District No. 28  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
February 25, 2014  
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, Tony Fitzgerald, Rodica Stoita, Ken Everaert. Anna Dodge arrived at 6:50 pm.

**Board Members Absent:**

**Staff Members Present:** Patrick Dehuff, Marilyn Fudge, Lisa Henderson, Katelyn McDonnell, Sara McCoy, Wandah Messinger, Gretchen Jenkins, Brian Todd, Steve Eims, Carol Shapiro, Claudia Guilford, Becky Houle

**Guests:** Warren Hopkins

**Safety Briefing:** Tony Fitzgerald reviewed the safety procedures should an emergency arise.

**Approve Agenda:** Ken Everaert made a motion to approve the agenda for February 25<sup>th</sup> 2014 board meeting. Kathie Stratton seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Communication to the Board:** Superintendent Patrick Dehuff shared with the board that the school nurse Becky Harless has given formal notice of her intent to not return to Easton School for the 2014-2015 school year. Becky has done a good job as our school nurse, and we will miss her. A letter of support of the four classified staff who formed a union was submitted by the certificated staff.

**Financial:** Wandah Messinger distributed the current budget status report to the board members. Wandah discussed each category with the board. This budget report is attached to these minutes. Our enrollment is up to 103.5 which is up approximately 2.3 students. We had budgeted for 89 students for the 2013-2014 school year.

**Reports:**

**Staff:** Sara McCoy represented the staff for their report this month. Katelyn McDonnell reported that the math class has just finished their 2<sup>nd</sup> (out of 3) Math Bench Mark Assessments (MBA). This means that they are officially 2/3 of the way through their math learning for the year. The

students will take the final MBA in mid-May. Then they will start preparing for the End Of Course exams, and MSP. Becky Houle reported that she recently had Nurse Becky come in the classroom. Becky introduced the students to the Electronic Thermometer, a Blood Pressure Cuff, Stethoscope and a Blood Oxygen Monitor. The purpose of this was to make the instruments less frightening. They also did a hand washing exercise to learn the importance of hand washing to reduce the risk of becoming ill. The staff has met with Susie Boling who is training them on the Engaged New York, for the Common Core Connection. Mike Brown has been training staff for the Next Generation Students 101. Sara McCoy will be attending the Science Coordinator meeting tomorrow in Yakima. Cece Badda will be going to Olympia to lobby for P.E. to become part of Common Core standards. Sixteen students on the archery team will be competing in the Blue Face tournament this Saturday in Belfair, WA. Cece Badda is also being interviewed for the National Teacher of the Year!

**Principal:** Mrs. Henderson agreed with the staff that Susie Boling from the ESD is a great source of knowledge. Ms. Boling will be coming to the district one (1) day a month for the remainder of the school year to provide Professional Development (PD) for the staff. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade class will serve as a model for her to teach the program. The Next Generation Science Standards was mentioned in a report. This is a four (4) year process and we will continue to co-op with ESD 105. Mrs. Henderson has started her walk through in classrooms. She says this has led to good conversations with staff. She will continue this through the end of the year. When reviewing the data for the elementary interventions, she noted that there is still work to be done, and will be working on the scheduling.

**Superintendent:** Patrick Dehuff thanked Mrs. Henderson for the professional development that she leads on Fridays and for including professional development on TPEP in the Tuesday morning staff meetings. In Olympia, the law to require 1080 instructional hours for secondary students is still in discussion with numerous amendments being attached. We will have a better idea on the impact of the law after the legislative session ends. Dr. Dehuff was pleased to report that the recent levy passed. The levy passed at a higher percentage than the last levy was run four years ago. He thanked the board for the decision that they made to increase our expiring maintenance and operation levy rather than ask for an additional tax. People had commented to him that they were happy with that. The recent home games for basketball have had a great turn out. It is nice to see our stand full with students, parents and community members. Recently, the McCleary case was appealed by the State and the State lost their appeal. A technology committee will be formed to help put in place a new technology plan. Along with staff members, Kathie Stratton and Anna Dodge have both requested to be on the technology committee. We know that the lab needs new computers. The committee will work on planning for future technology needs of our students. At a previous board meeting, Dr. Dehuff and Maintenance Supervisor Sherman Tate took the board through a walk-through of the building to address the needs for the building. The refrigerator in the kitchen is being replaced. An electrician came through the building recently to examine our lighting. We are working with the PSE to see if we can receive matching funds to upgrade the lighting.

**Board Member:** No report

**School Board:**

**Board Chair:** Tony Fitzgerald addressed the staff and guest (s) that were in attendance if there was anything else that they wished to share as communication to the board. The staff said no, they did not.

**Consent Agenda:**

Minutes – Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> 2013  
General Fund Vouchers  
ASB Vouchers  
Financial report  
Payroll

Kathie Stratton made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Rodica Stoita seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Regular Meeting Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm for the board to enter an Executive Session for the annual Superintendent Evaluation. This session is expected to last approximately one (1) hour.

**Executive Session:** Executive session began at 7:15 pm

**Executive Session Adjourned:** 8:15 pm

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:15 pm

  
Patrick Dehuff  
Superintendent

  
Tony Fitzgerald  
Board Chairman