

Easton School District No. 28  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
February 26, 2019

Jennie Marie Giovenale-Austin Library

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Board Vice-Chair Chris Helgeson at 6:33 PM.

**Attendance:** Chris Helgeson, Amy Grove, John Jensen, Jen Phillips

**Staff:** Dawn Bechtholdt, Patrick Dehuff, Cece Badda, Tracy Van Lone

**Board Members Absent:** Lynn Lopez

**Guests:** April Simonson

**Board Agenda:** John Jensen made a motion to approve the agenda for the February 26, 2019 board meeting. Jen Phillips seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Board Minutes:** Amy Grove made a motion to approve the minutes from the board meeting on December 17, 2018 and January 28, 2018. John Jensen seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Communication to the Board:** Superintendent Dehuff submitted a letter to each board member to review.

**Public Comment:** No Public Comment

**Reports:**

**Financial:** Superintendent Dehuff reviewed the budget status report that was prepared by Business Manager Dustin Kinley.

**Staff:** Cece Badda discussed the staff report tonight. In the staff report, Steve Eims shared that the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are working on engineering and design, and motion and design. Ms. VanLone shared that math online digital curriculum is challenging due to the Wi-Fi problems. Ms. Badda outlined that elementary PE is doing circus arts, juggling, and volleyball; The Junior High is doing snow events in the field at school. The High School has field trips to partake in a guided snow shoe at Snoqualmie Pass and cross-country skiing. The archery tournament's official results for Multi-Color were passed around. 80% of the archers improved their scores. The State archery tournament this year is being held in Moses Lake. The bus will leave with the archers at 5:50 am. The archers will start fund raising on March 1 by selling pies. Ms. Badda shared that a few students were invited by the Kittitas County Youth Association to attend an award gathering at CWU on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Principal:** The new semester has started off well. A few new classes are photography, criminal

justice and the Bible as literature.

**Superintendent:** Dr. Dehuff shared with the board that they will be receiving a letter from Lynn Lopez requesting that she be excused from attending board meetings while she is finishing up work projects and ensuring a smooth work transition before her retirement. Superintendent Dehuff will be attending the Small School Conference in Wenatchee next Monday and Tuesday. This will give him the opportunity to discuss the impact of the McCleary decision on small school districts. Dr. Dehuff discussed the importance for the district to run a Capital Projects levy. Our technology needs to be updated and there are many pressing capital needs for our building. Superintendent Dehuff will be making a recommendation to the board to put a Capital Projects levy on the ballot this coming fall. Our building bonds for the elementary wing are paid off by the end of 2019. Dr. Dehuff will recommend that the annual amount of a Capital Projects levy not exceed the annual amount of the school bonds that will be paid off at the end of this year. Therefore, if a Capital Projects levy is approved, our taxpayers will not have an increase in their local school taxes.

**Board:** Amy Grove shared that she heard that Kaylin Aper will be student of the week in the local newspaper.

**Board Business:** Ms. Badda requested approval for out of state travel for her archers who qualify for the National Archery Tournament. Amy Grove made a motion to approve out of State travel for qualifying archers. Jen Phillips seconded the motion and the motion carried. Dr. Dehuff asked if the board needed any further discussion before voting on policy #2030, Service Animals in School. Amy Grove made a motion to approve policy #2030. John Jensen seconded the motion and the motion carried. The board was asked to approve overnight travel for the high school track team to attend the State track meet in May if they qualify. Jen Phillips made a motion to approve overnight travel for the State track meet if they qualify. John Jensen seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:** Amy Grove made a motion to approve the consent agenda. John Jensen seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Meeting Adjourned:** A motion was made by Amy Grove to adjourn the regular meeting. John Jensen seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

  
Patrick Dehuff  
Superintendent

  
Chris Helgeson  
Board Vice-Chair