

Easton School District No. 28
Meeting of the Board of Directors
February 29, 2012
Jeannie Marie Giovanale-Austin Library

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Board chair Tony Fitzgerald at 6:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Ken Everaert, Tony Fitzgerald, Kathie Stratton, Anna Dodge, Laura Villegas-Chouinard

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Marilyn Fudge, Pat Dehuff, Phil Derrick

Visitors: Tracy Plouse, Beverly Vifian, Debbie Strand, Kent Burback

Safety Briefing:

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

Communications to the Board: Beverly Vifian spoke on behalf of the Democratic party of Kittitas County. Anna C. Powell was an active member of the party. The group held a raffle during their Christmas party to raise money towards the Anna C. Powell Memorial Scholarship fund. The Democratic party of Kittitas County donated \$500.00 to the Anna C. Powell Memorial Scholarship fund. The board thanked them for the donation.

School Board: Resolution #369 was presented to the board. This resolution is giving Francis Badu, our business manager, the authority to oversee monies invested, interest bearing funds. This will stream line the process for the district. Anna Dodge made a motion to accept this resolution. Laura Villegas Chouinard seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Students and School: Mr. Phil Derrick addressed the board in regards to obtaining permission for out of State travel for the History Club students. The History Club is planning a trip to New York City the beginning of April 2012. Mr. Derrick is currently looking at the flights and hotels, but needs the board approval for the students to be taken out of State. The students could possibly miss four (4) days of school. Mr. Derrick will make the final reservations after the board's approval. The students going will be the 9th graders. Mr. Derrick will have the parents permission to allow their student to be absent from school. They will have their assignments before they leave, and will be required to complete the assignments while absent. This group did fund raising at the rest areas during the Christmas break. Mr. Derrick did not have a confirmation of who the female chaperone will be, but was fairly sure it would be Jessica Kartes

mother. Mr. Dehuff commended Mr. Derrick for the work to put this trip together. Kathie Stratton made a motion to approve out of State travel for the History Club students. Laura Villegas Chouinard seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Derrick discussed the upcoming field trip with four (4) students to a diesel mechanic tour in Kirkland that former student Whitney Thomas has arranged for them.

Staff: No report.

Superintendent – No report.

Financial: Francis Badu was un-able to attend this evening’s meeting. He sent a budget report to the board. The board expressed their thanks for the report presented that was so easy to review and understand. It was discussed how a fund balance can go up and down during a school year. Francis is working on a review to present to the board on the history of monthly expenses. The district is healthy financially. Mr. Dehuff contacted legislators today to find out if the \$100,000 proposed budget cut in small school funding had passed. This cut did not happen. Mr. Dehuff informed the board that the district is currently undergoing a three (3) year audit. This audit started this week. The auditor expects to be in the building for approximately three (3) weeks. Two (2) board members are invited to join the auditor and Mr. Dehuff for the opening interview. The board members will let us know if they are available.

Board Chair – None

Board Member – None

Consent Agenda -

Minutes – January 24, 2012

General Fund Vouchers

ASB Vouchers

Financial Report

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned – The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm to an Executive session for the purpose of the annual Superintendent evaluation.

Meeting Re-convened: The board reconvened the regular meeting at 8:50 pm.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:50 pm

Patrick Dehuff
Superintendent

Tony Fitzgerald
Board Chairman

