

Easton School District No. 28  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
March 26, 2019  
Jennie Marie Giovenale-Austin Library

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Chris Helgeson at 6:30 PM.

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

**Staff:** Dawn Bechtholdt, Marilyn Fudge, Patrick Dehuff, Sagi Jimenez, Dustin Kinley, Cece Badda

**Board Members Absent:** Lynn Lopez

**Guests:** April Simonson

**Approve Agenda:** Amy Grove made a motion to approve tonight's agenda. Jen Phillips seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Board Minutes:** Jen Phillips made a motion to approve the 02/26/2019 and the 03/12/2019 school board meeting minutes. Amy Grove seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Communication to the Board:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Reports:**

**Financial:** Business Manager Dustin Kinley introduced Sagrario Jimenez to the board. Ms. Jimenez is employed by ESD 105 and is contracted with our district to take care of our payroll. Sagrario Jimenez will be assuming the role of Business Manager in addition to payroll. Dustin Kinley will continue at the ESD in his current manager position and will be available as a resource to Ms. Jimenez as she assumes the duties of Business Manager. Dr. Dehuff discussed the reasons that lead the district to contract out for the business manager and payroll services. There needs to be checks and balances with finances. When the district has been audited in the past, the final reports are always been clean. Dustin confirmed that school finances are complicated and constantly changing, and that we have great support by contracting with ESD 105. Dustin Kinley reviewed the budget report with the board. These forms attached to review. There is a possibility that we will have to do a budget extension prior to the end of the year. The transition of health insurance from PEBB to SEBB is going to affect school districts and will be a topic of discussion in the future. Dr. Dehuff mentioned that our bonds will be paid off this year and asked Dustin Kinley what amount could be requested for a Capital Projects levy without increasing taxes to our community. Dustin estimated that an annual amount up to \$340,000 could be requested and, if approved, wouldn't increase local school taxes.

**Staff Report:** Cece brought pictures from the State Archery Tournament. 33 students

participated in the archery tournament. Easton School received 7 pieces of hardware for their archery accomplishments at the State Archery Tournament. Fund-raising for the National Archery Tournament will start with selling pies and penny wars. Our students went on a cross country ski and snowshoe guided trip. Cece nominated last year's archery team for the Kittitas County Youth Awards. Our GEAR UP laptops are in use and students are getting trained on the check out and return procedure.


**Principal Report:** This has been a busy month. Staff has been gathering data on Aims Web. The data is showing student growth. April will be a busy month as we embark on state and district level student assessments. Our computer programming class (TEALS) will continue next year and the amount that is charged to the district will decrease. Superintendent Dehuff, Principal Bechtholdt, and Steve Jensen met with a person from ESD 105 who coordinates safety planning and implementation with school districts. College students from CWU will be coming to Easton School to learn from our Archery athletes. Grades 7-12 will be going on a Pacific Marine field trip.

**Superintendent Report:** Superintendent Dehuff handed out information for the proposed Capital Projects levy. The staff has come up with a good list of capital needs and it is important to solicit additional ideas from parents and guardians, community members, students, and staff. We can discuss these ideas at our next workshop. Technology, building upgrades, and student safety are the three main categories of the ideas that have been submitted for capital needs. The board will need to decide on whether to pursue a capital projects levy and what the terms (length and amount) of the levy will be.

**Board Report:**

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

**Meeting Adjourned:** A motion was made by Amy Grove to adjourn the meeting. John Jensen seconded the motion and the motion carried. The motion was adjourned at 7:53 pm.

  
Patrick Dehuff  
Superintendent

  
Chris Helgeson  
Board Vice-Chair