

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

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Amy Grove at 6:30 PM.

Attendance: Amy Grove, John Jensen, Jen Phillips

Board Members Absent: Chris Helgeson, Lynn Lopez

Staff: Dawn Bechtholdt, Marilyn Fudge, Patrick Dehuff, Cece Badda

Guests: Emma Jenkins, David Hamilton, April Simonson, Lavender Hamilton, Christopher Hamilton, Sarah Conner, Madison Aper, Kaylee Conner, Kaylin Aper, Laura Carpenter, Hayden Zimmerman

Approve Agenda: Jen Phillips made a motion to approve the agenda for the May 28, 2019 board meeting. John Jensen seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Board Minutes: John Jensen made a motion to approve the May 14, 2019 minutes. Jen Phillips seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Communication to the Board: None

Public Comment: None

Reports:

Financial: Business Manager Sagi Jimenez was unable to attend the meeting tonight. Superintendent Dehuff reviewed the budget status report with the board (the budget status report is attached).

Staff: Cece Badda presented on behalf of the staff. There are end of the year field trips for secondary students and elementary students. Today, the 4th, 5th and 6th grade students went to the Laser Quest in Federal Way today, and the 7th and 8th grade students went to the George Pocock row house at the University of Washington in Seattle. Ms. Jenkins will be taking her students on an adventure to Mt. Rainier, the 2nd through 12 grade students are going to Slidewaters Water Park in Chelan, WA. The K-1 class will take a hike to Lake Easton resort and the preschool students will be going to Mrs. Hammerburg's home to fish in their pond. Mrs. Houle's K-1 class hosted a "meet and greet" for the incoming preschoolers. Sasha Hammond, ESD 105's top math trainer worked with Mrs. Van Lone, Dr. Derrick, and Mrs. Kretschman teaching how to use the SBAC and OSPI sites to prepare students for the state assessment test.

We are also wrapping up the year with interesting project-based learning for all levels of math:

- Math 7 & 8 - Stats Projects: students are creating their own primary bivariate research studies
- Algebra 1 - Research-Based Position Paper: Students are picking a position about whether Algebra 1 will matter in their life, then defending their position by researching and arguing against their opponent's position.
- Geometry - Create a Profitable Farm: Students are creating a farm based on the State of Kansas's current agriculture market data. Students must draw a detailed site-plan and create a profitability spreadsheet in Excel. The most profitable farm wins.
- Algebra 2 - Stats Project: Going to a Tacoma Rainier's game, filling out scorecards, then applying a variety of statistical analysis to the results and reporting back to the class.

Cece Badda's Lifetime Fitness Class and Archery Program

Lifetime Fitness student went to the Geocaching HQ, located in the Fremont district. This is the base for geocaches. People come from all over the world to visit. We located two geocaches at HQ and stamped our passports for the cache hunt around Fremont. The Lifetime Fitness class is working with the state parks to place a cache at Easton Trailhead by the fire station. The Lifetime Fitness class also went to the local fly fishing fair in Ellensburg in May. They learned information about entomology, and saw many expert fly tiers in action. One person creates bobbins out of old windshield wipers. We have two students (Austin Hyer and Zach Campbell) that are going to a fly fishing camp at the end of June for free. Their tuition was paid for by established outfitters.

Jr. High has been doing some spring biking and orienteering. We will be washing the bikes soon and doing summer maintenance. Jr. High will be going to George Pocock Rowing center to experience erg machines and crew boats. Fitness testing is almost done in all grades and the students are finishing the year playing bocce ball. Bocce ball is a very competitive game here in the upper Kittitas County and there is a bocce ball tournament every year on the 4th of July.

Archery State, Nationals, Championship and Open

33 archers competed in the State Archery Tournament. 7 archers (Kaylin Aper, Madison Aper, Lexis Foote, David Hamilton, Kiera Hyatt and Haden Zimmerman) qualified for nationals as a team in 3D. Emma Jenkins qualified as an individual in 3D. Emma also shot on the Middle School (MS) team with Lexis Foote and Kaylin Aper in the Bullseye.

7 archers qualified for the championship as a team in 3D. Lexis Foote qualified as an individual in the Bullseye and the 3D shot. Easton was #1 in the state of WA in MS 3D team, with Lexis Foote as an individual MS Bullseye and 3D. 6 archers qualified for the open in Bullseye. 6 archers will be traveling to Nashville, TN. The fund-raising is going strong with 3 days of bake sales this last weekend, and plans of a spaghetti feed/auction happening in June. There is more information on the fund raisers on Easton Archers Facebook page. The cost per archer is over \$1,500 to participate. On June 24-26 we can secure flight times and be guaranteed a spot at the championship and open.

Principal Report: Dawn Bechtholdt shared changes for the end of the year. The date for elementary spring concert will be June 4th at 1:30. The STEM program is progressing. Haden Zimmerman learned how colors and how reflection works. Ms. VanLone is coming to the end of Holt math program. The staff scholarship has been decided for a graduating senior. The secondary fun night is 5:30 to 7:30 tomorrow. Ms. Bechtholdt is working on schedule for the next school year. We will be holding interviews for 6th grade long term substitute teaching position while Mrs. Kretschman is on leave.

Superintendent Report: Dr. Dehuff appreciates the comments from the prior workshop regarding our preschool program. After hearing the comments from parents and community members, the Board of Directors expressed their desire to keep our preschool program at Easton School. Superintendent Dehuff mentioned the importance of passing a Capital Projects levy and lobbying to get legislative changes that adversely impact small schools from the McCleary decision. Specifically, the change from local control over school taxes to centralized control by the state (by a levy swap) has been harmful to Easton School, and other small schools in the state. Also, Easton School has been negatively impacted by the decision to remove the funding formula where school districts were compensated by the state based on the number of years a teacher has taught and their education (Bachelor's Degree, Masters Degree, or PhD). When the formula was eliminated, school districts with teachers that have more experience and advanced degrees were financially penalized vs. districts that have more turnover of staff and a higher percentage of new teachers or ones without advanced degrees. Dr. Dehuff has spoken to and relayed his concerns to Chris Reykdal, the Superintendent of Public Instruction; Dan Steele, the legislative representative for the Washington Association of School Administrators; and Jim Kowalkowski, the Washington State Rural Education Center Director. Superintendent Dehuff will also be reaching out to the Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA), with his concerns and will continue to lobby for legislative changes to provide a more equitable method of funding schools by the State. The board joined this discussion and said that they would like to join in any lobbying efforts that could help Easton School and other small school districts.

Board Report: John Jensen requested that we put up a memorial picture of Ryan Thompson, the Kittitas County deputy who lost his life in the line of duty. The Board of Directors and all who were present at the meeting were in favor of honoring Ryan Thompson. This will be a summer project to ensure it is displayed properly.

Board Business:

Archery: Ms. Badda is requesting out of state travel. The Champion competition will have 7 archers. In one month, Ms. Badda can register for flights. Archers will also have the opportunity to shoot outdoors. David Hamilton said that the tour to Hoyt was fun. Emma Jenkins enjoyed shooting skeet for the first time. The Aper group had a very cool, long road trip. Archers attended the Easton Memorial Day parade riding on the Easton fire truck. They also had a booth to fund raise for Tennessee. A Facebook page has been started, thanks to Sarah Conner. Coach Badda requested approval to attend an archery tournament in Nashville in July. John Jensen made a motion to approve the out of state travel in July 2019 for the archery tournament. Jen Phillips seconded the motion and the motion carried.

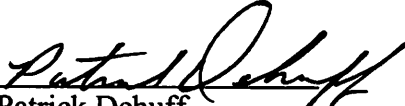
Capital Project levy: In the minutes of the board meeting held on March 26, 2019, our prior business manager, Dustin Kinley stated that the district could run a Capital Projects levy in the amount of \$340,000 annually, starting in 2020, without raising local school taxes because the bonds on the school will be paid off in December 2019. Superintendent Dehuff recommended to the Board of Directors to put a Capital Projects levy on the ballot in November. Dr. Dehuff recommended that the levy be \$340,000 annually, for 4 years. Superintendent Dehuff talked about the importance of this levy to the school in providing for repairs and capital projects that are long overdue and the importance of improving our technology infrastructure and equipment. The board discussed the advantages of a Capital Projects levy and the fact that they have patiently waited to ask our community to approve this needed levy until the bond payments were paid off so there wouldn't be an increase in local school taxes. After discussion by the Board of Directors, John Jensen made a motion to approve putting a four-year Capital Project levy on the November 2019 ballot in the amount of 340,000 annually. Jen Phillips seconded the motion and the motion passed by a unanimous vote of the board. Superintendent Dehuff will have a resolution authorizing the Capital Projects levy for the November 2019 ballot prepared for the school board meeting scheduled for June 25, 2019.

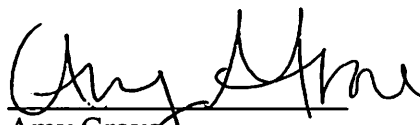
WIAA: Resolution #447 is an annual renewal that delegates authority for rules and regulation of school sports to the WIAA. Jen Phillips made a motion to approve Resolution #447. John Jensen seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The board had further discussions regarding our preschool program and our culinary arts program.

Consent agenda: John Jensen made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Jen Phillips seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned: A motion was made by Jen Phillips to adjourn the meeting. John Jensen seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.


Patrick Dehuff
Superintendent


Amy Grove
Board Director