

Easton School District No. 28
Meeting of the Board of Directors
August 22, 2017

Jennie Marie Giovenale-Austin Memorial Library

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Lynn Lopez at 6:30 PM.

Attendance: Lynn Lopez, Chris Helgeson, Amy Grove, John Jensen, and Jen Knox attended via telephone conference call.

Staff Members Present: Patrick Dehuff, Marilyn Fudge, Dawn Bechtholdt, Wandah Messinger, Dustin Kinley

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda for the August 8, 2017 board meeting was made by Chris Helgeson. Amy Grove seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Communication to the Board: None

Board Minutes: Chris Helgeson made a motion to approve the minutes from the 7/13/17 board meeting. John Jensen seconded the motion and the motion carried. Chris Helgeson made a motion to approve the minutes from the 8/8/17 board meeting. Jen Knox seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Reports: Wandah Messinger informed the board that this would be her final board meeting. Wandah has accepted a full time position with Naches School District. Wandah told the board that she has enjoyed working with Easton School District and will miss everyone she has worked with during her time at Easton School. Mrs. Messinger introduced Dustin Kinley, the ESD 105 employee that will replace her business manager position at Easton School. Mr. Kinley will be in the building one day a week. They are creating a generic email for Dustin to be contacted and it will be businessmanager@easton.wednet.edu. We will have a new payroll person and her email will be payroll@easton.wednet.edu. Both will be here this coming Wednesday to introduce themselves to the staff. Wandah discussed the July 2017 financial trends for the district and her report is attached.

Staff: No report

Student Representative: No report

Principal: Dawn Bechtholdt thanked the board and staff that were involved in the process of interviewing and selecting her as the new principal. The past four days have been full. The new curriculum, Wonders, is in place for the elementary classes. The secondary will be working with Study Sync. The elementary program Wonders works well with Study Sync. We have a new science teacher, Lyn Cox. We have looked at the

curriculum materials, and plan on matching our science materials with the new science standards. The first State assessment for this program will be in the spring. The 5th and 6th grade teaching position is still open. We will be starting the year with a long term substitute teacher. Tracy Van Lone is in her last year of teacher training at CWU and will complete her education and receive a teaching certificate with an endorsement in secondary math by Spring Quarter 2018. She will be working under the tutelage of a long term substitute Mrs. Nancy Foster, who is a retired math teacher. This school year will start with fifty one secondary students. We have eleven seniors. The elementary is beginning the school year with sixty five students. There is one senior and one junior that are enrolled in running start through CWU this year. Mrs. Bechtholdt is working towards building community connections, beginning with attending the Kiwanis meeting on Wednesday. There will be a new person coming to the school from Comprehensive Mental Health. Mrs. Bechtholdt will be looking for people to participate on a Community Site Council Team. This type of team is required for our CTE program/curriculum review. August 30th is the all staff day for the start of planning for the new school year.

Superintendent: Dr. Dehuff thanked Dawn for accepting the principal position here at Easton School. Dr. Dehuff made numerous reference checks before offering the position to her. All the references were positive and many people said Dawn's greatest strengths were working with students, parents, and staff. Superintendent Dehuff said that our business manager, Wandah Messinger has been great to work with and we will all miss her. The legislators are in the process of making changes that will affect the 2018-2019 school year. The extent of the impact is unknown at this time. Superintendent Dehuff will keep the board informed. Contract negotiations with certified staff will be held on September 7th and 19th starting at 3:30 PM. Superintendent Dehuff and Principal Bechtholdt are exploring grants that would benefit the district. Superintendent Dehuff mentioned that Tracy Van Lone who is finishing her last year of teacher training hopes to be considered for the secondary math position when she received her teaching certification. In addition to teaching math, Tracy could teach a variety of business CTE classes because of her prior job background. This would be beneficial to expand our class offerings. Superintendent Dehuff mentioned that he believes that Lyn Cox is a good fit for the science position. Dr. Dehuff gave a huge thank you to Melissa Sandby, Jenny Jensen and Steve Jensen for their hard work. They work all summer to have the building ready for the school year. He also expressed his appreciation for the work that Julie Miller and Marilyn Fudge do to help get us ready for the new school year.

Board Report: Lynn Lopez thanked Wandah Messinger for taking the time to clearly explain all the financial reports to the board.

Board Business: None

Consent Agenda: Chris Helgeson made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the removal of the August 2017 payroll. John Jensen seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned: Amy Grove made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jen Knox seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.



Patrick Dehuff
Superintendent



Lynn Lopez
Board Chair