

Easton School District No. 28
Meeting of the Board of Directors
August 26, 2014
Jeannie Marie Giovanale-Austin Library

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Tony Fitzgerald at 6:35 p.m.

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Anna Dodge, Kathie Stratton, Tony Fitzgerald, Ken Everaert

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Patrick Dehuff, Marilyn Fudge, Wandah Messinger, Lisa Henderson

Guests: None

Agenda: Anna Dodge made a motion to approve the agenda for the meeting tonight, August 26, 2014. Kathie Stratton seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Safety Briefing:

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

Staff Report: None

Communications to the Board: None

Financial: Wandah Messinger reviewed the attached budget breakdown with the board. The switch from cost basis accounting to accrual accounting will result in some changes in the accounting of finances over the school year.

Principal Report: Mrs. Henderson discussed what has transpired with the combining high school sports with Thorp. There was a meeting in Thorp in August. High School students were invited to attend. The ASB Vice-President Mary Fudge represented the Easton students at the table. Anna Dodge was a parent representative and Steve Eims was a staff representative. The group discussed various possibilities for mascots and decided on the Bobcats. The team colors were chosen to be black and gold. They flipped a coin to decide on whether the team would be called Easton-Thorp Bobcats or Thorp-Easton Bobcats. The coin toss went in Thorp's favor and the combined team will be named the Thorp-Easton Bobcats. Jared Beaureant worked with Mr. Todd on the football uniforms. Students Mary and Kristina Fudge helped decide on the volleyball uniforms. Superintendent Patrick Dehuff spoke on the transportation piece of

combining High School sports. As expected, some of the details of transportation will need to be worked out still. Steve Jensen completed a bus drivers training course recently and is now certified to drive school bus. The school received donated school supplies. The ASB will be handing out supplies and backpacks before the start of school. Mrs. Henderson is working on getting various agencies to attend our open house on September 17th. Students taking online classes this year will sign a contract that they will receive a C or better. If not, they will be removed from the online course. A Robotics class will be offered this semester and taught by Ms. Plue. One student applied for running start. The staff day is tomorrow, September 27th. We plan to move forward to have our students become college ready. There will be homework club after school Monday thru Thursday till 4:00 pm. The ASB cards are now \$20.00. The new building secretary, Julie Miller is doing great. She has taken on quite a bit and is doing an amazing job.

Superintendent Report: Superintendent Patrick Dehuff discussed some of the changes in staffing and technology. Delores Tate retired at the end of last school year. Melissa Sandby and Jenny Jensen are the custodial team. They will also focus on student supervision. Melissa will continue to work with the kindergarten students in the library. Changes in technology include new computers in the computer lab, wireless connectivity throughout the building, and I Pads for every student. Steve Eims and Lisa Henderson are looking at training on incorporating I Pads into classroom learning. There is tentative agreement on contract language for TPEP on most items. However, there are a few items that have been difficult to resolve and a mediator from PERC will meet with administration and the association to try and resolve these issues.

Board Member: Director Kathie Stratton said that she was very proud of all the board in making the tough decision regarding High School sports. Kathie thanked her fellow board members.

School Board: Board Chair Tony Fitzgerald recommended that we advertise for a new board member.

Consent Agenda: Minutes – July 24, 2014
General Fund Vouchers
ASB Vouchers
Financial Report

Kathie Stratton made a motion to approve the consent agenda for the July 26, 2014 meeting. Tony Fitzgerald seconded the motion and the motion carried. Ken Everaert abstained from voting on the July 26th minutes.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.


Patrick Dehuff
Superintendent


Tony Fitzgerald
Board Chairman