

Easton School District No. 28
Workshop Meeting of the Board of Directors
September 12, 2017
Jennie Marie Giovenale-Austin Memorial Library

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Lynn Lopez at 6:40 PM.

Attendance: Lynn Lopez, Chris Helgeson, John Jensen, Jen Knox

Staff Members Present: Patrick Dehuff, Marilyn Fudge, Dawn Bechtholdt

Guests: Melanie Griffith, Dan Wasell, Keaton Vroom

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda for September 12, 2017 board meeting was made by Chris Helgeson. Jen Knox seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Communication to the Board: None

Board Business: Superintendent Dehuff updated the board regarding the start of the 2017-2018 school year. Dr. Dehuff shared that the 5th and 6th grade position was difficult to fill. The person who was offered the position turned it down based on what it would do to his retirement status. Cathy Hammerburg and Terry Smith have agreed to be long-term subs and will share the teaching responsibilities for the 5th and 6th grade for the 2017-18 school year. Both Cathy and Terry are seasoned educators. Cathy Hammerburg had filled in as a long term sub for secondary science. Nancy Foster, a retired math teacher, and one of the district's substitutes for many years, has agreed to fill the math position. Mrs. Foster will be instructing an intern math student from Central Washington University, Tracy Van Lone. Both are excited for this opportunity. Our science teacher, Lyn Cox has started the year off on a great start. The air quality has been a concern from the fires. The health department has been in the school to measure the air quality in the building. Their reading was below the level that would require a delay in the start of school. While it is smoky outside, we are requiring students to stay inside during recesses, and the windows in the building remain closed. Principal Bechtholdt enjoyed her first days of the school year. The day before classes started, she worked with Mr. Eims, our 3rd and 4th grade teacher, and Ms. McCoy, our 2nd grade teacher, to move the 3rd graders to Ms. McCoy's classroom. The number of students in the 3rd and 4th combined warranted this change. A thank you to Mr. Eims, and Ms. McCoy for making this short notice change work smoothly. The student count is 115 overall. The staff had a workday that included training on health emergencies, Network for Life that instructed how to notice when a student may be struggling emotionally. There is Active Shooter training on October 6th and 7th. The Easton Store is working with Ms. Hammerburg on an incentive for her students. Also, they have will be providing an opportunity to one of our seniors to work three hours per day. Dawn will be out of the building the next two

Fridays for training. The open house will be on Thursday, the 21st from 5:30 pm to 7:30 PM.

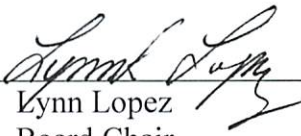
Melanie Griffith and Jen Knox are concerned about a petition that was presented last week to parents at the Snoqualmie Pass area. The petition is asking that the County move the school boundary lines to encompass all of the Snoqualmie Pass area to be in the Snoqualmie Valley School District. The board discussed the statements in the petition, and their concern regarding this proposed change. Dr. Dehuff will research the proposal and comparative tax rates of Easton School District and Snoqualmie Valley School District and will update the board at the next meeting.

Closed Session: At 7:15 pm, Chris Helgeson made a motion to adjourn to a closed session to discuss contract negotiations. Jen Knox seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Reconvene Regular Meeting: The regular meeting was reconvened at 7:36 PM.

Meeting Adjourned: Chris Helgeson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Jensen seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.


Patrick Dehuff
Superintendent


Lynn Lopez
Board Chair