

Easton School District No. 28  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
September 24, 2019  
Jennie Marie Giovenale-Austin Library

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chris Helgeson at 5:35 PM.

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

**Staff:** Dawn Bechtholdt, Marilyn Fudge, Patrick Dehuff, Gretchen Jenkins, Sagrario Jimenez

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Guests:** None

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

**Board Minutes:** April Simonson made a motion to approve the August 27, 2019 school board minutes. Jen Phillips seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Communication to the Board:** A letter of communication was provided to board members. Dr. Dehuff provided copies of the current policy and procedure #2030, Service Animals in Schools, to the board and a discussion followed. Individual board members commented that the policy/procedure could be revised. The board asked if this type of request should be individually reviewed, and outlined as such in policy/procedure. Board member Jen Phillips reviewed the requirements for service dogs that are listed in the procedure and stated that she is in favor of the request that made by the letter of communication to the board. Chris Helgeson stated that he has seen a staff member with her dog and has no objections, but is staying unbiased. Dr. Dehuff told the board that he will research other school districts to find out how they have handled this type of request.

**Public Comment:** None

**Reports:**

**Financial:** Business manager Sagrario Jimenez reviewed the August budget status report and trends. These reports are attached to the minutes.

**Staff:** Mrs. Gretchen Jenkins informed the board that she will be taking her students on a field trip to Central Washington University and to the Columbia Basin Job Corps. Dr. Derrick is planning on taking the secondary students on a history field trip to Dry Creek Falls, the Colville Indian Reservation, Ginkgo Petrified Forest, and the Grand Coulee Dam in October.

**Principal Report:** The super hero theme for the first day of school was a success. The Associated Student Body (ASB) coordinated the assembly on the first day of school, and it was a

very positive way to start the year. The hallways are colorful and bright. There is a board that has pictures of Easton Alumni, and shows what they are doing with their lives after graduating from Easton. It is a positive message for students. On September 19<sup>th</sup> we had our open house, and had a good turnout. School conferences will be on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>. We will be offering flu shots again this year. We will have vendors in the building during conferences. The staff has received the smarter balance information. It is a colored report that staff likes. ASVAB testing for junior and senior students will be held on October 19, 2019. PSAT testing for 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will be held on October 16, 2019. Preschool starts on October 1, 2019. The new counselor (contracted through Comprehensive Mental Health) has connected well with the kids. Each staff members' ID card has the information for crisis support. Members of the Easton Fire Department will be coming to meet all preschoolers before the next fire drill. They will learn where they need to go outside the building when the fire alarm goes off.

**Superintendent Report:** Superintendent Dehuff provided the board with information that will be on the levy fact flyer, which will be mailed out to our community on October 1, 2019. It is important for us to communicate the levy facts, so that voters can make an informed decision. Kittitas County will be mailing the ballots on October 15, 2019. Board members will continue their WSSDA training and attend the regional meeting in Toppenish on Oct 8, 2019. The WSSDA annual conference is in Bellevue beginning on November 22, 23. The pre-conference workshops are available to attend on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November.

**Board Report:** Chris Helgeson commented on the alumni board in the hallway. He was impressed with it and how it shows the accomplishments of Easton School graduates. Chris Helgeson thanked the staff that started this project.


#### **Board Business:**

Surplus books - Marchel Allenbaugh has requested that the outdated books in her classroom be surplus. Amy Grove made a motion to surplus the outdated books in Mrs. Allenbaugh's class. John Jensen seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Surplus bus #2 - Steve Jensen, Transportation and Maintenance Supervisor, requested that bus #2 be surplus. This bus is no longer on the depreciation schedule, so we are not receiving any state money for it anymore. Also, there will not be any room inside of the bus garage for bus #2 once the new bus arrives. If the bus was to be parked outside the bus garage, it would be open to vandalism, weather, make it very difficult to plow snow for the other busses to run their routes. John Jensen made a motion to approve the surplus of bus #2. Amy Grove seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

**Meeting Adjourned:** John Jensen made a motion to adjourn the board meeting. Amy Grove seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.

  
Patrick Dehuff, Superintendent

  
Chris Helgeson, Board Chair