

Easton School District #28
Meeting of the Board of Directors
May 25, 2021
Zoom and In-person

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by April Simonson at 5:30 PM.

Attendance: Jen Phillips, April Simonson, Chris Helgeson, Phillip Meehan, John Jensen

Staff: Dawn Bechtholdt, Patrick Dehuff, Marilyn Fudge, Freida Ellison, Becky Houle, Cece Badda, Gretchen Jenkins, Gary Wargo, Ofelia Todd,

Board Members Absent: None

Guests: Madison Connell

Approve Agenda: Chris Helgeson made a motion to approve the agenda. Jen Phillips seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Board Minutes: Chris Helgeson made a motion to approve the May 11, 2021 minutes. Phillip Meehan seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Communication to the Board: None

Public Comment: Madison Connell expressed a concern about a staff member. Mr. Wargo indicated that this is an administrative issue and the administration will meet with Madison.

Financials: Frieda Ellison reviewed each financial report; revenues, expenditures and fund balance. All financial report information is attached to these board meeting minutes.

Consent Agenda: Chris Helgeson made a motion to approve the consent agenda. John Jensen seconded the motion and the motion carried. The consent agenda is attached with the minutes.

Staff Report: The staff report was presented by Becky Houle. Mrs. Houle shared the report from Cece Badda. Cece reported that her K-12 PE classes are playing ping pong in the art room – she reported that ping pong can be played at any location; on table tops, car roofs, book shelves, however in this case the game is being played on top of the art tables. The 6th grade, JH PE and Lifetime Fitness classes are currently learning how to fish using the spin cast method. Cece received a “Cast a Lure, Catch a Student” grant from the National Fishing in the Schools Program. This grant provided training, curriculum, and about \$3,000 of equipment. Pautzke Bait Company of Ellensburg donated a variety of baits for students to use at the Easton Ponds. The JH PE and Lifetime Fitness classes are also practicing Kendama, a Japanese wooden toy, and learning how to read a map and compass. The photography class had Kendra Strahm as a guest speaker via Zoom. Kendra is an Easton Alumni living in Portland, Oregon. Kendra is currently starting her own business and continues to add photographs to her portfolio and works on movie sets. Kendra is helping students choose images from their portfolio to send to the WA State High School Photography competition.

Principal Report: Principal Dawn Bechtholdt presented her report. The report is attached to these minutes.

Superintendent Report: Superintendent Patrick Dehuff stated that he did not have a report for this meeting. He had hoped that the final legislative report had been completed so he could update the board on legislation that affects public schools. He hopes to have this information by the next board meeting.

Board Report: April Simonson is not able to be at the upcoming graduation ceremonies and she hopes that other board directors are able to attend. The board is planning on attending the field day events on June 16 at the Double K Ranch. Mrs. Simonson thoroughly enjoyed the latest Baking with Betsy event; very amazing to watch. This has been a Zoom event this year and we hope that the student activity led by 'Betsy' (Julie Miller) will continue next year, maybe on site, in person.

Board Business:

The Academic Recovery and School Plan for the 21-22 school year was completed by principal Dawn Bechtholdt. The full plan is attached to these minutes. Phillip Meehan made a motion to approve the plan for the 2021-2022 school year. Chris Helgeson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

PAC Update – The latest PAC meeting minutes were reviewed by the board. Mr. Meehan answered questions. **Graduation –** Principal Bechtholdt reported that the senior class members know that they need to pass every class that they are currently taking in order to graduate. A few seniors are being helped and mentored by secondary staff to finish their work. There are currently 6 seniors and each is scheduled to graduate at this time.

Open Staff Positions – There are currently 3 staff positions to fill. The Academic Guidance Counselor/DOS position has been interviewed. The PE/Health and K-6 Multiage positions will be scheduled for interviews soon. Mr. Wargo discussed the response to the posting for the superintendent/principal position. The district has not received many applications and it is late in the administrative hiring season. The board discussed the possibility of selecting an interim to fill this position for the 2021-22 school year and then taking time to do a thoughtful, thorough search for a permanent superintendent/principal during the 2021-22 school year. Mr. Wargo suggested utilizing the services of the Northwest Leadership Associates to help place an interim and to also facilitate the search for a permanent replacement. NWLA is a leading search consulting agency in the state and NWLA has the background and knowledge to do quality administrator searches. Phillip Meehan made a motion to select an interim superintendent/principal for the 2021-22 school year utilizing the services of NWLA. Chris Helgeson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

WIAA Annual Renewal for 21-22. This is an annual renewal requirement in order to allow our students to participate in WIAA sanctioned sport activities. Chris Helgeson made a motion to approve the renewal. Jen Phillips seconded the motion and the motion carried.

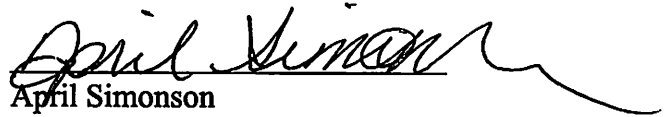
Executive Session:

The board adjourned at 6:35 to executive session for approximately 25 minutes for the purposes of discussing a site acquisition. The board will return at 7:00 PM. At 7:00 PM, the board announced that the session would last another 10 minutes. At 7:10 PM, the board exited the executive session and resumed the regular meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: Being that there was no further business, the board meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM. Chris Helgeson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jen Phillips seconded the motion and the motion carried.



Patrick Dehuff
Superintendent



April Simonson
Board Chair

Principal Report
5.25.21

May started with Flowers for Mother's Day at the Elementary Level and in Creative Arts at the Secondary Level. Teachers collaborated for ideas and learning.

Annual ELPA testing has concluded. We tested eight students K-12. Results are due back by mid-June.

Teachers are assessing student growth with Classroom Based Assessments and other summative tools including Moby Max and AIMS Web. Preliminary results are promising with most students reporting at or very near grade level.

To dig deeper and provide more personalized learning, We are testing all K-11 students with the OSPI approved assessment program iReady for reading and math to establish a baseline. Next year, we will test three times a year, Sept, Jan and Early May. Most interventions will be completed in class using personalized instruction generated from student scores. The program will also assist in creating greater scaffolds for learning and is OSPI approved as a Dyslexia Screener, which is required starting in the Fall.

Celebrations of Learning are Happening. Elementary classes taught Since Time Immemorial Lessons during the week of May 10-14th with a culminating celebration of hands on stations held during the day on May 14th. Indian Fry Bread, Building an 8 foot teepee, learning basket weaving, making rain sticks, singing and dancing and other Tribal Heritage and Culture was shared during the day.

Junior high students got to try their hand at the process of mining and worked with Steve Jensen outside to see his mining equipment in action.

Creative arts class made tie dye shirts as part of their class.

Gearing up for the Moving Up celebrations for K, 6, 8 on May 15th. Elementary will have a Luau in the afternoon.

Field day for all is June 16th Elementary in the am and Secondary in the pm, Held at the Double K Ranch with outdoor events and a BBQ. No chaperones nor parents allowed though.

Graduation field trip on June 9th at an Escape room in Yakima with dinner at Red Robin following. Then Graduation is at NOON on June 12th in front of the school.

Respectfully submitted,

Principal Bechtholdt.

EASTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28

CONSENT AGENDA

FOR BOARD MEETING OF: May 25, 2021

SUMMARY:

FUND	AMOUNT
Payroll	\$184,600.11
General Fund	\$ 50,417.17
ASB	\$ 7,670.09
Capital Projects	\$ 516.94
Transportation	\$0
Debt Service	\$0
Private Purpose	\$0

DETAILS:

FUND/ITEM	CHECK #s	AMOUNT	PAY DATE
Payroll	25126-25127	\$ 8,996.06	05/28/2021
Payroll A/P	25113-25125	\$27,760.04	05/28/2021
Payroll Direct Dep.	ACH	\$81,287.13	05/28/2021
Retirement	ACH	\$32,662.56	05/28/2021
Payroll Taxes	ACH	\$32,620.52	05/28/2021
GF	25087-25109	\$36,236.24	05/28/2021
GF	25110	\$ 1,653.87	05/28/2021
GF	25073-25082	\$ 8,927.06	05/13/2021
GF	25083-25086	\$ 3,600.00	05/13/2021
ASB	1052	\$ 1,739.88	05/13/2021
ASB	1053	\$ 74.63	05/20/2021
ASB	1054	\$5,855.58	05/28/2021
CAPITAL	27	\$516.94	05/28/2021
TRANSPORTATION			

Debt Service			
Private Purpose			