

Easton School District No. 28
Meeting of the Board of Directors
June 8, 2021

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

Attendance: John Jensen, Jen Phillips, April Simonson, Phillip Meehan, and Chris Helgeson (who arrived at 6:00 pm)

Staff: Dawn Bechtholdt, Patrick Dehuff, Marilyn Fudge, Becky Houle, Dave Allenbaugh, Gretchen Jenkins, Sydney Kretschman, Brian Todd, Steve Eims, Cece Badda, Jenny Jensen

Guests: Dana Meehan, Toni Brenning

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

Board Minutes: Phillip Meehan made a motion to approve the minutes of the board meeting on May 25, 2021. Jen Phillips seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Communication to the Board: None

Principal Report: The seniors are on track to graduate. Teachers are working to get grades done by June 10th. The senior trip to The Escape room and dinner at Red Robin is this week. The seniors are looking forward to it. Graduation will be on June 12th, in front of Easton School at noon. Please RSVP to Julie Miller in the district office for who is attending from each family. The end of the year activities is ready to go. A field day at the Double K ranch is planned for June 16th. Elementary students will be going to the Double K ranch in the morning and secondary students will be going in the afternoon. There will be a Luau at the end of the year.

Public Comment: None

Superintendent Report:

Patrick Dehuff: Superintendent Dehuff reviewed the results from the 2021 legislative session that would impact Easton School. Federal ESSER sub-grants were allocated to school districts using the Title I, Part A funding formula. These funds were helpful in providing school districts with funding to pay for extra expenses associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. Pupil transportation stabilization was provided to recognize that there are fixed costs for transportation and that revenue that was tied to ridership would harm school districts during a pandemic. The transportation stabilization provides funding so that school districts can receive more transportation funding than would be allowed under the normal ridership formula. Furthermore, it includes a "hold harmless" provision that provides transportation funding in the 2021-22 school year to be at least the amount that was provided in the 2019-20 school year. Enrollment stabilization funding will be provided to school districts who have been impacted by a drop in

enrollment. Learning recovery and learning loss revenue will be provided to help bridge the learning gaps that have come from the closure of schools and the transition to remote learning this past year. Funding will be provided for broadband connectivity. This will be done through an increase in revenue for the technology component of the materials, supplies and operating costs (MSOC). There will also be continued funding for para-educator training (two days of training annually). There is also an increase in allocations to the ESD School Nurse Corps, which will provide funding for one day per week of nursing services to all school districts with a student population of 2,000 or less.

Gary Wargo: Mr. Wargo gave the results of the water testing that was recently done in the water throughout the school. At the upcoming board meeting on June 22, 2021, we will be requesting a budget extension for capital projects.

Board Business:

PAC update: The board reviewed the PAC meeting minutes, and Phillip Meehan asked if there were any questions. The PAC committee said they had problems with the link. This should be resolved by their next meeting. They will be holding meetings once a month.

Hiring of Staff: John Jensen made a motion to approve the hiring of Joseph Bufi for the Counselor/Dean of Students position; the hiring of Melissa Coburn for the Multi-grade Elementary Classroom position; and the hiring of Buddy Woodman for the PE position. Phillip Meehan seconded the motion and the motion passed by a unanimous vote of the board.

Executive Session: The board adjourned for an executive session. The purpose of the executive session was to 1) Review property acquisition, and 2) Discuss the qualifications of an applicant for public employment. Chris Helgeson made a motion at 6:10 pm to adjourn for an executive session. Phillip Meehan seconded the motion and the motion carried. The board announced that they would reconvene in 45 minutes. The executive session was extended an additional 15 minutes.

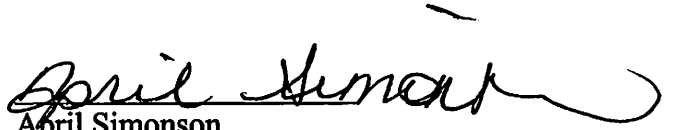
Resume Regular Meeting: The board reconvened the regular board meeting at 7:10pm.

Property Acquisition: Phillip Meehan made a motion to approve the acquisition of the Cresto property. Jen Phillips seconded the motion and the motion passed by a unanimous vote of the board. John Jensen made a motion to approve Mr. Gary Wargo to negotiate on behalf of the district. Jen Phillips seconded the motion and the motion passed by a unanimous vote of the board,

Adjourn Regular Meeting: Phillip Meehan made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Chris Helgeson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.


Patrick Dehuff
Superintendent


April Simonson
Board Chair