

Easton School District No. 28
Meeting of the Board of Directors
November 23, 2021
Via ZOOM/In Person

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

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

Staff: Freida Ellison, Marilyn Fudge, Becky Houle, Lyn Cox, Lindy Wells, Jenny Jensen, Tracy VanLone. Kyle Hickman, Melissa Coburn, Ofelia Todd

Board Members Absent: Jen Phillips

Guests:

Change Request in Agenda: Board chair, April Simonson requested a change in the agenda. She requested that the Executive Session be changed to read: Closed Session. John Jensen made a motion to approve the change. Chris Helgeson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Approve Agenda: Chris Helgeson made a motion to approve tonight's meeting. Phillip Meehan seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of the board.

Board Minutes: Phillip Meehan made a motion to approve the 11-09-2021 minutes. John Jensen seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the board

Communication to the Board: A letter from Tracy VanLone is attached to the agenda. The content of the letter is concerning the recent survey for the Superintendent/Principal search. A discussion followed.

Public Comment:

Reports:

- ASB – The ASB students have been busy. Halloween: The classrooms had all students trick and treating in the school. The students all had fun. Veteran's Day found the students out in front of the school offering donuts and coffee for all veteran's. They are holding a fund raiser by selling Jaguar shirts, sweatshirts on line. This starts on the 26th of November to December 10, 2021.
- Financial – Freida Ellison and Lindy Wells gave the report. Paper copies were shared with the board. Chris Helgeson made a motion to approve the financials. John Jensen seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
- Staff – Lyn Cox presented the report from the staff. The full staff report is attached to these notes.
- Superintendent/Principal – Mr. Berndt was absent
- Board Report – John Jensen offered to discuss with the county to work with the school to

make the bus stop at Hyak safer. The board had a discussion regarding Marion Meadows.

Board Business:

- Memo of Understanding Discussion/Approval – Chris Helgeson made a motion to approve the Memo of Understanding. Phillip Meehan seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
- Curriculum Review Timeline – The board discussed the curriculum and the timeline.
- Recommendation of New Hire – The hiring committee consisted of Mr. Tim Berndt, Joe Bufe, Lindy Wells and Marilyn Fudge. The committee is recommending the board approve Mrs. Katherine Renton for the Accounts Payable/ Human Resource position. Phillip Meehan made a motion to approve the hire of Katherine Renton. Chris Helgeson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of the board.
- Reopening Plan Update – The discussion regarding the reopening place was postponed until the December 14, 2021 meeting.


Adjourn to Closed Session:


- Update on Negotiations
- The board adjourned at 6:35 pm for a closed session.

Reconvene Regular Meeting: The board returned from the closed session at 6:45 pm.

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

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.


Timothy Berndt
Superintendent/Principal


April Simonson
Board Chair