

**Easton School District No. 28**

**Workshop Agenda**

**June 14, 2022**

**Via ZOOM/In Person**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Phillip Meehan at 5:30 PM.

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

Staff: Tim Berndt, Becky Houle, Lindy Wells, Joe Bufi

Board Members Absent: Jen Phillips

Guests: Marilyn Fudge, Tim Ryals, Aaron Kombol

**Approve Agenda:** John Jensen made a motion to approve tonight's agenda. April Simonson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of the board.

**Board Minutes:** April Simonson made a motion to approve the 05-24-2022 minutes. John Jensen seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the board. The board was requested to acknowledge and approve the missing information from the 04-26-2022 board meeting. Randy Hoffine was a guest at the meeting. The minute taker was unable to hear what Mr. Hoffine was asking. The administration was not able to review the recorded meeting as there was a technical issue and the meeting was not recorded. John Jensen made a motion to approve this request. April Simonson seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Mr. Tim Berndt reported that the ELL students are done testing. Each student showed growth. Governor Enslee rescinded public meetings order that was put in effect during COVID. There has been an emergency SLP certificate put in place. Mr. Tim Berndt received a telephone call from the Washington State auditor. Their office has received three (3) reports on their hotline.

Those concerns are:

1. How was the house purchased? The purchase of the property was reviewed and approved through the legal office for the district.
2. Was the house purchased to entice a principal?
3. Repairs not bid out – Mr. Berndt requested bids on the property through newspaper ads, and word of mouth.
4. Contractor not licensed - The contractor is a licensed Washington State contractor.
5. Explanation of why the house was purchased and the planned use of the house outside the scope of purchase. The process of purchasing the property was reviewed and approved the district's attorney.
6. The custodian working on the house. Steve Jensen was repairing leaks in the roof before any inside of the house was damaged
7. District's credit card being used to purchase materials

Present in the zoom meeting were Mr. Tim Berndt, Interim Superintendent/ Principal, Steve Jensen, Transportation/Maintenance supervisor, Lindy Wells, business manager, Katherine Renton, accounts payable. Each person was able to answer the questions from the Auditor.

The Auditor reviewed the district's board minutes and determined that the property was purchased properly. Per the Interim Superintendent/Principal Mr. Tim Berndt, the district will be sending requested documents to the Washington State Auditor's office Financial: April Simonson made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Chris Helgeson seconded.

**School board report:** Phillip Meehan's wife Dana Meehan attended the elementary awards. She said it was a great ceremony. Mrs. Meehan thanked everyone that worked on it. Mrs. Meehan said that she taped the elementary awards.

**Board Business:**

Calendar update: The school calendar needs to be changed to the 1.83 version. We were 1 day short in second semester. Moved add 1 day to the end of the school year. Approve. Chris Helgeson made a motion to approve the updated school calendar for 2022-2023. April Simonson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Recommendation to Hire\_ - The administration and the interview committee is recommending Hayley Pace for the from Ellensburg. Ms. Pace will be replacing Mrs. Sydney Kretschmann. Chris Helgeson made a motion to approve the hiring of Hayley Pace. John Jensen seconded the motion.

WIAA – The board approves the Resolution for the WIAA on an annual basis. April Simonson made a motion to approve the WIAA resolution. Chris Helgeson seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.

Resolution #464 – The resolution #464 is a request to transfer funds from the JM Library Trust Fund to the Anna Powell Trust fund. The business manager stated that the funds were mis-labeled causing the need for the transfer. John Jensen made a motion to approve Resolution #464. April Simonson seconded. The board approved the transfer of funds.

**Executive Session** – Personnel. Board director Chris Helgeson invited the incoming superintendent/principal Aaron Kombol to attend the executive session. The board announced the meeting would be approximately 30 minutes. The Executive Session began at 6:01 pm. RCW 42.30.110

**Executive Session:** The meeting adjourned at 6:01.

**Regular Meeting:** Chris Helgeson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. April Simonson seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.