

Easton School Board Meeting Minutes
Easton Library

September 27, 2022 5:30 pm

Agenda

<u>Topic Action</u>	<u>Person(s)</u>
1.0 Call to Order Phil Meehan called the 9.27.22 Board Meeting to order at 5:31 pm. School Board Members present were: Phil Meehan, John Jenson, Chris Helgeson, and Jen Phillips(remote). Staff members present were Aaron Kombol, Trisha Schock(remote) and several Easton teachers. Board Chair Phil Meehan led the flag salute.	Board Chair
2.0 Consent Agenda Review 2.1 Capital Projects Warrant 49 2.2 Capital Projects Warrants 50-51 2.3 General Fund Warrants 26049-26059 2.4 General Fund Warrants 26060-26073 After review of the warrants attached and asking if any Board members had questions, Chris Helgeson made the motion to approve the 9.27.22 Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by John Jenson. The Board approved the 9.27.22 Consent Agenda with a 4-0 vote.	Board
3.0 Board Minutes Approval 3.1 8.23.22 Board Meeting Minutes Jen Phillips made the motion to approve the 8.23.22 Board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by John Jensen. The Board approved the 8.23.22 Board meeting minutes with a 4-0 vote.	Board
4.0 Additions, Deletions, Change of Agenda Item None at this time	
5.0 Public Comment Board Chair will recognize audience members who have comments to present to the Board. Members of the public who have pre-notified the Board and are residents of Easton School District will be called upon first. Each commenter will be asked to provide their name and address to be included in the meeting minutes. Each commenter will be allowed 3 minutes to express his or her thoughts. Commenters will not be allowed to yield their time to others. The Board Chair will limit the total amount of time for public comment to 30 minutes to allow sufficient time for the Board to conduct its other business.	

Phil Meehan asked if anyone had public comment for the Board, there was no response.

6.0 Reports

6.1 Financial Reports Trisha Schock, NCESD

6.1.1 Budget Status Report 8.2022

6.1.2 General Ledger Balance Sheet 8.2022

6.1.3 County Treasurer GL Detail Report 8.2022

6.1.4 Fund Balance vs 3 Year Average 8.2022

Trisha presented the information above the Board and highlighted some of the areas. Board members asked several clarifying questions. The Board thanked Trisha and NCESD for their work on Easton's budget and appreciated their efforts to provide a clear picture of Easton's finances.

6.2 Activities & ASB Presentation Jenny Jensen

6.2.1 Online Jaguar store

Activities and Athletic Director, Jenny Jensen, presented to the Board upcoming school/community events as well as reviewed the current volleyball season and the possibility of boys JV basketball in the Winter. In addition, Board member Jason Meull, arrived at 5:45 pm during Jenny's presentation. Jenny also mentioned the soon to be launched Easton merchandise stores.

6.3 Superintendent Report Superintendent

6.3.1 Basic Ed Compliance

6.3.2 Budget Reductions (as of 9.27.22)

6.3.3 Enrollment Update 9.2022

6.3.4 Staffing Update

6.3.5 Teacher Early Release Sessions Update (9.23.22)

6.3.6 Easton Sponsorship Program

6.3.6.1 Policy 6102

Aaron Kombol shared with the Board the items listed above. Aaron made special note of the Easton SD new preschool teacher, Kayla Bielani. Preschool will begin on October 4, 2022. Aaron also called special attention to the Easton School Sponsorship program that he and Julie Miller have been working on behind the scenes. Mr. Kombol also reviewed the attached operations update as seen in 6.4 and took questions from the Board

6.4 September Operations Update Superintendent

6.5 Board Member Reports Board

Board Member Chris Helgeson shared with the Board a recent visit he made to Easton School. He noted that the students were happy and school was full of life and energy.

7.0 Board Business Board
7.1 [Resolution 467](#) (repeat from June 2022 meeting)

Resolution 467 is a repeat from the June 2022 meeting and during the Superintendent and Board meeting transition the resolution cannot be found. Aaron Kombol asked the Board to vote again to approve Resolution 467. Chris Helgeson made the motion to approve Resolution 467. The motion was seconded by John Jensen. The Board approved the 8.23.22 Board meeting minutes with a 5-0 vote.

8.0 Board Discussion Superintendent
8.1 Modified School Year Calendar
8.1.1 [Selkirk SD Information](#)
8.1.2 [Bickleton SD Calendar](#)
8.1.3 [Ed Week Article \(10.7.21\)](#)
8.1.4 [Brookings Center Article \(7.12.21\)](#)

Aaron Kombol discussed with the Board about the possible interest in a modified school calendar as a way to help Easton stand out amongst other school districts around us. In addition, Aaron shared that several neighboring school districts have received a planning grant to research this in their districts. Aaron shared that having a 4 day student week is a possible option as is an extended school year. Aaron referenced the support materials attached and shared the pros and cons of modifying the school year. Mr. Kombol asked the Board if he could create a survey to determine community and staff interest in further researching a modified school calendar. Board responded with "proceed" on creating a community survey.

8.2 Board Operating Protocols/Principles Superintendent
8.2.1 [Northport SD Board Protocols](#)
8.2.2 [Mt. Vernon SD Board Protocols](#)
8.2.3 [Wenatchee SD Principles](#)
8.2.4 [Onion Creek SD Board Principles](#)
8.2.5 [Port Townsend SD Board Principles](#)
8.2.6 [Orting SD Board Principles](#)
8.2.7 [Washington State School Board Standards](#)

Aaron Kombol discussed the fact that as a Board, Easton does not have a set of Board operating procedures/principles etc. Aaron mentioned that these Board principles are critical to have in times of controversy or times of heightened conflict, both within the Board and to the community. Aaron suggested that the Board review the examples shared and develop a set of principles for Easton. Currently, the Board interacts with professionalism and respect. Having a set of operations guidelines would help to ensure that in the future as issues arise and as Board members change, Board members spent time reviewing the samples and expressing what they liked and their dislikes. Board members also discussed several examples more in depth.
Mr. Kombol stated that he would take the input from the Board's conversations and develop a set of draft Easton principles.

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9.0 Executive Session

Executive session(s) may be held to consider the appointment, employment, charges against or dismissal of a public officer or employee; to consider the acquisition or disposition of real estate; to consider professional negotiations, grievances, or mediation; to review the performance of a public employee; to receive and evaluate complaints, or to consult with legal counsel

None at this time

10.0 For the Good of the District

Aaron Kombol shared that it was a very positive start to the school year. Both students and staff appeared to be happy. John Jensen mentioned that he has been in touch with a National Guard recruiter and will have them connect with the school. Phil Meehan shared that the Junior Cadet Program has over 14 Easton students involved and he has noticed a big change in the attitude of the student cadets.

11.0 Adjournment

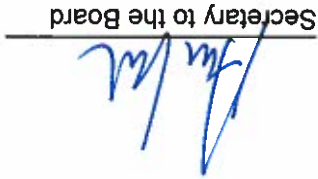
Chris Helgeson made the motion to adjourn the 9.27.22 Easton School District Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Jen Phillips. Board adjourned the 9.27.22 Easton School District Board Meeting at 6:36 pm with a 5-0 vote.

Board Chair



Date

Secretary to the Board



Date

10/27/22