



Easton School Board Meeting minutes

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

<u>Topic Action</u>	<u>Person(s)</u>
1.0 Call to Order	Board Chair

Board Vice Chair Jen Phillips called the 1.24.23 Board Meeting to order at 5:31 pm. School Board Members present were: John Jensen, Chris Helgeson, Jen Phillips, and Jason Meuli. Staff members present were Superintendent Aaron Kombol, Trisha Schock(via Zoom), Becky Houle (via Zoom), and Haley Pace(via Zoom). Board Vice-Chair Jen Phillips led the flag salute. Director Phil Meehan joined via Zoom during item 6.2.

2.0 Consent Agenda Review No items this month	Board
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3.0 Board Minutes Approval	Board
3.1 12.20.22 Easton School Board Meeting Minutes	

Chris Hegleson made the motion to approve the 12.20.22 Board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Jason Meuli. The Board approved the 12.20.22. Board meeting minutes with a 4-0 vote. (Director Meehan was still logging into the meeting remotely)

4.0 Additions, Deletions, Change of Agenda Item	
4.1 School Board Appreciation Proclamation	

Superintendent Kombol stated that there were no additions, deletions or changes of agenda items for the 12.20.22 Easton School Board meeting other than Governor Inslee's school board proclamation. Mr. Kombol then shared his sincere appreciation of the Board for their work, efforts, and dedication to Easton School District.

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.

Board Vice Chair Jen Phillips asked if anyone had public comment for the Board, there was no response. Superintendent Kombol also indicated that he had not received any correspondence regarding the 1.24.23 Easton School District Board meeting.

6.0 Reports

6.1 Primary Grades Presentation

Becky Houle & Haley Pace

Becky Houle(k/1 teacher), and Haley Pace(2/3 teacher) presented a fanatic slide show to the Board highlighting what the students have been working on in art, STEM, Computer Science, and in rotations.

6.2 Financial Reports

Trisha Schock, NCESD

6.2.1 Budget Status Report 12.2020

6.2.2 Current vs 3-year Ave Cash Graph 12.2020

6.2.3 General Ledger Balance Report 12.2020

6.2.4 General Ledger Treasurer Report 12.2020

Mrs. Schock from NCESD presented the information above the Board and highlighted some of the areas. Mrs. Schock presented an ongoing optimistic(yet still very cautious) outlook on the district's finances. 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. Mrs. Schock also shared that Easton SD had not completed state audits for the last three years but she has been working to submit the missing audits and redoing any required financial reporting to ensure that Easton SD is once again in good standing with the state in terms of the required annual audits.

6.3 Superintendent Report

Superintendent

Superintendent Kombol shared his report with the Board as attached.

6.4 Board Member Reports

Board

Board Director Jensen stated that he discussed adding a covered bus stop at exit 62 with DOT and for a variety of reasons it would not be in the best interest of student safety to add a shelter at that location. Board members discussed possible other locations near exit 62. Director Helgeson stated that he would contact a local property owner about bus stop placement. Superintendent Kombol stated he would discuss the issue with Steve Jensen, Director of Transportation. Board members discussed this topic back and forth.

7.0 Board Business

Board

7.1 2nd Reading: Health related Board Policy Updates

7.1.1	<u>Policy 2125</u>	Current ESD Policy <u>2125</u>
7.1.2	<u>Policy 2145</u>	Current ESD Policy <u>2145</u>
7.1.3	<u>Policy 2162</u>	Current ESD Policy <u>2162</u>
7.1.4	<u>Policy 2165</u>	no current Board policy
7.1.5	<u>Policy 3412</u>	Current ESD Policy <u>3412</u>
7.1.6	<u>Policy 3414</u>	Current ESD Policy <u>3414</u>
7.1.7	<u>Policy 3416</u>	Current ESD Policy <u>3416</u>
7.1.8	<u>Policy 3418</u>	Current ESD Policy <u>3418</u>

After discussion, the Board decided to table Policy 2125 (agenda item 7.1.1) in order to devote more time in reviewing the related curriculum. Superintendent Kombol stated he would forward the OSPI webpage to the Board which is dedicated to Sexual Health Education as describe in Policy 2125

<https://www.k12.wa.us/student-success/resources-subject-area/sexual-health-education>

Board decided to vote on the remaining Board policies. Phil Meehan made the motion to approve the following policies: 2145, 2162, 2165, 3412, 3414, 3416, and 3418. Motion was seconded by Jason Meuli. Board approved policies: 2145, 2162, 2165, 3412, 3414, 3416, and 3418 with a 5-0 vote.

7.2. 1st Reading: **Policy 1250** Students Governing on Boards

7.2.1 **1250 Administrative Procedure**

7.3 2022.23 **Calendar Update (1.24.23)**

After review of the latest draft, which now includes 1.31.23 as a regular school day for students to account for one of three days of school cancellation. Chris Helgeson made the motion to approve the 1.24.23 version of the Easton 2022.23 School Calendar. Motion was seconded by Phil Meehan. Board approved the 1.24.23 version of the Easton 2022.23 School Calendar with a 5-0 vote.

8.0 Board Discussion

Board

8.1 Board Letter: Student Safety, I-90, and Easton School District

8.2 **Early Learning** discussion

Superintendent Kombol shared paper copies of the draft I-90 letter with the Board. Several typos were found and the Board asked Rep. Tom Dent and OSPI Superintendent Chris Reykdal to be included as well. Letter will be finalized at the February Board meeting.

Superintendent Kombol reviewed the current model that Easton has for Early Learning which started in the 2021.22 school year after a hiatus of several years. Mr. Kombol then shared information about Transitional Kindergarten and how it may be a good fit for Easton. TK has different time requirements and expectations than the preschool model. Mr. Kombol then shared that he recently was in a webinar regarding the current legislative session and that there is a current bill that would in effect eliminate TK statewide or alter it dramatically. Board was positive on the idea of TK but the district will need to determine the wants and needs of our parents and take into consideration the potential removal of basic ed funding for TK. Mr. Kombol stated he would keep the Board informed regarding TK in the legislative session.

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.

9.1 Professional Negotiations

Board Vice Chair Phillips stated that the Board would be going into Executive session for approximately 30 minutes. Chris Helgeson made the motion to adjourn the Easton School Board to Executive Session starting at 6:55 pm for approximately 30 minutes. The motion was seconded by Jason Meuli. The Board adjourned the Easton School Board to Executive Session starting at 6:55 pm with a 5-0 vote. Chris Helgeson made the motion to return the Easton School Board to open session starting at 7:30 pm. The motion was seconded by John Jensen. Board returned to open session at 7:30 pm with a 5-0 vote. Board met in Executive session from 6:55 pm to 7:30 pm. After Executive Session Phil Meehan excused himself from the remainder of the meeting.

10.0 For the Good of the District

Board members shared their thoughts on some of the positive aspects of Easton School and their appreciation of the efforts of the staff. Superintendent Kombol again thanked the Board for their efforts and dedication to Easton School District.

11.0 Adjournment

John Jensen made the motion to adjourn the 1.24.23 Easton School Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Jason Meuli. The Board adjourned the 1.24.23 Easton School Board meeting at 7:33 pm with a 4-0 vote.


Board Chair

Date


Secretary to the Board

2/20/23
Date