



## Easton School Board Meeting Minutes February 28, 2023, 5:30 pm

- | <u>Topic Action</u>  | <u>Person(s)</u>                         |
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| <b>1.0 Call to Order</b>   | <b>Board Chair</b>                       |
| <p>Board Chair Phil Meehan called the 2.28.23 Board Meeting to order at 5:31 pm. School Board Members present were: Phil Meehan, John Jensen, Chris Helgeson, Jen Phillips, and Jason Meuli. Staff members present were Superintendent Aaron Kombol, Trisha Schock(via Zoom), Joe Bufi (via Zoom), Kyle Hickman(via Zoom), and Melissa Coburn(via Zoom). In addition, Easton student Marisol Santiago was present. Board Chair Phil Meehan led the flag salute.</p>  |  |
| <b>2.0 Consent Agenda Review</b>   | <b>Board</b>                             |
| 2.1 <u>ASB Warrants (1.23.23)</u>  |  |
| 2.2 <u>ASB Warrants (2.23.23)</u>  |  |
| 2.3 <u>Capital Projects Warrants (1.23.23)</u>   |  |
| 2.4 <u>Capital Projects Warrants (2.23.23)</u>   |  |
| 2.5 <u>General Fund Warrants (1.23.23)</u>   |  |
| 2.6 <u>General Fund Warrants (2.23.23)</u>   |  |
| 2.7 <u>Letter of Resignation</u>   |  |
| <p>After review of the warrants attached and letter, Board Chair Meehan asked if any Board members had questions, quick and brief discussion followed. Chris Helgeson made the motion to approve the 2.28.23 Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Jen Phillips. The Board approved the 2.28.23 Consent Agenda with a 5-0 vote.</p>   |  |
| <b>3.0 Board Minutes Approval</b>  | <b>Board</b>                             |
| 3.1 <u>1.24.23 Board Meeting Minutes</u>   |  |
| <p>Jen Phillips made the motion to approve the 1.24.23 Board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by John Jensen. The Board approved the 1.24.23. Board meeting minutes with a 5-0 vote.</p>   |  |
| <b>4.0 Additions, Deletions, Change of Agenda Item</b>   |  |
| <p>No items this month</p>   |  |
| <b>5.0 Public Comment</b>  |  |
| <p>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.</p> |  |
| <p>Board Chair Phil Meehan asked if anyone had a public comment for the Board, but there was no response. Superintendent Kombol also indicated that he had not received any correspondence regarding the 2.28.23 Easton School District Board meeting.</p>   |  |
| <b>6.0 Reports</b>   |  |
| 6.1 <u>Outdoor Ed Program Update</u>   | <b>Kyle Hickman &amp; Melissa Coburn</b> |
| <p>Melissa Coburn (4/5 teacher), and Kyle Hickman(PE teacher) presented a fanatic slide show to the Board highlighting Easton's recent incorporation of Outdoor Ed in the curriculum. The research was shared</p>  |  |

regarding the positive impact outdoor ed makes on student achievement. In addition, Kyle and Melissa discussed the school's recent all-day field trip, plans for the future, and plans for the remaining outdoor grant that the school received in the fall. The Board appeared to be very pleased with the presentation and with the overall direction of using outdoor ed in the curriculum. Superintendent Kombol mentioned that Easton is also now using the focus on outdoor ed as a marketing tool for the school to help Easton stand out and possibly increase enrollment. what the students have been working on in art, STEM, Computer Science, and in rotations.

**6.2 Easton Academic Data**

**6.2.1 iReady Winter 2023 Data**

**Joe Buffi, Counselor**

**iReady Data Report**

School Counselor Joe Bui shared with the Board our fall vs winter iReady student achievement data and discussed overall how the iReady diagnostic assessment data was collected and tabulated. According to the iReady data, significant growth has occurred school-wide in both reading and math, with reading achievement growth higher than math. Superintendent Kombol discussed some of the issues with achievement data when our student population size is so small and the impact 1 or 2 students can have. He also mentioned that iReady is a K-8 program, not K-12, and that the district may look at MAPs testing as a better secondary diagnostic assessment.

**6.2.2 Semester 1 2022.23 Data**

**Aaron Kombol, Superintendent**

**6.2.3 Easton SD SBA & WCAS Assessments  
vs. Kittitas County vs. Similar schools**

Superintendent Kombol shared comparable data to Easton School District on the statewide standardized testing of SBA(Smarter Balanced Assessment) and WCAS(Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science). Mr. Kombol reviewed how Easton compared to other Kittitas County School districts and how Easton compare to similar districts around the state. As seen in the data, there are considerable differences and areas of growth for Easton. In addition, Superintendent Kombol once again discussed some of the issues with achievement data with a student population size so small and the impact 1 or 2 students can have.

**6.2 Financial Reports**

**Trisha Schock, NCESD**

**6.2.1 January 2023 Budget Status Report**

**6.2.2 January 2023 County Treasurer Report**

**6.2.3 January 2023 3-year Average Cash Balance**

**6.2.4 January 2023 General Ledger**

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. Board was specifically excited about the 3-year average cash balance which shows a significant change in the graph. 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.

**6.3 Superintendent Report**

**Superintendent**

Superintendent Kombol shared his report with the Board as attached.

**6.4 Board Member Reports**

**Board**

Board director Jensen shared a communication from Kittitas County regarding a study to be done on the I-90 project. Soon-to-be "Student Board Member" Marisol Santiago shared upcoming ASB events and information.

**7.0 Board Business**

**Board**

**7.1 Updated Easton School Calendar 2.2023**

Board reviewed the updated Easton School calendar which now shows a school day on Friday, May 26th to replace the 2nd of three snow days. Chris Helgeson made the motion to approve the Updated Easton School Calendar 2.2023. The motion was seconded by Jason Meuli. The Board approved the updated Easton School Calendar 2.2023 with a 5-0 vote.

**7.2 3rd Reading: Health-related Board Policy Updates**

**7.2.1 Policy 2125**

**Current Policy 2125**

Board reviewed the updated Policy 2125. Jen Phillips made the motion to approve the updated Policy 2125. The motion was seconded by Chris Helgeson. The Board approved the updated Policy 2125 with a 5-0 vote.

**7.3 2nd Reading: Students Governing on Boards**

**7.3.1 Policy 1250**

Board reviewed Policy 1250. Chris Helgeson made the motion to approve Policy 1250. The motion was seconded by Jen Phillips. The Board approved Policy 1250 with a 5-0 vote. Board members and Superintendent Kombol officially welcomed Marisol Santiago to the Easton School Board serving as the district's first student representative.

**7.4 1st Reading: School-Based Threat Assessment**

**7.4.1 Policy 3225**

Superintendent Kombol shared that Policy 3225 was an updated "essential" policy sent out by WSSDA. Mr. Kombol asked the Board to review it for consideration at the March board meeting.

**7.5 1st Reading: Opioid-Related Overdose Reversal**

**7.5.1 Policy 3424**

Superintendent Kombol shared that Policy 3424 was a "discretionary" policy sent out by WSSDA. The pros and cons of the policy were discussed by the Board members Mr. Kombol asked the Board to review it for consideration at the March board meeting.

**7.6 Tree Removal on district property**

**7.6.1 Tree Removal Bid 1 and Tree Removal Bid 2**

After reviewing the two bids, the Board tabled this until the March meeting. The board wants to know if bid 1 includes stump removal and there were concerns that trees are now "full of sap" and the fall would be a better time to cut down,

**7.7 Social Media Class Action Lawsuit**

**7.7.1 Client Engagement Agreement 2.2023**

Board reviewed the Client Engagement Agreement 2.2023 for the class-action Social Media lawsuit. Jen Phillips made the motion to approve the Client Engagement Agreement 2.2023 for the class-action Social Media lawsuit. The motion was seconded by John Jensen. The Board approved signing the Client Engagement Agreement 2.2023 for the class-action Social Media lawsuit with a 5-0 vote.

**7.8 Resolution 9-2023 US Bank Account Access**

Board reviewed Resolution 9-2023 US Bank Account Access which would grant access to Superintendent, business manager, and Accounts Payable to the account. Phil Meehan made the motion to approve Resolution 9-2023 US Bank Account Access. The motion was seconded by Jason Meuli. The Board approved Resolution 9-2023 US Bank Account Access with a 5-0 vote.

**7.9 WASA Small School Conference**

**7.8.1 Kombol Travel Request**

Superintendent Kombol presented his request to attend the upcoming Small School Conference in Wenatchee along with related expenses. Board reviewed Mr. Kombol's request to attend WASA Small Schools Conference and related expenses. Jen Phillips made the motion to approve attending WASA Small Schools Conference and related expenses. The motion was seconded by John Jensen. The Board approved Mr. Kombol attending WASA Small Schools Conference and related expenses with a 5-0 vote.

**8.0 Board Discussion**

**Board/Superintendent**

**8.1 Finalize Board Letter: Student Safety, I-90, and Easton School District (hardcopy provided)**

Board quickly reviewed the final draft of their I-90 letter. Chris Helgeson made the motion to send the I-90 letter as addressed. The motion was seconded by Jen Phillips. The Board approved sending the I-90 letter as addressed with a 5-0 vote.

**8.2 Juul Class Action Lawsuit (Privileged Communication hardcopy provided)**

Board reviewed the Juul Class Action Lawsuit settlement information shared in the hardcopy form. Chris Helgeson made the motion to accept the Juul Class Action Lawsuit settlement. The motion was seconded by Jen Phillips. The Board approved accepting the Juul Class Action Lawsuit settlement with a 5-0 vote.

**8.3 Statewide February 2023 Bond/Levy Results**

Superintendent Kombol shared the results from the previous school elections. Levies overall did well while on 1 of the 8 bonds passed in Pasco.

**8.4 BoardDocs: Online Board meetings and Policy storage**

**8.4.1 Ellensburg School District**

**8.4.2 Ferndale School District**

**8.4.2 Cle Elum School District**

Superintendent Kombol shared information on the school board software and storage program, Board Docs with the Board. Board liked the functionality of the program and requested a Board presentation. Mr. Kombol will set up a demonstration with BoardDocs for the March Board meeting.

**8.5 WSSDA Required Board Member Training**

**8.6 Board member Recognition of Service**

**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 Chair Meehan stated that the Board would be going into an Executive session for approximately 15 minutes. Chris Helgeson made the motion to adjourn the Easton School Board to Executive Session starting at 7:32 pm for approximately 15 minutes. The motion was seconded by Jason Meuli. The Board adjourned the Easton School Board to Executive Session starting at 7:32 pm with a 5-0 vote.

Board met in an Executive session from 7:32 pm to 7:51 pm. Chris Helgeson made the motion to return the Easton School Board to open session starting at 7:51 pm. The motion was seconded by John Jensen. Board returned to the open session at 7:51 pm with a 5-0 vote.

**10.0 Board Business**

**Board**

**10.1 Contract Terms**

After returning to the open session, John Jensen made the motion to agree in principle to extend Superintendent/Principal Kombol's contract for an additional three(3) years to include the 2023.24, 2024.25, and 2025.26 school years. The motion was seconded by Chris Helgeson. The Board approved in principle to extend Superintendent/Principal Kombol's contract for an additional three(3) years to include the 2023.24, 2024.25, and 2025.26 school years with a 5-0 vote.

**11.0 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 dedication to Easton School District. In addition, Mr. Kombol thanked the staff for their ongoing hard work for the benefit of Easton students.

**12.0 Adjournment**

John Jensen made the motion to adjourn the 2.28.23 Easton School Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Jason Meuli. The Board adjourned the 2.28.23 Easton School Board meeting at 7:55 pm with a 5-0 vote.

  
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Board Chair

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