

Easton School District No. 28
Regular Board Meeting Agenda
March 22, 2022
Via ZOOM/In Person

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

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

Staff: Tim Berndt, Jenny Jensen, Lindy Wells, Gretchen Jenkins

Board Members Absent: None

Guests: Marilyn Fudge, April Ortiz, Loridey Santiago

*Board chair April Simonson requested a change in the agenda. She said policy and procedure #3225 has previously been approved by the school board. This item was removed from the board business.

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

Board Minutes: Jen Phillips made a motion to approve the 03-10-2022 minutes. Phillip Meehan seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the board.

Communication to the Board: None

Public Comment: None

Reports:

Financial: Business manager, Lindy Wells reviewed the budget status with the board.

- **Budget Status** - Attached
- **General Fund** - Attached
- **Capital Projects** - Attached

Mr. Timothy Berndt shared an update on grants that have been approved. The amount of \$123,000 will be from the State of Washington. This will allow new computers for secondary students. It will cover the expense of sharing a tech person with a local district. In-service for staff will possibly be covered. The Jeannie Marie Giovanelli trust for the library will be used to purchase new books.

Student Or ASB Report: April Ortis presented for seniors. The fund raising for graduation has been great. They sold senior shirts, had shamrock shakes for St. Paddy's Day. Mr. Kyle Hickman is helping to organize a March Madness basketball game during secondary lunch 3on 3. Loredy Santiago asked the board to consider allowing the senior class to decorate the top of their hats. The graduates understand, and will, comply with the school appropriate codes. They feel this is a way to express their individual idenaties. Phillip Meehan made a motion to approve the senior's request. April Simonson seconded the motion. It was approved.

Staff Report: Mr. Berndt gave the staff report: Mrs. Todd decorated the library for St. Patrick's Day with shamrock cookies to decorate. Everyone is excited to have new library new books. The Jeanne Marie Gionvelle trust fund will help with the purchase. There will also be new

touch boards, as well as a media center. The 4th/5th grade class have a new class member. Ms. Coburn has a 3-month-old puppy that comes to school with her. The students are counting the days till they leave for camp. Ms. Cox- pinnacle tech. carriers. Mr. Bufi coordinated a meeting for students with Mr. Barton, who represents Job Core. A couple of students are already excited to learn more. Mr. Hickman is teaching nutrition to middle school. Two of our prior students recently moved into the CleElum/Roslyn school district. The students wanted to come back to Easton School. The districts and parents worked together to make this possible for the students.

Superintendent/Principal: Mr. Berndt is excited that the seniors came and talked to the board. They are working on a matrix of student driven schedule. Mr. Joe Bufi talked with the students to hear what they want. They would like to see a creative art, and a culinary art as electives added. This could be done by flipping the choice every year. No student signed up for the TEALS program for next year. TEALS will not be available next year.

Board Business:

- **Governor's Proclamation:** The Governor proclaimed that all support staff in all schools, be recognized for the work they do for their schools. The board gave goodies to all support staff Monday, Wednesday and Friday to show their appreciation.
- **Superintendent Contract:** On July 1st, 2022, the new Superintendent/Principal will be starting his position with Easton School District. Mr. Aaron Kombal and the school board made it official with him signing the contract. The board discussed their reasons Mr. Kombal was chosen from the applicants. Jen Phillips welcomed Mr. Kombal to Easton. Mr. Kombal had the overwhelming choice from the Easton community and staff that

were a part of the in-person interviews. Mr. Mark Venn with Northwest Leadership knew what Easton needed. Mr. Aaron Kombal said that he is excited to be a part of the Easton community.

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

Tim Berndt
Superintendent/Principal
Interim

April Simonson
Board Chair