

Easton School Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

Easton Library

Board Members in attendance: Phil Meehan, Jason Meuli, Chris Helgeson, John Jensen, Jen Phillips, Marisol Santiago(student)
Staff: Aaron Kombol
Four(4) community members

1. Easton School Board Operating Principles

2. Call to Order

The May 23, 2023, Easton School Board meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Board Chair Phil Meehan. Chair Meehan then led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Consent Agenda Review

After review of the warrants attached and other information, Board Chair Meehan asked if any Board members had questions, quick and brief discussion followed. Jen Phillips made the motion to approve the 4.25.23 Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Chris Helgeson. The Board approved the 4.25.23 Consent Agenda with a 5-0 vote.

Action: 3.2 4.28.23 Board Meeting Minutes

Action (Consent), Information: 3.3 ASB Warrant 1102

Action (Consent), Information: 3.4 Capital Projects Warrants 66-68

Action (Consent), Information: 3.5 General Fund Warrants 26440-26482

Action (Consent): 3.6 Easton Trust Warrant 31

Action (Consent): 3.7 Staff Requested FTE Reduction

Action (Consent): 3.8 Staff Resignation Email

Action (Consent): 3.9 Human Resources Update

Action (Consent): 3.10 Memorandum of Agreement with Easton Support Personnel Association

Action (Consent): 3.11 Memorandum of Agreement with Easton Education Association

4. Additions, Deletions, Change of Agenda Items

Superintendent Kombol requested that item 9.3 be added to the agenda for the purpose of sharing an email from a community member.

5. Public Comment

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 3.28.23 Easton School District Board meeting.

6. Financial Report

Information: 6.1 3-year Cash Balance vs. Current

Information: 6.2 General Ledger Report

Information: 6.3 County Treasurer Report for April 2023

Information: 6.4 Budget Status Report for April 2023

Mrs. Schock from NCESD presented the information above the Board and highlighted some of the areas. Mrs. Schock presented an ongoing optimistic and positive 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 purple line graph. Financially, Easton School District is in a much better position than just 8 months ago and should go over the \$700,000 threshold next month. Mrs. Schock also shared that the budget for 23.34 would be reviewed and adopted by the Board in July. In addition, retirement contributions are decreasing while insurance rates are increasing. 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.

7. Reports

Information: 7.1 Superintendent Report

Superintendent Kombol reviewed his written report with the Board as attached to the agenda.

Information: 7.2 Facilities & Operations Report

Superintendent Kombol reviewed the report submitted by Steve Jensen, highlighting the new lights in the gym. Mr. Kombol also reported on the possible fire hazard the previous lights presented due to their age. He is also hopeful the new LED lights will present cost savings to the district.

Information: 7.3 Board Member(s) Report

Marisol Santiago shared with the other Board members the work that she and the other ASB Officers were doing in order to update the ASB Bylaws. She shared a draft of the bylaws with the other Board members.
Jen Phillips Pass meeting trucking businesses etc.

8. Board Business

Action: 8.1 2023.24 Easton School District Calendar

John Jensen made the motion to approve the 2023.24 Easton School Calendar as referenced. The motion was seconded by Jason Meuli. The Board approved the 2023.24 Easton School Calendar as referenced with a 5-0 vote.

Action: 8.2 4th Reading: Opioid-Related Overdose Reversal Board Policy 3424

Chris Helgeson made the motion to approve Policy 3424. The motion was seconded by Jen Phillips. The Board approved Policy 3424 with a 5-0 vote. Procedures for 3424 will be developed to address the specific concerns that Board members had.

Action: 8.3 Resolution #13-2022.23 Easton Memorial Day Events

Chris Helgeson made the motion to approve Resolution #13-2022.23. The motion was seconded by Jason Meuli. The Board approved Resolution #13-2022.23 with a 5-0 vote.

9. Board Discussion

Discussion, Information: 9.1 School Board Calendar for 2023.24

Discussion, Information: 9.2 Easton Board Policy Review Schedule 2023.24

Board members discussed the draft Board Calendar for 23.24 in particular the December 2023 meeting date. Also discussed was the policy review and if special work sessions should be held to complete the policy work or should be done during regular meeting times. Superintendent Kombol will bring these items back for the June 2023 Board meeting to finalize.

10. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

11. For the Good of the District

Board members shared the community's excitement regarding the upcoming Memorial Day events.

12. Adjournment

Jen Phillips made the motion to adjourn the 5.23.23 Easton School Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Chris Helgeson. The Board adjourned the 5.23.23 Easton School Board Meeting with a 5-0 vote.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 pm

Phil Meehan, Board Chair

Date

Aaron Kombol, Secretary to the Board

Date