

Easton School District #28
Meeting of the Board of Directors
April 13, 2021
Zoom and 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: Dawn Bechtholdt, Patrick Dehuff, Marilyn Fudge, Jenny Jensen, Becky Houle, Cece Badda, Gretchen Jenkins, Gary Wargo

Guests: Denise Cox, Jenna Hitchcock

Approve Agenda: Phillip Meehan made a motion to approve the agenda with the change made to move the Executive Session up to an earlier time (specifically 6:00 PM). Jen Phillips seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Board Minutes: John Jensen made a motion to approve the March 23, 2021 minutes. Jen Phillips seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Communication to the Board: None

Public Comment: None

Board Business:

Wyndham Worldmark Timeshare – Superintendent Dehuff explained the history and intent of the timeshare; why it was purchased and how the administration and board used the timeshare over time. The intended use of the timeshare was for conferences and meetings as a lodging accommodation cost savings for the board when attending out-of-area conferences. As it has not been used for several years, Dr. Dehuff is recommending the board sell the timeshare and is recommending that he and board chair, April Simonson work together to determine the best way to proceed. April Simonson agreed to work on this issue with Dr. Dehuff. Chris Helgeson made a motion to approve the sale of the Wyndham Worldmark timeshare. Jen Phillips seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Proposed 2021-2022 School Calendar – Gary Wargo conveyed that the calendar was reviewed by classified and certificated staff. The calendar was reviewed several times to assure that the correct number of student days (180) were included in the calendar and reviewed the dates for the first and last student day, school holidays and vacations, early release days for PD, and early releases prior to appropriate holidays. This is a first read for the school board and no action is requested. The calendar will be on the April 27th board agenda for formal approval.

Adjourn for Executive Session: The board closed the regular session at 6:00PM for an estimated 20 minutes. This is for a discussion with Legal Counsel of the risk of a proposed action; RCW 42.30.110. Chris Helgeson made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Phillip Meehan seconded the *motion and motion carried*.

The board returned to continue the regular meeting at 6:22 PM.

Continuation of Board Business:

Retirements – There have been two (2) retirements submitted to the administration. Brian Todd will be retiring at the end of the 2020-21 school year, and Steve Eims be retiring on September 13, 2021. Superintendent Dehuff shared that Mr. Todd has been with the district since 2006. Over the years, Brian has been a counselor to the students, the district’s music teacher, and has taught social studies and weight training classes, and was our previous athletic director. Dr. Dehuff thanked Brian for the wonderful Christmas programs and the marvelous Veteran’s Day assembly programs provided for our local veterans. The Veteran Day assemblies were very moving and always seemed to result in bringing tears to everyone’s eyes. Mr. Todd will be missed. Steve Eims joined the district 20 years ago. He is an amazing teacher who has the ability to connect with all of his students. Dr. Dehuff commented that when visiting administrators were in the building they always commented on Mr. Eims’ classroom and how amazing his teaching style was. Steve makes learning fun. Additionally, it was noted that Steve attends all school events, sporting events, school carnivals, bingo nights, etc. He goes above and beyond for each event. Mr. Eims had a huge influence on Dr. Dehuff’s daughter’s school experience.

Chris Helgeson made a motion to approve the retirements of Mr. Brian Todd and Mr. Steve Eims. Jen Phillips seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Update on Extension of School Day for Secondary Students - Dawn Bechtholdt said that that the first day of extending the school day for secondary students went well. Students were tired by lunch time, but that all stayed for the full day. The staff had a lot of planning to prepare for this day and all were ready for their full day return. Food director Jackie Tate did a great job with organizing the lunch schedule with all students. Teachers gave mask breaks during the day and overall, the first full day back went well.

Update on Parent/Community School Support Group – Phillip Meehan reported that there are six (6) people who are interested in being part of the Support Group and it’s planning process. Those interested currently include Terri Campbell, Dawn Bechtholdt, Dana Meeham, Toni Brenning, Jen Phillips, and Jenna Hitchcock. Phillip Meehan will set up a meeting with those interested to address who would lead the meetings, take notes, etc. Phillip will be at the meetings to advise and help. Phillip noted that it would be wonderful to see some dads attend. Due to Covid-19, meetings will need to be held via Zoom.

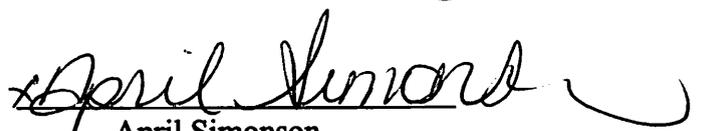
Consent Agenda - March Payroll.

Chris Helgeson made a motion to approve the March payroll. Phillip Meehan seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned: Chris Helgeson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Phillip Meehan seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 PM.



Patrick Dehuff
Superintendent



April Simonson
Board Chair

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