

BOE Meeting Highlights

Board of Education Meeting February 8, 2023

The Board of Education encourages the public to attend the meetings held on the second Wednesday of each month. There is an opportunity at the beginning of each meeting for input from the public. After that the Board conducts the School District's business, including the Superintendent's and Principals' Reports, position appointments, and issues to act upon.

Regular Meeting

Public Participation

- There were no public comments.

Superintendent's Report-Tim Keteri

- At the recent state luncheon, they learned about the Governor's proposed budget. It will be an increase in funding, including at risk and early childhood. Enrollment for the district is solid. Next year could have over 60 freshmen with Stanton and CIA students. Some of the funding will be one time so any add-on services must take sustainability into account. Mental health funding is one area where he foresees that. The high school will probably need another teacher for class sizes.
- The CCSBA awards are upcoming. He gave recommendations from himself and the principals for the Board to choose a community member, staff member, and student to award.

Principal's Report-Kim Harris, South Range Elementary

- The 4th-6th graders have been swimming in the Jeffers pool, thanks to Ms. Lehto, 4-6 math teacher, and Mrs. Andress, middle school English teacher. Classes have also been ice skating and snowshoeing.
- At the upcoming inservice, Ms. Lehto and Mrs. Larson, 4th grade teacher, will be leading some trainings.
- The school is aware of the poor condition of the flag. Unfortunately the rope broke and there is no way to fix it without a bucket truck that cannot access it now with the snow.
- The school recently got a \$5800 grant for physical education equipment which has been coming in. Mrs. Irizarry, 1st grade teacher, has been taking the lead on grant opportunities.
- The MTSS team recently met at the ISD with other local teams. Schoolwide, students are at 84% of being at or above benchmark in reading which is very good. The team attributed it to the new reading series, doing ECRI in kindergarten-2nd grade, a low staff turnover, and having paraprofessionals and high school students for extra support. The team also identified needing some behavior lessons, which Mrs. Dobson, social work intern, will do with 5th and 6th grades.

Principal's and Athletic Report-Steve Lishinski, Jeffers High School

- Mrs. Pera, math and science teacher, recently served on a committee for the Michigan Department of Education for reviewing testing for state certification for teachers. She will also be presenting about Mi-STAR. She is also bringing the High School Bowl team to compete in the Blizzard Bowl at MTU. She and Mr. Palosaari, science teacher, are presenting at the Michigan Science Teachers Association conference in Lansing in March.
- There is an upcoming in-service where teachers can attend half or full day sessions.
- Ms. Raether, English teacher, is doing an awesome job with Student Senate is running a busy Homecoming week.
- Enrollment count day was today and determines what class Jeffers is in the MHSAA and divisions for sports. Current 9-12 enrollment is 200 students which will probably make us Class C and divisions 3 or 4 in basketball. About 15 years ago, that enrollment number was around 130.
- Winter tournaments will be soon. Basketball and hockey are seeded.
- He will post elementary basketball coaching positions.

Action Items

- The Board discussed several action items.

Submitted by Valerie Dobson, South Range Elementary