

BOE Meeting Highlights

Board of Education Meeting April 12, 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.

Public Participation

- There were no public comments.

Superintendent's Report-Tim Keteri

- There were some pumps for the pool that broke and will need to be replaced, along with another one that will need to be replaced in the future.
- Due to the ISD changing their operations and class sizes at JHS, he recommends hiring a business manager that can also teach business classes for a business pathway at JHS. He would like it to be filled as soon as possible so current ISD business manager, Jason Auel, can help with the transition until that contract is up.
- Contract negotiations will be coming up soon.
- Several teachers are recommended for probationary and tenure status.
- He has been talking to Adams Township Public Works about a recreation grant for developing the land in Atlantic Mine that was donated. More information needs to be looked at regarding accessibility and liability issues.

Principal's Report-Kim Harris, South Range Elementary

- Kindergarten registration will be Friday. There are currently 23 students which is typical. The Junior Jets program has 7 registered. The Great Start Readiness Program survey came back with 14 interested. They will look at licensing and staffing and needs for how those classes will be.
- The school improvement committee will be sending out a parent survey regarding how connected parents feel their child is and the support they get at school.
- 5th and 6th grade basketball has started with 16 students on each team
- She recommends Laura Ruohonen, LeAnn Larson, Kari Kantola, and Eric

Segula for probationary status.

- The Book Fair run by Mrs. Dobson, paraprofessional, went well earning \$3373.68 profit for the library. All students received a book by purchasing, attending reading night, or through the Booster Club.
- Mrs. Schuett, 5-6th science teacher, has had Michigan Tech students visiting. The Enterprise Team has been making fuel cell cars with 6th grade. The Engineering Ambassadors visited the 5th grade.
- MSTEP testing will begin at the end of April with 3rd grade. 4th, 5th, and 6th grade will follow.
- Laura Larson and Eric Segula, 4th grade teachers, will be acknowledged as a Dynamic Duo at the Parent Advisory Special Education Awards in May.

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

- SAT and PSAT testing was today. Ms. Bertucci, counselor, has been busy and doing a good job with testing.
- May 16th will be the Spring Art Show and Band Concert, showcasing work done in the classes of Mr. Arens, shop teacher, Mrs. Laban, culinary arts, Mrs. Lewandowski, art teacher, Mrs. Lucchesi, cosmetology, and Mrs. Raffaelli, band director.
- Ms. Bertucci and Mr. Cormier, social studies teacher, will be taking seniors to visit NMU.
- Mr. Kilpela, science teacher, will have Michigan Tech students in his physics class helping with a lab activity.
- He will attend the NMU mock interviews with upcoming teacher education graduates.
- The 4th quarter is starting. This year is going fast. Graduation is coming soon.
- He recommends tenure status for Mrs. Jaehnig and Mr. Heltunen, and probationary status for Ms. Bertucci, Mr. Arens, Mrs. Lewandowski, Mr. Guili, Mrs. Andress, Mrs. Laban, and Mr. Outinen.
- Spring sports practices have begun. There will be a softball team again this year after not having enough students last year.
- He will be attending the MHSAA U.P. Update meeting.
- Pat Nettell resigned as hockey coach, so that position will be posted.
- The MHSAA announced classifications for the 2023-24 year. We stayed Class C for voting purposes. Divisions change by sport. Volleyball and Boys Basketball changed from Division 4 to Division 3. Hockey remained Division 3. Division 4 teams are Baseball, Girls' Basketball, and Softball. Remaining in Division 2 are: Cross Country, Golf, and Track.

Action Items

The Board thanked Mr. Lang, former SRE principal, for all of his years of service and held a moment of silence.

The Board discussed several action items.

Submitted by Valerie Dobson, South Range Elementary