

BOE Meeting Highlights

Board of Education Meeting September 13, 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

- Morgran Raether, JHS english teacher and Travel Club advisor, would like to fundraise this year for a trip in May to Mackinac Island and Dearborn. They would do a couple of returnables drive, a bake sale at Octoberfest in South Range, a coffee sale, and a candy bar sale.

Superintendent's Report-Tim Keteri

- They found a 2015 Chevy Silverado plow truck from Sayens. The district needs a more reliable plow truck for snow removal.
- The district saved money by having their own driver do a Toivola/Winona run.
- The budget is in 'good shape'. The overall student count is slightly up. Kids are everywhere in the buildings. In November they will have a budget to present.
- Val Dobson is doing a nice job on social media. They will be looking for Alumni stories to share weekly. Over the summer with all of the reunions, he was struck by hearing all of the stories about former students remembering the relationships with teachers.
- They have a 'Farm to School' grant that is helping expand local access capacity.
- The current staff is "rocking this" year having "quality people in place". Some projects being considered are rearranging the parking lot situation at SRE and an addition of classrooms at JHS.
- There is not a Head of Maintenance at JHS. He would like the Board to name Paul Ek. It would help schedule maintenance and streamline ordering necessary items.

Principal's Report-Kim Harris, South Range Elementary

- It's been busy already! The two inservice days were a good way to start. They were productive days.
- She thanked Miss Myers and Mrs. Geshel, kindergarten teachers, and Miss DeForge, preschool teacher, for their work on orientation nights. It is a lot of work but makes the new students comfortable at school.

- Preschool has started this week. It was a big initiative to get it going. The class is full at 16 students.
- Lamers bussing used new technology for scheduling. They are working out the quirks of the timing. There is a 4th bus this year with the higher population, which has been helpful.
- The ice cream social and half day inservice will be next week.

Principal's Report-John Sanregret, Jeffers High School

- The first week of school was positive. There is a lot of cooperation with students and staff. He is information gathering mode, learning about the attendance, behaviors, and curriculum.
- Students are allowed to take up to 2 online courses within a year. He is watching these classes to ensure quality and rigor.
- There will be an upcoming fire drill.
- An upcoming inservice will have Mrs. Pera, science and math teacher, and Mr. Palosaari, science teacher, presenting about critical and computational thinking.
- He would like to develop communication relationship with the district.
- There will be an Industrial trades Career Day in Ontonagon County featuring skills such as welding and iron working.

Business and Athletic Report-Steve Nordstrom

- He is still learning something new everyday in the business office.
- They are looking at the support staff's insurance plans.
- As AD, he has been focusing on communication. There has been a great start to the athletic year. Volleyball and Cross Country teams are strong this year. There are 19 Jeffers Football players co-oping with Hancock.
- GoFan is available to buy athletic tickets online. They can still be bought at the door.
- There are posted coaching positions.
- About 80 students are signed up for sports using FinalForms, which makes it easier.

Action Items

The Board discussed several action items before going into closed session.

Submitted by Valerie Dobson, South Range Elementary