

BOE Meeting Highlights

Board of Education Meeting November 13, 2019

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.

Project Manager's Report-Tim Sepanen

- The project is now 80% complete. The new entry will be open the week after next. After the meeting he will give a tour. (You should've been there.)
- The state fire marshal came and approved occupancy.
- The IT is hooking up fiber optics and cameras. New furniture has been assembled. The cafeteria has sheetrock up. The walk in cooler will be installed around Thanksgiving. The cafeteria should still be ready end of January. Demo on the current kitchen will then begin for the new locker rooms. Everything should still be done by end of March/April. Change orders have been really low and mainly from things the district wanted.

Superintendent's Report-Tim Keteri

- Industrial Graphics made the new sign in front of Jeffers.
- There is going to be a legislative coffee hour with Representatives Markkinen and McBroom that Board members can attend to ask questions.
- The Final Audit was presented. The fund balance is over 8% and should increase this year. The food service account is positive for this year. The district is in solid footing.
- The district is looking into energy savings. A company in Texas would give upgrades and take a percentage of savings. Bay Electric and ERICO will both give proposals on what they could do.
- The volleyball team is rocking it. Players and students are all excited.
- The December Board meeting will be at 6, to allow for time before the concert that night.

Principal's Report-Kim Harris, South Range Elementary

- Mrs. Normand, English teacher, has been doing 1st Grade Friends with 6th graders this year. She is also doing a school newspaper.

- Mrs. Schuett, science teacher, has Engineering Ambassadors from MTU coming in.
- Miss Nordstrom has been the school's Literacy Leader. She recently hosted all of the area school's Literacy Leaders at SRE for a day.
- Parent/teacher conferences had a great turnout.
- Friday will be an all day teacher inservice.
- Mrs. Destrampe, social studies teacher, and Mrs. Nordmand are being beta readers for Maria Vezetti-Matson, a JHS alumni, who is writing a historic book.
- Mrs. Larson, 3rd grade teacher, and Mrs. Schuett both recently lost their fathers. The staff has been amazing stepping up to help with their absences.

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

- Parent/teacher conferences went well.
- Mr. Palosaari, science teacher, and Mrs. Pera, math/science teacher, presented at the Midwest Noyce Conference in St. Louis on November 1st as part of their work as Noyce Scholars in the Master Teacher Program.
- Miss Gwyn, art teacher, has been doing ceramics in her classes and has submitted student work to a local art show.
- Mrs. Raffaelli, band director, will be taking a group of students to a percussion clinic. She will have the Elementary Concert on December 4th at 2PM and 7PM. The JHS Concert will be December 11th at 7PM.
- There will be a full day teacher inservice on Friday.
- The High School Bowl team's game against Hurly will be aired on November 16 at 8:00 and noon on November 18.
- The school play, "Hoodwinked and Hoodooed" will be on November 22nd.
- Junior High Girls Basketball is over. The boys start this week. JV and Varsity basketball and hockey have started practice.
- Volleyball is doing well. They are one of the last 16 teams in the state.

Action Items

- The Board discussed several action items.

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