

# BOE Meeting Highlights

## Board of Education Meeting August 11, 2021

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 Comments

- Lisa Rajala, a parent, thanked the Board for allowing medical exemptions to masking last year and asked that if there is a mask mandate this year for exemptions to be allowed again and extended throughout the building. She will not allow her healthy kids to be quarantined without legal documentation.

### Superintendent's Report-Tim Keteri

- The Covid plan for the year is still the same. Masking and quarantining is still under local control which is this Board. This was supported at the state level by the State Superintendent of schools. There are no local schools mandating masks. MiOSHA has not made any announcements and it is possible that they may mandate masks for teachers as employees but have no control over students.
- There are a lot of opportunities for earmarked funding, some of which will be accessed for technology and paraprofessional staffing.
- Mrs. Sheri Normand, 4-6 english teacher, retired. He and the Board thanked her for her 27 years of service to the district.
- Recommended new hires are LeAnn Larson for third grade and Amanda Andress for junior high.
- The buildings are getting ready for the new year. Thanks to Ron Outinen, Paul Ek, Mr. Marin, and Tavin Larson, the buildings are in amazing shape. While cleaning they did find that some water storage tanks need to be replaced.
- Health insurance and cash in lieu isn't consistent for all support staff and he would like to make it so as well as making pay more consistent.
- Enrollment is down slightly. The district lost some homeschooled students to the new school. It will allow for smaller class sizes.

### South Range Elementary Principal Report-Kim Harris

- Mrs. Harris was not present but submitted a written report.

- Summer School is in session and is going well for the K-3 students attending. She thanked Miss Nordstrom, Miss Myers and Mrs. Pyykkonen for their work with it.
- The school got a new reading series to replace the 13 year old one they had. She appreciated the help from teachers coming in over the summer to evaluate different series to make a choice.
- She recommends the hiring of LeAnn Larson.
- She acknowledged Ron Outinen and Tavin Larson for their work in making the building be in great shape.

#### Jeffers Principal and Athletic Director Report-Steve Lishinski

- Mr. Lishinski was not present but submitted a written report.
- Professional development has been ongoing.
- Mr. Ek and Mr. Marin did a wonderful job getting Jeffers ready.
- He gave the dates of schedule pickups, staff training, orientations, and the first day of school.
- There are a few changes to the handbooks.
- Volleyball, Girls Junior High Basketball, and Cross Country start this month.
- He recommended his list of coaches.

#### Action Items

- The Board discussed several action items.

*Submitted by Valerie Dobson, South Range Elementary*