

BOE Meeting Highlights

Board of Education Meeting April 13, 2022

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

- Paige Lewandowski, art teacher, thanked the Board for her CCASB award. She would like to get the district a certified support dog. She thinks it would serve all of the students well. She studied the breeds and training and support needed for a certified dog. She would go under training and be the one to take care of the dog. She applied for a grant to get a special hypoallergenic dog. Other districts in the area have a dog.

Superintendent's Report-Tim Keteri

- There will be 2 kindergarten classes and a Young 5s class next year which will bring some movement to the staff.
- Jeffers is expecting to get 6-8 students from Stanton.
- Seniors' electives will be added to next year to be more rigorous.
- Both buildings have leaks. The warranty is being looked into.
- Lisa Pyykkonen has been in the district for 30 years!
- The amended budget was presented. Fund equity dropped a bit because of so much getting done this year, such as a new tractor, heating control, light exchange, water tank and boilers, pool pump, a new reading series at the elementary, and providing Drive America at the high school. Many of these are long term solutions to save money.

Principal's Report-Kim Harris, South Range Elementary

- Family STEM night will be happening again at the school.
- Kindergarten registration had some good numbers and will probably go up a bit over summer. The Young 5s program had enough interest. It is not for 4 year olds, just younger kindergarten students. BHK is still an option for younger kids. Next year every classroom in the building will be full.
- She recommends the two teachers who are up for tenure, Mrs. Irizarry, first grade teacher, and Miss Myers, kindergarten teacher. The whole staff is phenomenal.
- Next year all 4-6 classes will have two sections. The 4th grade will be self-contained and only exchange for language arts and math. This will better meet the students' needs.

- The Book Fair went great. It brought in a lot of profit for new books. The Booster Club and Mrs. Dobson made sure every student got a book.
- Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Dobson did a training that will help Mrs. Dobson in a school social worker role.

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

- Mrs. Lewandowski was a finalist for the Remarkable Women of the UP award through UP Matters. She does a great job. Some of her students art was selected by the Community Arts Center.
- Mr. Palosaari and Mrs. Pera are making presentations at the Mi-STAR Learning Series.
- Ms. Bertucci has been doing a good job of setting up all the required testing for the district.
- The Spring Art Show and Band Concert will be April 27. Doors open at 4PM and the concert will begin at 5PM. Student work will be showcased.
- Ms. Raether is taking students to see a play at NMU and will be taking the Future Educators Club to NMU. She was awarded a book grant and will get 30 copies of a novel.
- Mr. Lishinski will be going to NMU to do Mock Interviews with the upcoming teacher education graduates.
- The diplomas are here to be signed.
- He recommends the teachers up for tenure and probationary status.
- Junior High volleyball wrapped up. Elementary basketball is underway. Baseball, softball, track, and golf practices have started. Softball doesn't have enough numbers for a team and has been having open gyms. Track had their first indoor meet already.
- Jeffers is still Class C. Divisions can be a little different. Boys basketball will move down to Division 4 next year. Hockey is still being looked at.

Action Items

- The Board discussed several action items.

Submitted by Valerie Dobson, South Range Elementary