

BOE Meeting Highlights

Board of Education Meeting October 12, 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.

Regular Meeting

- The Board officially thanked the Culinary Arts students for providing excellent food for the meeting.
- The Board had a moment of silence for Jim Maierle, former JHS teacher and principal.

Public Participation

- There were no public comments.

Superintendent's Report-Tim Keteri

- MSTEP scores were above state average and showed growth, which is good for the district, especially after Covid.
- The Foundation raised over \$19,000 at their dinner.
- The 5K/10K was a success. Over 180 people walked, ran, or donated.
- The Wellness Policy has to be updated.
- There is some 98c funding to be spent for Learning Loss. They are looking at new science textbooks online.
- Now that lunches are not free, it is hard to see where the Food Service budget is this first month as some things are bought ahead in September. There is a decrease in participation in the lunch program.
- Lamers is doing their best, but are still having a hard time finding drivers, which makes transportation not work perfectly. The district may need to have a plan B.
- He recognized Jim Maierle for all that he did for the district. He and Mr. Lishinski were discussing a wall of honor for those that serve the district for many years as he did. They also have a plan for past pictures of seniors.

Principal's Report-Kim Harris, South Range Elementary

- They recently had their Back-to-School Ice Cream Social. It was well attended. That was the most parents that they have had in the building since Covid. Mrs. Dobson held a book fair at the time which helps get more profit for the springtime book fair.
- The SRE Booster Club is doing their fall fundraiser, selling Keweenaw Coffee and Otis Spunkmeyer goods.

- The Junior Jets through 2nd graders had Fire Prevention Day, going to the Fire Hall and had a nice day. A few of the firefighter dads came back to school to eat lunch with their students.
- Maria Vezzetti Matson is an author that will be coming to visit students. She has been in the past few years showing the kids her book that was recently published.
- Friday will be a teacher in-service where teachers will work in the building.
- The year is off to a good start.

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

- There will be an area wide inservice on Friday.
- School pictures will be on Thursday.
- Mrs. Andress and Ms. Raether, English teachers, have arranged for Willaim Durbin, author, to speak to students on October 18th. He
- Mrs. Pera, math and science teacher, is taking the High School Bowl team to compete in Marquette on October 21st.
- Mrs. Raffaelli, band director, is taking the band to perform at Band Day at NMU on October 29th.
- Ms. Raether will be having a haunted house at Jeffers on November 4th.
- He thanked Board member Kristen Acrhambeau who is a first responder for helping get 2 new AED machines.
- The 5K/10K went well. 152 people walked or ran it. He thanked all who helped out.
- The volleyball district tournament will be the week of October 31st and Jeffers is the host. Jets play home on 11/2 at 7pm against the winner of Lake Linden/Chassell. The Championship match will be 11/4 at 7pm.
- The Cross Country UP Final will be in Marquette on 10/22.
- It has been a good fall for JHS sports!
- He recommends the hiring of Gracia Rajala as the JV Girls basketball coach, Aaron Helminen for the assistant hockey coach, and Nels Paul for varsity baseball coach.
- Mr. Palosaari, science teacher, gave a written report to the Board about the Esports program. There is a middle school team that will be competing. He thanked Doug Mechlin, ISD computer support, for helping with technical issues and Mrs. Lewandowski, art teacher, for helping out.

Action Items

- The Board discussed several action items.

Submitted by Valerie Dobson, South Range Elementary