

BOE Meeting Highlights

Board of Education Meeting July 13, 2016

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.

Here are some highlights from the meeting held on July 13. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. in the Jeffers Media Center.

Public Participation

- There were no public comments.

Superintendent's Report-Tim Keteri

- Mr. Keteri has been in contact with the leasing agent for the Post Office. It looks like the district will be able to get a commitment from the Postal Service to stay in the building. The district can get two different bids, one to completely rebuild the building and one to demo half of the building and fix the postal office side. Before going through, the district would need a 6 year commitment and will raise the rent. After this time, the cost would be repaid.
- R&A has dropped Houghton and Hancock schools for bussing. Mr. Keteri recommends signing a new 3 year contract with them. The bid was good. This past year our district had a positive experience with R&A and with Glen North.
- The cleaning staff has been doing a phenomenal job.
- The Board will have open seats on the November ballot. There will be 2 six year terms and 1 four year term. The deadline to apply is July 24th. Anyone who would like more information can contact his office.

Principal's Report-Kim Harris, South Range Elementary

- Mrs. Harris commends the maintenance staff on working hard and getting a lot done.
- Bussing went well with R&A last year. The only thing she would like to change for next year is changing how the busses are labeled. Sometimes they would send a different bus, confusing the students. The school will label the routes instead of busses next year.

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

- Mr. Lishinski thanked the Board and Mr. Keteri for the opportunity of being Principal. He is excited to follow Mr. Benda.
- Mrs. Raffaelli, Band Director, was happy with the turnout of students at the Fourth of July parade.
- Mrs. Ruohonen and Mrs. Pera, junior high teachers, are planning on "Jump Into Jeffers". A specific date has not been set yet.
- A lot of teachers have been doing professional development over the summer.
- He recommends Heather Brinegar for the special education teacher position. She has done work with the ISD and has good recommendations.

- Class scheduling is going well.
- 47 Jeffers students attended the free sports physicals at PHS.
- He has been in contact with people about the Toivola Ball Field as a home field for the Baseball team. There is still a lot of work that needs to be done to it and they are in the beginning stages. It was asked why the old ball field in Painesdale is not being considered. That field would be like starting from scratch as opposed to the improvements that Toivola needs.
- Mrs. Raether would like to do a field trip to Chicago and would like to fundraise. One thing she would like to do is can drives but the band is already doing monthly can drives for their trip. The Board is sure Mrs. Raether will have other ideas.
- Internal schedule B coaching positions were discussed.

Financial Committee

· The committee recommends committing to filling the pool. The cost would be about \$5,000. There is a possibility of the Foundation funding part of this. Grades 4-9 would be able to use the pool for PE. A junior high swim club would be started and could also fundraise to help defray the cost. The Board decided to table the decision to fill it until after the next Foundation meeting.

The Board discussed action items.

The Board went into closed session.

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