

# BOE Meeting Highlights

## Board of Education Meeting October 12, 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 October 12. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. in the Jeffers Media Center.

### Public Participation

- George Eakin, candidate for the School Board, let everyone know about a candidate forum on Monday, October 24 at 7PM in the Jeffers Media Center. All candidates will be there to take any questions.
- Christina Verran and her husband Rick, came to the Board about issues her daughter in fourth grade is having with bullying. Her daughter has been having problems with another girl in her class in school and more so at GE after school. Mrs. Verran feels like the issue isn't being addressed. The communication between GE, staff and the office will be worked on, as there is a new GE coordinator.

### Superintendent's Report-Tim Keteri

- The 5K/10K raised about \$5,000, which is good for an event that is a few hours.
- The Post Office is ready to get a new roof as the Post Office has agreed to a 10 year lease. The trades class will help in some capacity but cannot do the whole project. It should be \$20-25,000.
- The pool is filled and working except for a chemical pump. RC Mechanical will be in to look at the cost of fixing it.
- Numbers were good on count day. The district is up 22 students from last year and 19 more than was budgeted.
- There will be a new way for the district to get substitutes. PESG is an automated program where subs sign up and teachers put in the days they need.

### Principal's Report-Kim Harris, South Range Elementary

- The Booster Club's fundraiser is ongoing. Forms are all due Monday. The funds will be for targeting technology and playground equipment. She also mentioned the money the Club brings in with Econo Foods receipts and Box Tops.
- Emily Raffaelli, music teacher, recently had Band Day to encourage the 5<sup>th</sup> graders to join band. This year they are also doing Band Buddies.
- Fire Prevention Day was held on a recent half day and went well.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade went on a Water Festival field trip to Michigan Tech which went well. K-3 students will be going to the Rosza Center for a presentation.

- Hei Suomi is almost over and the two Finnish students will be leaving. It has been a positive experience and wonderful like every other year. This year was a little shorter of a time because of it being in the fall. She thanked Mrs. Lishinski and Ms. Pitrone for their help with it.

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

- Mrs. Pera and Ms. Ruohonen also took the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade to Michigan Tech for the Water Festival.
- Mr. Palosaari started a video game club, another great opportunity for students.
- Mrs. Raffaelli, music teacher, has been doing Band Buddies, which is going well.
- Student Senate will be putting on the Halloween Dance October 28<sup>th</sup>. They would also like to do a Haunted House before it as a fundraiser. They also did a great job with Onkalo Bowl, which Jeffers won! It was a good day and Jeffers had great sportsmanship.
- Ms. Raether will be putting on a school play on November 11.
- There will be an inservice Friday with Dollar Bay and Chassell.
- Volleyball, Football, and Junior High Girls Basketball are almost over. Junior High Boys Basketball and JV and Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball will start soon.
- The 5K went well. There was a small bump in the 10K numbers, but in the following years it could be more since it was a last minute change.

The Board discussed action items.

*Submitted by Valerie Dobson, South Range Elementary*