

BOE Meeting Highlights

Board of Education Meeting January 11, 2017

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 January 11. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. in the Jeffers Media Center.

Public Participation

- Terri Komarzec, parent of JHS students, was wondering if there was an update on the pool. Mr. Keteri answered that the three things that is keeping it from being filled at the moment is a problem with the chemical pump, the lights at the bottom of the pool leak, and the lift needed cannot be mobile as was previously thought but must be permanent, which costs more. The total cost is around \$10,000. Mrs. Komarzec suggested looking into a grant from the Portage Health Foundation. Mr. Keteri said they could look into that. The Adams Township Foundation has also offered to help, they will be discussing it at their upcoming meeting.
- Emma Juntunen, senior JHS student, asked the Board for permission to do more fundraising for the senior band trip. They have been doing 50/50s and can drives. They would like to do bake sales at Superior National Bank, an Amy J Pasty Sale over spring break, and a Pancake Breakfast, asking businesses for donations. The Board asked that they change the date of the Pancake Breakfast as it was close to the Adams Township Fire Department's annual pancake breakfast on March 12.

New Trustee Oath of Office

- Chad Snell, Eric Mattila, and George Eakin took their oaths of office

Election of Officers

- President: Steve Nicholas
- Vice President: Darren Niemi
- Treasurer: Justin Marier
- Secretary: Kristen Archambeau

Superintendent's Report-Tim Keteri

- The food service is in nice shape. New showerheads had to be put in in the locker room. The plow truck needed work. It won't last too much longer. Soon there will be big savings from Semco. There is still a discrepancy with UPPCO, they are waiting to see what they say.
- Mr. Keteri welcomed Mr. Eakin to the board and thanked Mr. Snell and Mr. Mattila for continuing to serve.

- There will be training for the Board regarding Superintendent evaluations.
- Lori Geshel has stepped down as the Special Education PAC representative for Adams Township. Kirsten Pietila is the recommendation from the administrators.
- The Foundation will be meeting next Wednesday. Their current mission is to start a culinary program. They have raised over \$100,000 already. Paul Karppinen challenged the public to match his \$50,000 donation, which happened. NMU wants to do a partnership with the district where students would get credits toward culinary and hospitality classes.
- The district has bonds that can be refunded to give tax breaks to Adams Township residents.

Principal's Report-Kim Harris, South Range Elementary

- The Booster Club wrapped up their annual fall fundraiser which made over \$6,500. Without the Booster Club, the school would have to without certain things.
- Next week is already the end of the first semester.
- A big thanks to Mrs. Raffaelli, music teacher. In December she had the SRE Christmas Program which went well, the Christmas concert that the 4-6 grade band and choir participate in, and the All School Sing-a-Long at SRE.
- Four teacher recently went to a literacy inservice where they learned a lot of new things.
- Mrs. Harris showed them a [website](#) that Ms. Castellano, SRE art teacher, is using to display student artwork. You can see student's artwork and parents and family can leave comments and/or buy artwork on mugs, tshirts, etc.
- The Health Department again is using a grant to run 'Cooking with Kids' with the 4th and 5th graders.

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

- Mrs. Pera, math and science teacher, took her High School Bowl team to a recent match against Iron Mountain. It will be on channel 13 on January 14th and 16th. Her MIStar program is also going very well. She will be having a student teacher, Sarah Massie.
- Mrs. Babcock, art teacher, recently got a grant for a student to get art supplies.
- Mr. Palosaari, science and social studies teacher, will be doing 'Salmon in the Classroom'.
- Ms. Raether, English teacher, recently had students submit to writing contests "Voice of Democracy" and "Northwoods Kids". Several students were in the top 10 and won prizes. Some of their writing will be displayed locally.
- Mrs. Raffaelli, music director, recently had the Christmas concert that was well attended. She had some alumni play with some of the songs and it went great. Honors Band is coming up and they will be playing with Mike Sweeney.

- The Special Education Audit Review went well.
- He recommends Shelly Lucchesi as the cosmetology instructor. The person that was previously going to fill the position didn't have the needed qualifications.
- Athletics are going well. The Varsity Basketball Teams are doing a great job.

Committee Reports

- Kristen Archambeau reported for athletics that the Craft Fair went well. They put it on with a bit of a time crunch and there was a blizzard that day. The bake sale the sixth graders did went well. A big thanks to Ms. Mickalich and Ms. Bonini for their help.
- Justin Marier reported from the CCASB meeting that Adams District is the host for the annual program. The host school is encouraged to do a tour, dinner, and program.

The Board discussed action items.

Submitted by Valerie Dobson, South Range Elementary