

BOE Meeting Highlights

Board of Education Meeting February 8, 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 February 8. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. in the Jeffers Media Center.

Public Participation

- There were no public comments.

Superintendent's Report-Tim Keteri

- The food service will need some money from the General Fund. It is close to neutral but will always run a deficit. What the school charges isn't enough to cover food and operating costs.
- The senior band students have raised about \$2,000 so far. Their pancake breakfast will be coming up.
- The roof for the post office had an investment cost of about \$38,000. It will be paid back over the next 5 years. Insurance covered damages to the inside. The total job isn't quite complete, as the trades class will be completing work when the snow is gone.
- The grant that pays for the Great Explorations afterschool program at SRE will be ending after this summer. The Board will have to decide to make a commitment to an after school program to have one. He and Principal Harris will be putting together an idea for a program with shared costs between parents, the district, and the foundation. A plan would have to be in place for next year's budget.
- The amended budget was presented. He is very optimistic about this year. There will be about 7% saved in fund equity, an increase from last year. Enrollment was a huge factor. Contracts in places with teachers and the support staff are good for another year so it will make budgeting easier.
- The Trades building had an eave damaged. Different companies that worked on it had no answers for what caused it. Insurance will be covering it.
- The 3 year contract with Bay Electric for automating the system at SRE has one more year. JHS' system is outdated at 15 years old. Bay could do a 3 year contract to add controls as needed. The air exchange in the gym runs constantly, they could put in a sensor for it to run when needed, like when people are in it. It would save money and be web-based so it wouldn't be easily outdated. He will have a bid for the next meeting.

- He would like to recognize all the work the Board does for January's Board Appreciation month.
- The proposed state budget put out by the Governor looks good for education. It looks like there will be an increase per pupil.

Principal's Report-Kim Harris, South Range Elementary

- Cooking with Kids has been going well.
- Friday, February 24th will be a half day for SRE only for parent/teacher conferences.
- The staff had an inservice last week. Angela Elmlad, the Literacy Coach and Consultant for CCISD, worked with K-3 teachers. It was a cross district inservice with Dollar Bay and Chassell teachers joining. There will be one more cross district inservice with the other schools.
- Reading Month is coming up soon. SRE will again be doing "One School, One Book".
- The upper el students have been doing Jump Rope for Heart. A group of students asked to do a bake sale to raise money, so tomorrow they will be having one.
- Some of the Husky Men's Basketball Team came in to Miss Nordstrom's first grade class for Coaches with Kids. The class will be going to Saturday's game.

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

- Mrs. Pera, math and science teacher, is almost done with MIStar with her 7th grade. The 8th grade will be starting soon. She will be taking all 7th and 8th grade girls to GET WISE at MTU, a program to get girls in sciences. She will also be doing a stained glass project with the 7th grade.
- Ms. Raether, English and German teacher and Student Senate adviser, has been busy with Outdoor Olympics and Homecoming week, which wraps up with the coronation and dance on Friday.
- As for athletics, Parents night will be February 16th. Hockey has the SLC tournament on the 17th and 18th. Boys and Girls Basketball Districts and Hockey regionals will be soon. Boys play in Baraga and Girls in Lake Linden. Board member Mattila asked why the Hockey regionals and Girls Basketball districts are always on the same dates. Mr. Lishinski said it is hard to schedule due to MHSAA scheduling and ice time at the SDC.

Committee Reports

- There were no committee reports.

The Board discussed action items, including moving the March meeting date to the 15th.

Submitted by Valerie Dobson, South Range Elementary