

BOE Meeting Highlights

Board of Education Meeting March 15, 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 March 15. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. in the Jeffers Media Center.

Public Participation

- Representatives from Bay Electric presented their three part proposal to replace the temperature control system at Jeffers. They would be able to communicate with thermostats and control heating better. A CO2 sensor in the gym would allow the air exchange system to run when needed instead of continuously. They are willing to spread out payments so it would not be one huge upfront cost.

Superintendent's Report-Tim Keteri

- The food service program will end in a positive balance this year but is still historically negative. With rising food costs and employee benefits and less federal funded free lunches it makes it hard to run a cost free lunch program. Jean Stevens, head cook, has done a great job of serving less costly meals that still taste great. The lunch program is a great value the district provides.
- The UPPCO billing has been resolved. The district paid what was normal.
- Two repairs done were inside the post office and the eave of the Trades Building. Both were covered under insurance.
- The district received the official letter they are off the Treasury's early warning list. Mr. Keteri and Jason Auel were invited to present to other districts what was done to do so. The district is projected to have 7-8% fund equity saved by the end of the year.
- The principal's will want to meet with the curriculum committee. Next year there will be holes in the staff that will need to be planned.
- In November, the Semco payment for the piping will be paid off.
- The pool would be about \$12,500 to get running for the pump and lift. There is still some interest in doing that this year.
- A decision will have to be made soon about an after school program for next year. Great Exploration's grant is running out at the end of the year. They are looking into doing something with the Hancock program for summer. Any after school next year would have to be funded by the district and/or participating families.
- It was asked if the culinary program is still on course for next year. It is.

- Eric Mattila asked if fundraisers stop once they have raised the funds and how the Board knows. It was discussed to have a sheet for fundraising groups to fill out so the Board knows end dates.

Principal's Report-Kim Harris, South Range Elementary

- Kindergarten round up will be April 12th, the day of the next board meeting. Knowing the incoming numbers will help figure out staffing for next year. This year's first grade has a lower number. Next year there will be a need for another 4-6 teacher.
- March is Reading Month. The school has been doing the One-School-One-Book program reading "Friendship with Humphrey" which ties in well with the school wide expectations. Upper el students have been buddied up with lower el students, meeting at different times and even getting to eat lunch together one day. The students really enjoyed it. The Book Fair, ran by Val Dobson, has been going well this week. It is what funds the library for new books.
- Mrs. Schuett, 4-6 science teacher, did a great job with students doing science fair projects. A couple groups presented at Tech. During Family Reading Night, projects were set up in the gym so families could see the students' hard work.
- Elementary Basketball is in swing, with Coaches Mande Lehto and Laura Larson. The Girls are 1-1 and the boys are undefeated 2-0.
- Recently \$2000 was made for fundraising by working at the Tech games ushering and doing concessions while the Tech students were on spring break. She thanked the parents that volunteered and Ms. Lehto, Camp Nesbit fundraiser chair, for helping.
- A group from Michigan State presented 'Science Theater' at an assembly that the students enjoyed.
- There have been a lot of outdoor field trips lately with classes. Tomorrow the 4th grade will be going to a presentation about sled dogs at the Rosza center.

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

- Ms. Raether, German teacher, would like to do a few can drives to fundraise for a Chicago trip. Mr. Kilpela, science teacher, would like to a couple of fundraisers selling Amy J's Pasties and cookie dough for a physics trip May 9-11 with Lake Linden students. The softball team is also brainstorming different ideas for fundraising.
- The Michigan State students presenting 'Science Theater' also came to Jeffers and it was well received.
- Mr. Kilpela has also been having a master gardener from MSU come in once a week with the greenhouse classes.
- Ms. Lucchesi, cosmetology teacher, had donations of over \$1200 worth of equipment to her program.
- Emily Raffaelli, music director, has been busy with different events such as Solo and Ensemble, High School Band Festival, and Middle School Band Festival. Jeffers students did well at them.

- Mrs. Pera, math and science teacher, took 7th and 8th grade girls to GET WISE (GET Women In Science and Engineering). The 7th grade is doing MISTar, the pilot program in science.
- Ms. Ruohonen, social studies teacher, took students on a field trip to the courthouse to see the legal system. Judge Wisti was very accommodating.
- Mr. Lishinski requested a meeting with the curriculum committee to discuss items such as course offerings and class sizes. CPR will be required to teach at one point in 7th-12th. There are different ways to look at to doing this.
- Junior High Volleyball and Elementary Basketball is going well. There was a questions about JH Volleyball start times. The host school lets Chassell know the times, who pass it along to Mr. Lishinski who puts it out. There was recently a mix up with a school because of extenuating circumstances.
- Softball starts this week and baseball soon. They are looking for a track coach. Golf numbers were low but he has been talking to students and the potential number has grown. They think they have a coach ready.

Committee Reports

- There were no committee reports.

Submitted by Valerie Dobson, South Range Elementary