

BOE Meeting Highlights

Board of Education Meeting August 9, 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 August 9. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. in the Jeffers Media Center.

Public Participation

- There were no public comments.

Superintendent's Report-Tim Keteri

- There was a written report given to the Board from Superintendent Keteri who could not be at the meeting. Included were lunch price increases, \$2.15 at SRE, \$2.40 at JHS, \$3.40 for adults, and \$0.40 for milk.

Principal's Report-Kim Harris, South Range Elementary

- A letter was sent to parents about interest for the after school program which will be ran differently this year. The school received a decent response with 14 students showing an interest.
- The school thanks Northern Hardwoods and Ginseng Farm for their donations of wood chips for the playgrounds.
- The school thanks Vitality Chiropractic and Wellness in South Range for running their back to school drive.
- Mrs. Harris recommends the hiring of Natalie Sitko (soon to be Peterson) to the K-12 art position. She had a really good interview.
- She recommends the hiring of Laura Erickson as cook at SRE. She had been the substitute last year.
- The Handbook to be approved tonight does not have any policy changes.
- Monday, August 14th will be the Family Folder pick up at SRE. Any not picked up next week will be mailed out.
- There will be a teacher inservice on August 29th.
- Orientation for Kindergarten and 4th grade will be August 30th. Kindergarten will be at 6PM, 4th will be at 7PM.
- Mrs. Harris and Mr. Lishinski recently attended a workshop about teacher assessment. It made them feel comfortable in the way the district assesses using student growth and Student Learning Objectives for evaluation.
- There were recent enrollments in kindergarten, bringing it to 30 students. With this, she highly recommends keeping it in 2 classes and hiring a full time teacher. There will still be holes in the schedule with jobs and duties but the staff will just have to do their best to cover it.

- There was recent damage to 2 windows at the school. Workers from Bay Electric did a good job of catching the kids who did it and calling the police. The parents have offered to pay for the damage.

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

- Mr. Lishinski and Mr. Keteri recently attended an administrators conference.
- The conference that he and Mrs. Harris attended also made him feel like the district is in good shape being ahead of other districts just beginning to use tools for assessment the district already uses.
- He also fully recommends Natalie Sitko (almost Peterson) for the art position. She will be a great fit with the staff and students.
- The social studies position that was filled in the spring is now again open. The person who was taking the position was offered another position closer to his home.
- August 28th will be the first cross country meet.
- August 29th will be orientations for 7th and 9th grades.
- First day of school is September 5th.
- For coaching positions, he recommends continuing with all coaches. There are some open positions, the interest has been pretty slim.
- The handbook to be approved has some language changes in policy but nothing major.
- It was asked if Mr. Lishinski will be doing baseline concussion testing for athletes, he answered he recently received information for how he will be able to do that.
- After getting feedback for a staff survey in the spring, he and Mrs. Harris will be working with the staff on the Adams' ABCs, focusing on Academic excellence, Behavior, and Communication.

Board Member Kristen Archambeau

- She was approached by Gail Mickalich about hosting a craft show to benefit Jeffers Athletics on October 14th. The Board ok'd it.

Finance Committee Report-Steve Nicholas

- Discussing the issue of Title 1 funding being cut, the committee recommends to fund the Title 1 program this year trying to not go into fund equity. With that being said, they are also still committed to small class sizes and with the recent enrollments, it is still necessary to have two kindergarten classes and to hire a teacher for the position. To keep costs down the district will not hire an aide and cleaning at Jeffers will be privatized. With these plans in place, the district should still be at the 5% goal in fund equity at the end of the year.
- The Post Office signed a lease.

Action Items

- The Board discussed several action items.

Submitted by Valerie Dobson, South Range Elementary