

# BOE Meeting Highlights

## Board of Education Meeting September 13, 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 September 13. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. in the Jeffers Media Center.

### Public Participation

- There were no public comments on this beautiful, sunny, September night.

### Superintendent's Report-Tim Keteri

- There will be an opportunity for junior high students to see a presentation against drugs and alcohol. The students would then make a pledge to not use and rise together to stand against drugs and alcohol. There will be presentations by people who formerly used and how it affected their lives. Parents will have the choice to opt in for their student to go.
- The Post Office signed a lease and has caught up on rent.
- The last payment on the line for Semco will be in November. The district will start to see a savings from getting natural gas.
- Jim Hanner approached Mr. Keteri about doing maintenance for the district. The staff the district has now keeps up with the cleaning but it is understaffed to do maintenance and usually the district has to call companies for maintenance. Mr. Keteri will try out Mr. Hanner on some issues to see how it goes. The posts at the elementary school are a problem Mr. Keteri is aware of and working on a solution.
- Duane Snell retired as the Boys Varsity Basketball Coach and will be missed. Trent Keteri moved up to replace him. Ethan Kinnunen will be Boys JV Basketball Coach. John Schutz will be the Boys Junior High Basketball Coach.
- The enrollment is steady at around 460 students for the district. The budget will be tight with no extra things. The next budget will have to be squeezed.
- Mr. Keteri recognized D&L Janitorial for the great job they did with the summer cleaning.
- The Foundation Dinner will be September 30<sup>th</sup>. There are still tickets available.
- Mr. Keteri is currently in the process of getting ads from businesses for the 5K.
- Cleaning bids for the second and third floor at Jeffers came in from Jim Hanner, UP Janitorial and D&L Janitorial. UP Janitorial was the lowest.

- Bussing with R&A has had a rough start this year. Buses only got to the school a few days before school began and half did not have radios. There are no extra buses in place if something goes wrong or for athletic events. For as much as the district pays for bussing, it shouldn't cause as much stress.

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

- Next Tuesday is the Ice Cream Social and Back to School Book Fair.
- The Booster Club will be doing their annual fundraiser, the Believe catalog sale, the same as the past several years.
- The opening day inservice went great. Lynette Borree addressed the SRE staff about positive behavior support. When the district staff was together, they spoke about the Adams ABCs.
- Kindergarten round up went well, put on by Mrs. Geshel and Miss Myers, as did the Fourth Grade Orientation put on by Mrs. Normand and Mrs. Schuett.
- The new hires have been doing great. Mrs. Natalie Peterson is a lovely addition to the art program. Mrs. Barb Irizarry has jumped right in to first grade and Miss Chelsea Myers has settled into kindergarten. Mrs. Geborkoff had a baby this summer and is happy to spend time at home. Josh Normand is filling in as the long term sub.
- The after school program has been going well and Mrs. Harris is glad it was continued. It wasn't widely advertised and already has 15 students in the program. Janel Majjala is running it, she had worked with the GE program at SRE for the last several years.
- Mrs. Harris thanked the Ladies Auxillary and Vitatlity Chiropractic who donated school supplies.

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

- The year is going well, everyone's jumped right in and is doing a good job.
- Mrs. Larson was awarded \$100 MEEMIC Scholastic book grant.
- Ms. Raether would like to fundraise for the German trip to Frankenmuth.
- There will be a basketball camp on the 23<sup>rd</sup> for grades 2-12.
- The Onkalo Bowl will be on the morning of September 29<sup>th</sup> at Chassell. That afternoon will be a teacher inservice.
- The Jeffers 5K/10K will be the morning of September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The new social studies teacher, Mr. Rick Cormier has been a great fit.
- Duane Snell retired as the Boys Varsity Basketball coach. He was a fixture at Jeffers for a long time and will be missed. There are good people stepping in the coaching positions in boys basketball.
- One thing that other schools do is to bring athletes to a game and they get rides home. Mr. Lishinski would not recommend this for several reasons. On a case by case basis there may be a reason where this would be a viable option but not as the norm.
- At this time the Copper Country Christian School cannot join MHSAA and therefore cannot co-op with Jeffers.

#### **Board Member Eric Mattila**

- Mr. Mattila was concerned with discrepancies in supply lists for students. He feels there should be better communication with the school and parents about what is needed before school starts so there isn't a rush in the first week of school to go find more supplies. He suggested that the Foundation pay for supplies as the district pays for cleaning supplies for the companies that come in. Mrs. Harris added that the lists are suggested, not mandatory, and there are supplies available for students who need it and that many parents call in July excited to buy supplies. It was acknowledged that the Jeffers list should be sent out sooner. Part of the discrepancy comes from changes in scheduling and staff before the year begins.

**Action Items**

- The Board discussed several action items.

*Submitted by Valerie Dobson, South Range Elementary*