

BOE Meeting Highlights

Board of Education Meeting October 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 September 13. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. in the Jeffers Media Center.

Public Participation

- Some of the hockey players asked if they'd be allowed to do a fundraiser to get new white jerseys as the ones they have now are getting old and are heavy and warm to wear. The cost would be around \$5,000. Some ideas they had were to sell coffee and/or Krispy Kreme doughnuts. They will run the specifics with Mr. Lishinski or Mr. Keteri before doing it.

Superintendent's Report-Tim Keteri

- The student count is lower this year but within the expectations they had with the budget. Last year's graduating class was larger than normal. The budget is still in line.
- The Foundation Dinner raised over \$10,000. The money goes directly to the school through Foundation programs. The Foundation represents the school well in terms of its vision and what the school needs. They are currently raffling a handmade birdseye table for \$5 a ticket. It will be on display for the public at basketball games.
- The 5K/10K went very well and raised over \$5,000 in profit for athletics. There are still shirts left over for purchase of \$15. The design this year was by student Claire Huuki.
- Mr. Keteri had the plans for the culinary school on display. They've walked through with contractors. He has someone set up to be the chef to run it.
- There has been frustration with transportation this year with bussing, from routes to sizes of loads. Routes have had to be redone several times because we did not have larger capacity buses to serve the number of students with the current routes. There are currently no spare buses available. The district can't continue the year with the way it is. He met with Lamars who gave a good proposal with competitive prices and can begin bussing on November 27th. If there is a problem before that, they are confident they would be able to provide coverage. Current drivers for the district would be offered jobs first to provide a seamless and comfortable change for families.

Principal's Report-Kim Harris, South Range Elementary

- The Student of the Month program has been changed to Jet of the Month. It recognizes two students each from the lower and upper el who not only follow expectations but go above and beyond.
- At the recent half day inservice, the staff met as a district and went over the evaluation process and Student Learning Objects.
- The first grade went on outdoor field trips with the Western Upper Peninsula Center for Science.
- The 5th and 6th graders went on a field trip for chorus.
- Author Kitty Donohoe will be visiting next week with Mrs. Larson's 4th and 5th grade writing classes and also presenting to the 2nd and 3rd graders.
- Mrs. Destrampe, 4-6 social studies teacher, had Janet Kokko and Jean Pemberton present to students about the Adams train that brought students to school.
- At recent grade level meetings, they had Angela Emblad, the ISD reading specialist, sit in to go over reading data and discuss the Reading Retention bill.
- This Friday will be an area wide teacher inservice. Mrs. Normand, 4-6 English teacher, and Mrs. Larson, 4-6 writing teacher, will be presenting.
- Friday is also Fire Prevention day for students.
- At the Fall Book Fair ran by Mrs. Dobson, the school raised around \$800 for new books for the library.

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

- The recent Lake Perrault BioBlitz and Onkalo Bowl went well. Unfortunately, Jeffers lost Onkalo. Mr. Miller tried to incentivize students with reduced priced Mountain Dew if they won, but had to instead replace it with vegan yogurt.
- Ms. Raether, student senate adviser, would like to have a Haunted House and Dance on October 27th. It didn't raise a lot of money last year but students and people who came to it had a good time. She would also like to do a book fair at Jeffers to raise money for books for the JHS library.
- Testing is ongoing. The Juniors recently took the PSAT. The ASVAB is next week.
- Holocaust survivor, Irene Miller, will be speaking at Jeffers on Tuesday. It is welcome to the public.
- The 5K and 10K went well and raised a good amount of money.
- There will be a craft fair show on Saturday to benefit Jeffers athletics. There 36 vendors. The sixth graders will have a bake sale to support Camp Nesbitt. Board Member Archambeau thanking the Mickalich, Zerbst, and Bonini families for their help and Toucan Sam's and Mattila Rock and Dock for paying for an ad.
- There is a West PAC Cross Country Invite at the Kilpela Farm tomorrow.
- Softball numbers are down a little. Chassell would like to co-op with us. A co-op is good for two years. It would still be a Jeffers named team.

- There is still an opening for Girls JV basketball. They had a coach lined up but they moved away for a job. He has an interview on Friday.
- Board Member Mattila mentioned that Copper Bowl is in two weeks and is also Senior Night for the senior football players.

Action Items

- The Board discussed several action items.

Submitted by Valerie Dobson, South Range Elementary