

# BOE Meeting Highlights

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

### Public Participation

- Casandra Mattila spoke about her concern about her children's bussing schedule. They get picked up close to 8 and feel rushed when they get to school to have time to eat breakfast. They also walk through an alley way to another street and won't be able to once the snow comes. Mrs. Harris assured her that the students are allowed to eat when they come to school and are not marked tardy. Some students are picked up as early as 7 so it's hard to push the times earlier. It is something the school is aware of and looking at.

### Superintendent's Report-Tim Keteri

- Mr. Keteri was not present.

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

- This Friday is a half day inservice. It will be the only time this year that the staff will collaborate with Dollar Bay.
- This Thursday is Parent/Teacher conferences. There is a plan in place in case there is a snow day or delay.
- Irene Miller, a holocaust survivor, spoke at Jeffers and the 6<sup>th</sup> graders got to go. It was a phenomenal presentation and she was glad the students were able to listen.
- Mrs. Destrampe , social studies teacher, had the Keweenaw Historical National Park do a presentation to the 4<sup>th</sup> graders. A representative will be talking to the staff at an upcoming meeting about different things they provide.
- Players from the MTU Hockey team came in to Mrs. Normand's class. Her fourth grade homeroom will get to go to the Tech/NMU game.
- The transition to Lamers bussing has been great, she can't say enough positive things about the company. The district had to switch early and Lamers was able to find busses to use. They've been great and professional to work with. All the same drivers were kept to make the transition as smooth as possible.

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

- Mrs. Raffaelli, music director, would like to take the senior band kids on a trip. They have a few options for where to go and would like to fundraise. The Board said they would need more details from her first.

- Ms. Raether, German and English teacher, held the Haunted House and Halloween dance with the Student Senate. She also held a book fair with help from Mrs. Dobson and made some money for new books for Jeffers.
- Mrs. Pera, math and science teacher, took students to the Blizzard Bowl where a students placed 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Michigan Tech Engineering Ambassadors came and made silly putty with students.
- Mrs. Pera and Ms. Ruohonen with help from the Keweenaw Historical Park service, took the 8<sup>th</sup> graders to Old Victoria.
- Mr. Kilpela, science teacher, will be out soon for paternity leave. He recently had an astronomy night at the Kilpela Farm which was well attended. His Cross Country season ended and was a good season with high numbers.
- Mr. Kilpela along with Mr. Palosaari have been learning about 3D printers. There are several teachers in the district that are trained on them.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences are Thursday.
- The Irene Miller presentation went well and was well received. Many thanked her and the school for the presentation.
- The new JV girls basketball coach is Addie Saltarelli, based upon his and Girls Head Coach Joe Romano's recommendation. The JV and varsity practices have started, there are 27 on both teams.
- The Junior High Boys Basketball season has begun. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders are 1-2, the 8<sup>th</sup> graders 2-1.
- Boys Basketball will start next week. There will be 12-14 boys on JV and Varsity.
- Hockey tryouts were held and the season will begin soon. There are 18 total, 12 JHS, 1 from Dollar Bay, and 5 from Lake Linden.

Kristen Archambeau-Board Member

- She recently ran the Craft Show which raised money for athletics. They raised about \$800 from table fees and the 50/50. The hallway and old gym were full. It was really good and had a lot of traffic. In the future it was suggested to make it a little shorter and to sell food like hot dogs and chips. The 6<sup>th</sup> graders had a bake sale to raise money for Camp Nesbit. She thanked Toucan's and Mattila Rock and Dock for sponsoring the ad in the Daily Mining Gazette. She thanked the hockey team who helped haul tables and set up and take down. People commented on how polite and well-mannered they were.

**Action Items**

- The Board had no action items.

*Submitted by Valerie Dobson, South Range Elementary*