

BOE Meeting Highlights

Board of Education Meeting December 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 December 13. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. in the Jeffers Media Center.

Public Participation

- Emily Raffaelli addressed the board about fundraising for a senior band trip. There are three seniors and they have 3 different options depending on how much money they raise, including a 3 night Bahama Cruise, a road trip to Nashville, and a road trip to Detroit. They'd like to do car drives once a month, sell flowers at band concerts, sell Amy J's pasty's after Christmas Break, have bakes sales at lunch twice a month, and sell 50/50 at basketball games.

Superintendent's Report-Tim Keteri

- The Culinary program is moving along getting ready for students. It is being funded by the Foundation and is still on target to begin in the second semester.
- A plan to cover the Superintendent's Office is currently being accomplished in which a monthly report on the progress will be given.
- The Audit was presented. The district is at 8% fund equity which puts the district in good shape. The student population is the source of the funding.
- In August the district could look for a bond millage increase to go towards roofs and building maintenance.

Principal's Report-Kim Harris, South Range Elementary

- Thank you to Mrs. Raffaelli, music director, and the entire staff for all of their work with the Christmas Program. Parents certainly enjoy the evening performance.
- Miss Nordstrom, first grade teacher, and Mrs. Feeley, resource room teachers, attended an assessment workshop about aligning curriculum. Miss Nordstrom is also taking literacy trainings. Mrs. Lishinski, third grade teacher, is taking technology training.
- The Hei Suomi program will be in April. Mrs. Lishinski and Mrs. Pyykkonen, third grade teacher, will also be participating in a class this winter, "Understanding and Applying the Finnish Education Model".
- The PBIS Team includes Mrs. Pyykkonen, Miss Nordstrom, Mrs. Geshel, kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Feeley, and Mrs. Normand, English teacher. They have been going over school-wide behavioral expectations.

- The Health Committee includes Mrs. Geshel, Mrs. Schuett, science teacher, Mrs. Larson, writing teacher, and Ms. Lehto, math teacher. They received a \$2,500 grant for snowshoes, a \$2,000 grant for active seating options such as stability balls and stand up desks, and will be presenting a speaker during March on the topic of media use.

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

- Ms. Raether, German teacher, wanted to ask for permission to take over the Camp Nesbit pizza kit sales for this year. Camp Nesbit has tentatively reached their fundraising limit.
- Mrs. Pera and the High School Bowl team competed in Marquette on December 13th. Also the MTU student chapter of the Society of Automotive Engineers is volunteering in her 8th grade science class to help the students build fuel cell cars. Materials were provided.
- Mr. Palosaari, science teacher, traveled to Marquette on November 29 to pick up the salmon for the Salmon in the Classroom project that Jeffers has participated in the last few years.
- Mr. Kilpela, science teacher, wanted to thank everyone for the support he and his wife received with the welcoming of their second child, Stina Elisabeth. Mom and baby are both doing well.
- Mrs. Raffaelli, band director, will be running the Winter Band Concert at JHS on December 19. The concert will take place at 7PM in the old gym. The elementary program on December 7 was well attended and went very well.
- Christmas Break will begin for students after school on December 20. Students will return to school on January 2.
- There was a student discipline issue that was handled.
- The 7th and 8th grade boys' basketball tournaments are ongoing this week. 7th grade was first seed in Division 2 but lost their first game. 8th grade was the second seed in Division 1. They won their first game but lost the second by 3 points and earned 2nd place.
- Jeffers is hosting the district 128 varsity girls' basketball tournament this year. Tournament dates are 2/26, 2/28, and 3/2. Jeffers play their first game at 7:30 on 2/26 against Chassell.
- The varsity boys' basketball tournament will be in Dollar Bay this year. Tournament dates are 3/5, 3/7, and 3/9. Jeffers play their first game at 7:30 on 3/5 against Ontonagon.
- The WestPAC was realigned and may have some implications. Basketball may possibly lose one boys game which will be picked up by Ontonagon. Cross Country may possibly have to form a small school conference similar to the old Copper Country Conference. Jeffers would still have some meets with WestPAC schools. Finals plans have not been made for CC. Volleyball would lose non-conference matches which would impact the ability to have a full schedule.
- The Board needs to make a decision about the future of the volleyball program. The co-op agreement with Chassell ends after this season. Jeffers have the numbers to sponsor their own program. It would

require district investment in uniforms, coaching, official and worker fees, and equipment. Other Copper Mountain Conference athletic directors suggested this would be a good time to join the conference due to the WestPAC realignment.

Action Items

- The Board discussed action items.

Submitted by Valerie Dobson, South Range Elementary