

BOE Meeting Highlights

Board of Education Meeting February 14, 2018

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 February 14. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. in the Jeffers Media Center.

Public Participation

- Senior student Adelinn Huuki addressed the Board for permission to do a Friday Fun Night as a fundraiser for the senior class to pay for graduation expenses. It would be March 9th from 6-9PM for K-6 SRES students. They would have movies playing and sports to play in the gym. It would be \$5 per student and there would be concessions for them to purchase. Right now the senior class is about half way to their fundraising goal from selling 50/50 tickets at basketball games.

Superintendent's Report-Tim Keteri

- The budget is looking great this year, there will be an excess at the end and it's good to not be going backwards. There is about \$322,000 in fund equity, he would like to see that at \$400,000. There was some savings in budgeted areas such as heating, power, and transportation. There wasn't a lot of athletic fundraising this year so that took a little away. There is expected to be a state aid increase which would help.
- UPEA will present next month about their bid for the bond proposal updating. They had different ideas about how to change the layout of the changes that the school would like to make.
- The insurance claim was made on the JHS roof. It needed 6 more joist beams.
- The new floor scrubbers are in, making the maintenance staff very happy.
- The Culinary Center is finished and the program is up and running. He invited anyone interested into looking at it after the meeting.
- Bridge Magazine named Adams Township Schools as a 2018 Academic State Champion school district. (Article available in announcements on district webpage.) The district has always felt confident that students are ready when they graduate but it is nice to be recognized.

Principal's Report-Kim Harris, South Range Elementary

- The school participates in Accelerated Reader, a program where students read a book and then take a quiz on it to earn points. They get into different clubs with their points. Mrs. Dobson the librarian, created the

Diamond Club for students that 'beat' her. It's a nice way to keep the students reading.

- Mrs. Harris shared the January 'Jets of the Month', students that are recognized for going above and beyond to set a good example. At the first of every month the students are asking who it is, excited to find out.
- The school received a UP Health Grant and the items purchased with it are starting to come in. The school bought nice new snowshoes and flexible seating. Students are excited about it all already.
- Sue Destrampe, 4-6 social studies teacher, has been raising money with bake sales for the 4th grade to go to the Quincy Mine. They are about half way there.
- The K-3 staff has been meeting about curriculum. They are currently focusing on math. Mande Lehto, the 4-6 math teacher has been working with them.
- Damien Heikkinen, a sixth grader, was recently recognized at the VFW for getting 1st place in the Patriot's Pen Essay contest.
- Reading Month will be in March. Students are already getting excited, asking what book the school will be doing for All School Reads. This year there will also be a Challenge going along with it for families to reduce screen time. March 12th will be reading night and there will be a speaker for parents speaking about children and screen time.
- At a recent inservice, Laura Larson, 4-6 writing teacher, presented to K-6 about writing. Madeline Larson, JHS English teacher, presented to the K-12 staff on reading. At an upcoming inservice, Ms. Lehto will present to K-6 on math.

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

- Charles Palosaari, science teacher, is working on the LSSI grant that helps with trips to Lake Perrault and Salmon in the Classroom.
- HOSA regionals were February 2nd in Escanaba. Students had to work through different emergency situations. Some Jeffers students made it to move on to the state level.
- There will be an inservice Friday.
- Morgan Raether, English and German teacher and Student Senate adviser, has been working with Student Senate on Homecoming. Next Monday will be opening ceremonies. Wednesday will be the Winter Olympics, and Friday will be the coronation.
- Shelly Lucchesi, cosmetology instructor, has been doing a great job with the program. They recently visited local salons to learn from other stylists.
- The Copper Mountain Conference accepted Jeffers volleyball. As of now there are 13 matches scheduled this fall, he is trying to get in a few more. Any equipment for the program would be on next year's budget. There is an interest for the coaching position.
- Senior Parents' Night will be held on February 22.

- There is a possibility that Jeffers will be approached by other schools for them to join the Hockey co-op. If this happens, Jeffers would need to go into another conference.
- Districts are coming up for winter sports. Girls Basketball will be held at Jeffers this year. Jeffers plays February 26 against Chassell. Boys Basketball will be at Dollar Bay. Hockey is coming up as well.
- Sean Connors, softball coach, recently got a batting cage donated to the school.

Action Items

- The Board discussed action items.

Submitted by Valerie Dobson, South Range Elementary