

# BOE Meeting Highlights

## Board of Education Meeting March 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 March 14. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. in the Jeffers Media Center.

### Public Participation

- There were no public comments.

### Superintendent's Report-Tim Keteri

- Mr. Keteri was not present.

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

- Kindergarten registration will be April 6<sup>th</sup>.
- The school is in the midst of reading month. The school is reading "No Talking" by Andrew Clements. The students have been different challenges with 'no talking' such as in the lunchroom. Going along with reading month is another 'Take the Challenge' to teach students about cutting back on screen time. It's eye opening to see how much time is spent in front of the tv, tablets, phones, and computers. At Family Reading Night there was a speaker that presented to parents about it. The Book Fair is also this week. Val Dobson puts in a lot of work to raise money for the library.
- On February 28<sup>th</sup> they had parent teacher conferences for certain students.
- Last Wednesday there was an area wide in-service in Houghton that teachers attended.
- Elementary Basketball has started. Ms. Lehto, math teacher, is coaching 24 girls. Mrs. Larson, writing teacher, is coaching 16 boys. There is a lot of upcoming talent.
- There was recently a house fire for a family in our district. The elementary had a penny war to collect money for them and raised over \$1200 in one week!

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

- Ms. Raether, English/German teacher, Mr. Kilpela, science teacher, and Mr. Cormier, social studies teacher, are all enrolled in two graduate level classes at NMU, funded by a Step UP grant.
- Ms. Pera, math/science teacher, recently brought 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls to GET WISE, Get Women In Science and Engineering, at Tech. She also has the MTU engineering ambassadors working with the 8<sup>th</sup> graders working on fuel cell cars.
- JHS teachers also attended the recent area wide in-service.

- March 23<sup>rd</sup> is the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Time is flying by.
- He is training in Escanaba with Navigate Leadership.
- The National Honor Society is volunteering at a local church to prepare and serve meals. Mrs. Harris noted they also helped out a lot at the recent Family Reading Night.
- The JHS Band recently earned a '1' at Band Festival, for the first time since 2010.
- The Girls Basketball Tournament went well. Monday night was the most well attended with Jeffers playing with over 400 tickets. Wednesday and Friday night had sales of around 350. Good luck to the Chassell girls that beat us, they are one of 4 teams left in the state.
- He applied for the Great Lakes Hockey Conference and is waiting for a decision at a meeting by other athletic directors. The conference would then be 8 teams and would probably be split. Depending on the split, Jeffers would play more local games. L'Anse and Baraga would like to co-op with Jeffers. It could help make Jeffers more competitive and also give more chances for practicing at the L'Anse arena.
- Junior High Volleyball and Elementary Basketball have begun. Spring Sports are here.
- The Baseball team would like to sell Jeffers apparel. He wants it as a fundraiser but also to get more Jeffers branding out in the community. There isn't any expense to the district and they would make a profit after 50 items sold.

#### **Action Items**

- There were no action items.

*Submitted by Valerie Dobson, South Range Elementary*