

BOE Meeting Highlights

Board of Education Meeting May 9, 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 May 9. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. in the Jeffers Media Center.

Public Participation

- There was a moment of silence for Jay Stevens, a 2016 Jeffers graduate who recently passed.
- There were no public comments.

Superintendent's Report-Tim Keteri

- For the first year in a long time, the food service account will end with a positive balance. This is from commodity buying ingredient, good menu planning, and identifying free and reduced lunch price students.
- The Bond planning is going well. The ballot language and scope of the project have been determined. The ballot will have to say a millage of 24.9 years but there is already 15 years. This bond proposal will just extend it by 14 years. The language will also have to say that the millage will be paying back money borrowed from the school bond fund. This is an accounting thing that is frequently done with bonds. This bond proposal would allow the district to do \$5.3 million worth of projects and upgrades without raising taxes.
- Staffing next year will have some changes. Due to resignations and retirements the district will need a full time resource room teacher at JHS, a full time English teacher at JHS, a part time elective teacher for K-8, a head cook at JHS, a full time maintenance worker for JHS, and a school year secretary at SRES.
- The principal evaluations were submitted. He fully recommends a renewal of their contracts. The ABC plan implemented in the beginning of the year is putting the district in a good direction. Nothing is perfect but it has been a wonderful year.
- Negotiations with the teaching staff will be coming up in May.

Principal's Report-Kim Harris, South Range Elementary

- Miss Dykehouse, K-12 art teacher, had two of her elementary art students place in the "My Green School" contest. She was also recognized as an outstanding senior graduate at Northern Michigan University.
- Mrs. Schuett, 4-6 science teacher, recently had a 'Donor's Choose' fundraiser for a color printer for science fair projects. It was fully funded within 6 days by local donors and out of state donors.
- MSTEP testing is continuing.

- The 4th graders went to the Quincy Mine with Mrs. Destrampe, social studies teacher. Parent chaperones said the children were wonderful. They will be going to Calumet to a Keweenaw Historical site. The 6th graders will be going with Mrs. Schuett to Lake Perrault. The 6th graders also have Camp Nesbitt coming up.
- Mrs. Raffaelli recently had her elementary choir kids perform at the Rosza in 'Together in Song' with other school choirs. The Spring Concert is tonight.
- The Special Education Parent Advisory Committee will be recognizing SRE's upper elementary teachers with a 'Spirit of Collaboration' award. A parent of a student nominated them.
- Mrs. Schuett and Ms. Lehto, 4-6 math teacher, will be going to a STEM training in Houston, Texas this summer. They received a competitive grant for it.

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

- The Academic Awards Ceremony was on April 25th.
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security Special Agent Todd Wilton spoke to 6-12 grade students and community members on April 26th about internet safety. It was well received.
- Ms. Raether, English and German teacher, took the German club to Frankenmuth in the beginning of May. It went well and she got good feedback from the students. She is also putting on a school play, "Cinderella" on May 18th at 7PM.
- The Spring Concert is on May 9th at 7PM.
- Ms. Brinegar, special education teacher, has tendered her resignation. She accepted a position with the National Park Service. He thanks her for her time at JHS and wishes her well in her new position. He recommends posting a secondary resource room position.
- Ms. Ruohonen, junior high English teacher, has submitted her retirement letter. She has been a fixture at JHS and will be greatly missed. He thanks her for all of her work and wishes her a happy retirement. He recommends posting a secondary English position.
- Mrs. Larson, English teacher, recently had her second child and has requested to go to a part time schedule next year. He recommends to accept the request and to post a part time position to cover it.
- Looking an enrollment projection, he anticipates needing to split each grade level next year. The current 8th grade is the smallest section with 27 students but he anticipates getting 9 students from E.B. Holman for next year. The need to split all levels requires all of the three positions mentioned previously.
- Class Day will be on May 25 at 9AM. Graduation will be that night at 7PM.
- Spring Sports are finally here.
- The Boys Basketball team would like to do a can drive after all other fundraisers to raise money for a shooting machine.

Action Items

The Board discussed several action items and then went into closed session.

Submitted by Valerie Dobson, South Range Elementary