

BOE Meeting Highlights

Board of Education Meeting July 11, 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.

Public Participation

- Tim Seppanen, the owner's representative for the district with the upcoming bond improvements, gave a presentation to the Board about the issues and recommendations and plans done with UP Engineering.
 - Issues at JHS include the roof leaking over the old gym, limited use of the gyms due to dual use as a cafeteria and for athletics, the need for a new main entry in the back because of snow removal and moving the principal's office to the entrance for security purposes, the lockers are in need of replacement, lack of storage, classroom equipment and technology needing upgrades, and the pool which has not been able to be used for the past few years needs work before it can be used again.
 - Issues at SRE include the roof which is 22 years old and beyond its warranty, all windows need to be replaced, lack of storage, classroom equipment and technology upgrades including carpeting, moving the principal's office for security purposes, masonry work on the columns at the entrance because of ice and expansion damage.
 - The proposal would extend the bond for 11.45 years. Taxes would not increase. All funding would go towards needed building and classroom maintenance and upgrades, nothing is for athletics.
 - Plans for JHS include building a new cafeteria above the old gym on the third floor, instead of a new roof and building a cafeteria somewhere else. It would utilize three walls already in place so it would be building one new wall and bumping the roof up a floor. It would keep the outside brick façade as the inside walls to maintain the original structure and design. There would be a great view of the Huron mountains and create a nice flow for the third floor and to the rest of the building. The old gym would get a new weight room and new locker and shower rooms so that the old gym would be a designated gym for P.E. A new bumped out entrance would be built in the back including a commons area and new principal's office. The office would overlook the entrance and commons area creating a more secure environment. It would not be renovating any of the addition of the 'new' gym, but building off of it. It would tie in all

the back with the new addition of the cafeteria. One of the overarching goals was to not change the overall design of the historic Jeffers building. Plans for SRE would be a new roof, windows, and masonry work on the columns. For both buildings there would be technology upgrades in the computer labs, new smartboards where needed, and video door entries. The pool would get new chlorine pumps and needed work on the lights and tiles.

- There will informational work for the public on July 18th at 6PM at JHS and July 25th at 6PM at SRE.

Superintendent's Report-Tim Keteri

- Steve Aho is recommended for the JHS Special Education position. With that all open positions are filled except for head cook and elementary secretary. He would like to fill those as privatized positions. Privatized positions are hired through a company so the Board does not approve those positions but Mr. Keteri or Mr. Lishinski as the Athletic Director as some coaching positions are like that.
- He met with union members of the support staff about negotiations. They have a T.A. if the Board approves. They will go into closed session about it.
- The SRE After School Program came in under budget. It cost the district about \$5,000 after family payments and the Foundation donation. Without the Foundation support the district would not be able to run the program. He recommends keeping the program if the Foundation would agree to fund part again. To cut costs to the district he would raise prices. Right now they are \$3 a day or \$1 for reduced/free lunch families. 21 students participated in the program.
- He provided the Board with a breakdown of what each sport's overall cost is to the district. This year was around \$56,000. The 5K/10K is the main fundraiser. Concessions gives about \$2,000. Students in the district are not limited in their choices for sports. The highest cost sport is hockey.

Principal's Report-Kim Harris, South Range Elementary

- Cleaning at the school is going well at SRE. Ron Outinen and Paul Ek, maintenance, and Dylan Nettell, their student worker, are doing a great job. The classrooms have been cleaned and the floors are up next.
- The Health committee is on year two of their grant from UP Health. Last year they received a \$5,000 grant. It is expected to get that and more this year.
- Teacher evaluations have been completed and assignments for next year were sent out.
- They haven't received new kindergarten registrations yet, it's still at 29 students. They usually get more in August.

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

- Professional development is ongoing.
- Teacher assignments have been sent.

- He recommends the hiring of Steve Aho for the Special Education position.
- He is working on the student handbook and athletic code and will present them in August.
- He recommends keeping all coaches in their positions. There are two vacancies in Elementary Boys Basketball and Varsity Baseball.
- He recommends changes to ticket prices for home games, Jeffers has had the lowers gate prices for a while. Adult tickets would go from \$4 to \$5. Student and senior prices would stay the same. A family all season pass would go from \$135 to \$150. They also would add a single person all season pass.

Action Items

The Board discussed several action items.

Submitted by Valerie Dobson, South Range Elementary