

BOE Meeting Highlights

Board of Education Meeting September 12, 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

- Emily Raffaelli, band director, asked for permission for the senior band students to fundraise for their senior trip. They have two options, a Carnival cruise or a trip to Wisconsin Dells. They would like to do car drives, sell candy bars, and do bake sales. She also brought in a band uniform, one of 90 that were donated by a friend of hers from Pennfield that had gotten new ones. She looked into how much it would be to switch the logos from Pennfield to Jeffers and it was about \$50 a uniform. Usually uniforms are \$600 a piece. Right now she has 30 band students that would need a uniform.
- Morgan Raether, English and German teacher at JHS, would again like to take students on a tour in Europe. It would be next school year so it's open to current 8th-11th graders so next year they would be high schoolers. She surveyed classes and 40 kids showed an interest. It would be around \$3000 a piece and they would try to fundraise each month. They would go to Italy, Switzerland, and Paris for 9 days.

Bond Building Report-Tim Seppanen

- Each month until building is completed, Mr. Seppanen will update the Board on progress and answer any questions.
- He congratulated and thanked the Board for passing the Bond. It had around 70% approval which is great. It shows the school and Board are well regarded by the community.
- There have been design meetings with UP Engineering at both schools. They want to have completed designs by February so they can get bids out in March to begin ordering materials in April and begin the project before the school year ends. The three main projects, the new cafeteria, new entry at Jeffers, and new office at SRE, will all be worked on simultaneously. There will be a lot of work in the summer but there will probably still be work on the cafeteria into the fall.

Superintendent's Report-Tim Keteri

- Mr. Keteri thanked the community for their support of the Bond Proposal. He is happy, humbled, and honored to be a part of the new project and the community will be pleased with the outcome.
- He is excited that enrollment is up by 5%.
- The first day of school was phenomenal thanks to a great staff.

- There is a need for a few hours of cleaning at the high school. Paul Ek was hired as partly maintenance and is already doing a great job of fixing things. D&L Janitorial came in with the lower bid. The building is looking good.
- The Foundation Dinner and 5K/10K is coming up. He and Mr. Lishinski brought in about \$4000 worth of sponsors for the tshirts. Now students need to start selling tickets.
- Some parents didn't like the large supply lists. The district may look into supplying more items. In the spring/summer it will be looked at.
- The work done on the post office/culinary building looks great and is a great addition to the Jeffers campus.

Principal's Report-Kim Harris, South Range Elementary

- The district had a great back to school inservice. The first 7 days have been going smooth. It's nice to smaller class sizes and the support needed in place as the year began. There is going to be a new kindergarten with special needs so the school will need a paraprofessional.
- Monday will be the Ice Cream Social.
- The Booster Club will begin their annual fall fundraiser beginning on September 27th.
- Transportation with Lamer's is going absolutely wonderful. It was hard working out a schedule with the challenging road conditions. The district has a huge area to cover. The buses are getting full and the district may need another bus. Buses leave at 6:30AM and get to school close to 8.

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

- The year is going well, everyone is right back in the swing of things, like they never left and the kids just got a little taller.
- Mrs. Emily Raffaelli and the band program have "met accreditation standards for excellence in school music programming" according to the Wisconsin School Music Association. It is a well-deserved award.
- Mrs. Lisa Raffaelli, math teacher, and Mr. Kilpela, science teacher, have a student teacher from MTU, Mr. Paul Smith. He's been a good fit and will get to learn from two outstanding teachers.
- Ms. Raether, Mr. Cormier, social studies teacher, and Mr. Lishinski will be taking an NMU class in the fall through a STEP UP grant focusing on best practices and developing positive strategies in the classroom.
- Mr. Kilpela and STEM 9 students will test cardboard boats they are working on at Lake Perrault.
- Mrs. Pera, math and science teacher, Mr. Palosaari, science teacher, Mrs. Larson, English teacher, and Mrs. Torp, social studies and physical ed teacher will be taking the 7th and 8th graders out to Lake Perrault.
- On October 5th the High School Bowl team will compete against Rudyard.
- Mrs. Pera will have her 7th grade math class participate in a pilot test of spatial visualization lessons developed by MTU. The 8th grade science will be pilot testing a new Mi-STAR unit.

- Enrollment is up, currently at 245 students. It's a testament to the teachers and the foundation for offering great opportunities. The 9th and 10th grade both really grew. There are some big class sizes in some sections. The Board asked about the Trades classes. They are maxed out except for cosmetology which could maybe have a few more. Board Member Nicholas said we wouldn't have growth without a great staff and they are appreciated.
- The Jeffers staff formed two teams to help with communication. There is an Emergency Management Team and Attendance Team.
- He recommended the hiring of Betsy Rajala as Junior High Girls Basketball Coach.
- Cross Country numbers are great.
- The 5K/10K is on September 29th.

Action Items

The Board discussed several action items.

Submitted by Valerie Dobson, South Range Elementary