

# BOE Meeting Highlights

Board of Education Meeting October 10, 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**

- Grace Rajala, a senior, wants the senior class to do 50/50 sales at home volleyball and basketball games for the senior class to raise money for graduation needs like flowers and gown rentals.
- Val Dobson told the Board about a new Sports Booster Club set up by a group of parents. Things they will be doing starting right away will be a \$5 half-court shot contest where businesses can sponsor the \$100 prize, letters sent to alumni and athlete parents to sponsor at different levels, and a Jeffers apparel sale.

## **Bond Building Report-Tim Seppanen**

- The contract with UPEA is being worked on. Some plans are being changed to better fit what they will need, some classrooms are being shuffled around.
- The work where the students will need should be done by the start of school. There will still be some work being done in the fall.

## **Superintendent's Report-Tim Keteri**

- Student count is up at 475 students.
- The Foundation dinner went well and raised a lot of money, over \$20,000. Board Member Nicholas complimented the culinary students on the 'fantastic' appetizers.
- The recent 5K/10K raised over \$4,000.
- The culinary building is looking phenomenally better. There are a few more things to be worked on it. The Veteran's Wall next to it is going to be moved to along the highway in Painesdale, with support from the VFW.
- A special aide was hired for the needs of a new student. Alexis Pyykkonen has a degree in psychology. Mrs. Harris said she is doing a phenomenal job.
- The support staff no longer has a union because the MEA made the decision to not represent them any longer. MESSA insurance was also dropped. A new insurance is in place for them.

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

- Mrs. Dobson, SRE parapro, did a great job with the fall Book Fair. The library doesn't have a budget and gets all new books from the proceeds of the Book Fairs. By doing this fall book fair, the library gets extra money at the larger spring book fair.

- There have been some field trips. Mrs. Destrampe has done things with the Keweenaw Historical Group. Fourth grade had an outdoor field trip at Tech.
- Teachers have been doing data review with the ISD literacy consultant. Because she services so many schools, each school has identified their own literacy expert. SRE has Sara Nordstrom, first grade teacher, who is by far their literacy expert.
- Mrs. Lishinski, technology teacher, has been doing the same role for the district with technology. She is a Classroom Makers Ambassador.
- On Friday they will have a team at the ISD working on MiBLiSi.
- Next Friday is Fire Prevention Day and then an inservice in the afternoon of an active shooter training. The fire departments were invited to stay for that training.

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

- The 11<sup>th</sup> graders took the PSAT and NMSQT tests.
- Ms. Dykehouse took the Digital Arts students to a yearbook workshop in Calumet on the 9<sup>th</sup>.
- The High School Bowl team had their competition on the 5<sup>th</sup>. It was a close game down to the wire but lost. It will air this winter.
- Mrs. Pera, science and math teacher, and Mr. Palosaari, science teacher, will be taking students to the Water Festival at MTU.
- Mrs. Sherman is hosting FAFSA night for seniors on October 17.
- Mrs. Raffaelli, band director, is hosting a concert at 7:30 on October 17 with Bruce Rundman. Admission will go towards their Band Festival trip. She and Kari Sloat, a parent, would also like to conduct a "Donor's Choose" fundraiser and look into band grant opportunities for new instruments.
- Mrs. Lishinski is one of 4 representatives from the CCISD to act as a Classroom Makers Ambassador. She'll receive \$300 to spend on classroom maker tools.
- The 5K/10K went well. There were 115 walkers/runners. There was colder weather this year. Profit will be around \$4000.
- Gail Mickalich is hosting a craft show at JHS on October 20. Profits from the table registration will go to athletics.
- Ms. Torp would like to host a volleyball camp on October 27 from 10AM-1PM for grades 5-8. The cost would be \$5 and go towards the volleyball program. Their record is pretty good and their districts will be in Watersmeet on October 31.
- Junior High Girls Basketball tournaments are coming up.

### **Action Items**

The Board discussed several action items.

*Submitted by Valerie Dobson, South Range Elementary*