

BOE Meeting Highlights

Board of Education Meeting January 14, 2015

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 January 14. The [next meeting](#) will be held Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. in the Jeffers Media Center.

Swearing In

- Re-elected Board Members Steve Nicholas and John Pastore and newly elected Member Justin Marier were sworn in.

Public participation

- Mande Lehto, sixth grade teacher and Camp Nesbit Director, asked for permission to do a fundraiser for Camp Nesbit. She will be getting samples of clothing items featuring the Jeffers logo from Impact Custom Graphics for the public to look at during Jeffers home basketball games. People can see the sizes and items offered and then order. Nothing will be bought up front in bulk. The Board approved the fundraiser.

Election of Officers

- It was moved, seconded, and all approved to keep the current roster of officers. Darren Niemi will remain president, John Pastore vice-president, Annette Butina secretary, and Steve Nicholas treasurer.

Superintendent's Report-Tim Keteri

- Mr. Keteri's evaluation needs to be done by March.
- The budget is looking good for this year with no foreseeable problems.
- Student count numbers are looking good as well. There is a possibility of getting a few new students soon.
- The District was again in the top 20% in Michigan's school ranking.
- The District will be rolling out a new website by next month.

- A committee for the ATSD Foundation recently hired a new grant writer for opportunities for funding. Dr. Frank Rugani made a donation of \$25,000 for the new trades center.
- Barb Ruotsala has been dealing with health issues. She would be allowed to video conference during the Board Meetings if needed. She would not be able to vote or be a part of a quorum without being physically present.
- Mr. Ken Kangas, social studies teacher at JHS who has also been dealing with health issues, has been doing well with his treatments out of state.
- Mr. Keteri and Mrs. Harris have been working on getting a safety grant for the district. It would be about \$70,000 to go towards security for the buildings including new lighting, a buzz-in system for the entrances, and improving the fire doors.
- With the cold weather, he acknowledged the problems that the busses have been having.

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

- Parent Teacher Conferences will be in February by teacher or parent request.
- Not a lot going on since Christmas.

Principal's Report-Mike Benda, Jeffers High School

- There was a lockdown today that went well. Within 30 seconds the floor he was on was completely locked down. It took minutes to get all of the doors in the building secured. He was in touch with the police department who let him know how quick a response would have been by officers which was surprisingly fast.
- Testing is still up in the air.

Action Items

- No action items.

-Valerie Dobson, SRES