

BOE Meeting Highlights

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

There was a moment of silence in honor of recently passed Board Member Barb Ruotsala.

Public participation

- There were no public comments.

Superintendent's Report-Tim Keteri

- The Governor's budget is out but it still has to go through the House and Senate. There is a \$75 per pupil increase but the district might lose money in other areas. It still remains to be seen how it will come out after going through the State House and Senate.
- There was an issue that came up in a sociology and current issues class at the high school. Mr. Keteri told the Board they could go into closed session to discuss the disciplinary actions taken. The district will now be seeking to fill that long term substitute position for Mr. Kangas through the rest of the year, looking specifically for someone with a social studies major.
- [District playoffs](#) are coming up for hockey, girls basketball, and boys basketball.
- There is an open seat due to the passing of long time Jeffers supporter Barb Ruotsala. In the past they have given the seat to the candidate with the next highest amount of votes in the recent election. Policy says that the Board can vote at a meeting from a pool of interested applicants. The Board decided to go this route, getting letters from interested applicants by the March 11 meeting where they can swear someone in before the meeting. The seat will be posted on the school's website and in the newspaper.
- The budget for this year is looking better compared to the projected budget than last year. There are some staffing related expenses that could not be avoided but there hasn't been a lot of maintenance issues like last year.

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

- Parent Teacher Conferences will be February 27th by teacher or parent request.
- Grades K through 3 went on a field trip today to the Rosza Center to see an Eric Carle program. It was a good experience.
- Mrs. Maierle comes in throughout the year and puts on holiday skits with the 6th grade. Today they presented a Valentine skit that went well.
- Next Tuesday will be the spelling bee, this year held at Jeffers.
- Friday will be a teacher inservice. They will start the morning at Jeffers then break into their respective buildings.

Principal's Report-Mike Benda, Jeffers High School

- The curriculum committee has been discussing social studies [requirements](#). They are considering combining history and geography into one class, which many schools do, to open up availability for more electives. Jeffers currently has a 4 year social studies requirement that they would change to a 3 year requirement which is what is state mandated.
- The growth model from testing is going to be different with the new testing. He says it doesn't matter to the staff, they will continue to keep educating the students no matter the test.
- Jeffers will have to do a tornado drill soon, it will be his first since being in the district.
- The district has an opportunity to do an inservice about using Lake Perrault but the date would have to be changed from March 13 to the 20th. The teachers' union will have to vote on it.

Action Items

- No action items.