

BOE Meeting Highlights

Board of Education Meeting March 18, 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 March 18. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. in the Jeffers Media Center.

Open Trustee Seat

There were three people that submitted a letter of interest to the Board for the open trustee seat, Jean Dutcher, Chad Snell, and Tom Wesa. Chad Snell was nominated and voted by the Board to fill the seat. He was sworn in and joined the Board for the meeting.

Public participation

- [David Archambeau, girls softball coach](#), asked the Board for permission to do a fundraiser. They will be selling Jeffers bags, waterbottles, and other such items. They will be taking orders. The Board granted permission.

Superintendent's Report-Tim Keteri

- Mr. Keteri's report was written due to him being out of town.

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

- [Reading Month](#) is going on. There are many great activities the classes are doing to reinforce reading. One standout is a presentation that [GE Coordinator Bridget Hillard](#) and her husband gave. They spent time in Africa and spoke about it along with pictures and videos. Students and staff were impressed. Another thing was that the [Booster Club](#) contributed over \$600 for free books at Reading Night. They purchased 142 books for students. This money also is reinvested in the library as part of the profit.

- [Mande Lehto, 4-6 math teacher](#), brought a large group of students to Tivitz that day. Two sixth graders placed and received plaques.
- The science fair will be Monday. [Eric Segula, 4-6 science teacher](#), has put in a lot of work with 25 students who will be going.
- Mrs. Harris recognized the hard work that Mande Lehto and Bob Hocking have been putting in with the [5th and 6th grade basketball teams](#), whose season is currently happening.
- Unfortunately there will not be a [Hei Suomi](#) program this year. The university in Finland would like to move it to the fall.
- Mrs. Harris recognized the work the late Barb Ruotsala put in in making a great relationship between the District and Michigan Tech. The district was given the opportunity to work at the recent Tech Hockey games and made over \$2,000 for different organizations in the district.

Principal's Report-Mike Benda, Jeffers High School

- It is looking like we may have to make up two days due to the many snow and cold days this year.
- There will be 5 students going downstate for History Day.
- [Jonathan Kilplea, science teacher](#), would like permission to fundraise for a Physics trip to Great America, as has been done in the past. They will be doing a pasty sale.
- The district received an extra \$4,000 for LSSI for being an '[exemplary outdoor education school](#)'. This Friday's teacher inservice happens to be about this.

Action Items

- The Board approved Mr. Keteri's contract.
- The CCSB Awards for Adams Township are Sara Nordstrom, [First Grade Teacher](#), for outstanding staff member, Haley Makela for student service, and the late Barb Ruotsala for outstanding community member.

-Valerie Dobson, SRES