

BOE Meeting Highlights

Board of Education Meeting November 13, 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

- There were no public comments.

Bond Building Report-Tim Seppanen

- Each month until building is completed, Mr. Seppanen will update the Board on progress and answer any questions.
- UP Engineering will be at next month's meetings with drawings and overview of what's done so far, which should be about 50% of the design. They are in the process of verifying the civil, mechanical, and electrical loads. They want bids to be ready so supplies can be ready by the end of the school year. They've been planning at JHS, tomorrow they will be at SRE.
- After the 50% design is done, he will be able to better budget for everything. They have been working closely with the budget and have some items on contingency to be ready in case bids come back higher than expected.
- In designing, they added bathrooms and wash basins to the new cafeteria. They will have a group to come in to help with the kitchen design and flow.
- Overall, it is moving along very nicely.

Superintendent's Report-Tim Keteri

- There is a policy for Merit pay to be approved.
- His evaluation will be next month.
- Fund equity will probably be around \$450,000 by the end of the year. It's a good time to be a Jet. It's a reflection of enrollment and fiscal responsibility.
- The Food Service account is also doing great. Pam Stevens is going a good job of doing cost effective meals, even with trying new things. She fits in well.
- The plow broke during the last storm. Spencer Jenkins was phenomenal in helping with it getting fixed and donating his own plow to be used in the meantime. He showed Mr. Keteri a new plow that the district could look into getting.
- A couple of nonprofit groups asked to use the culinary building for different classes.

Principal's Report-Kim Harris, South Range Elementary

- Mrs. Destrampe, SRE social studies teacher, has been doing 'Passport to the World', a program with Michigan Tech's International students. She does a good job of utilizing programs in the community.
- Two recent inservices were about active shooter scenarios and deescalating student behavior. They were both good trainings for staff.
- Parent teacher conferences had a good turnout. Teachers do a good job of touching base with parents.
- The school has two grants in the works. One is year two of the UP Health grant. They are working on getting Playworks to train the whole staff. They have seen a decrease in office referrals from the playground since starting Playworks this year. Healthy communities works on active moving and trying new foods.
- One student placed in the local Patriot's Pen contest and will be moving to the next level. Mrs. Larson had them work on it in her writing classes but students could choose to enter the contest, which some students did.

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

- Mrs. Pera, math and science teacher, has many things going on in her classes. Her 8th grade science class just finished pilot testing a new Mi-STAR unit. The MTU Engineering Ambassadors will be visiting that class soon. Mrs. Pera is also helping present a Mi-STAR workshop to teachers at the ISD.
- Mrs. Pera and Mr. Palosaari, science teacher, are developing training in the Next Generation Science Standards for the JHS science department as a part of a Master Teacher Program.
- Mrs. Pera, Mr. Palosaari, Mr. Kilpela, science teacher, and Mrs. Raffaelli, math teacher, are attending a modeling workshop.
- Mrs. Sherman is hosting the National Honor Society's Induction Dinner. There are 8 new students getting honored.
- Mrs. Raffaelli, band director, will have the JHS Band Concert on December 4 at 7PM. The SRE play is December 11 at 1:30 and 7PM.
- Parent Teacher Conferences at JHS went well.
- The JHS staff had an inservice on active shooter training. Their emergency team met to review current policies.
- Varsity and JV boys and girls basketball practices have started. The boys had to start the season a week early due to scheduling conflicts for championship games.
- The hockey team has been selected.
- The Junior High Boys Basketball teams are doing very well. The 7th grade is 4-0 and the 8th grade is 3-1.
- He's been meeting with Pat Nettell, hockey coach, on ways to help with expenses of the hockey program. It cost about \$33,000 last year, which Jeffers pays about 60% of because of co-oping. A lot of the expense is in transportation, about \$13,000. One thing they will do is parents will pay \$100 per trip game. The team does shovel the Jeffers roof to pay for jerseys.
- The varsity boys basketball team would like to do a pre-game light show instead of the band playing.

Action Items

The Board discussed several action items.

Submitted by Valerie Dobson, South Range Elementary