

BOE Meeting Highlights

Board of Education Meeting April 10, 2019

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.

Superintendent's Report-Tim Keteri

- Several teachers are up for probationary status or tenure. He supports the principals' recommendations to approve them all.
- The CCASB Awards are on April 17th but he unfortunately cannot make it this year.
- Enrollment is growing which creates the need for more staffing.
- Finances are good. The increased enrollment is a big portion of it. There will be about 10% in fund equity which is a perfect place to be in. Negotiations will be this year. The food service will be positive this year again.
- Bids were received for the Project. Gundlach came in with the low bid. Some things were added to the project. All windows and doors on SRE and the first floor of Jeffers will have security windows where they make them almost impenetrable. The fire alarms system at JHS should also be updated since there will be the additions. With a remodel of this scale, some issues are bound to come up so the project will have to be changed slightly to allow for such contingency.

Project Manager Report-Tim Seppanen

- Like Mr. Keteri said, the contingency allotment was ate up a little by the plans for the fire system and updated windows. They are looking into a change in design and some alternate materials to build that back up.

Principal's Report-Kim Harris, South Range Elementary

- Mrs. Normand, English teacher, recently had a cross district collaboration day with Chassell's Mr. Normand's fourth grade class. Both classes are about to read "Sadako ant eh Thousand Paper Cranes". She has kickoff activities she does with her class so the Chassell students joined them.
- Mrs. Schuett, science teacher, recently had two outdoor field trips with classes. She also did a lot of work with her students with the Science Fair. Several entered them at Tech and several placed and even earned a gold medal.
- The school brought back Family Science Night with MTU, the first time in a few years. They had a good turnout and great feedback from parents.

- At a recent inservice, Janel Summers from the ISD presented to the staff about behavior support. It was a great inservice and the teachers appreciated her valuable advice.
- Kidnergarten registration went well. There are 32 currently and the number always goes up a little over summer.
- She recommends all teachers up for probationary status and tenure.
- Staffing for next year will be shuffled around but she doesn't think they will need any new teachers.

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

- Mrs. Raffaelli, music director, had a good idea of bringing band students to NMU to watch Jets grad Paris Puuri's Senior recital. He received an email from one of her professor's saying how great it was to have a senior with a whole bus of fans. Mrs. Raffaelli's Spring Concert will be May 2nd at 7PM in the old gym.
- Mrs. Dykehouse, art teacher, would like for her art students to sell greeting cards with money going towards their program.
- State testing is under way.
- For staffing next year, Jeffers will need someone with an English and Social Studies endorsement as well as Industrial Arts and Math. The enrollment is growing and electives are full. He will attending mock interviews at NMU on May 12th.
- He recommends all teachers up for probationary status and tenure.
- Spring sports have started practices.
- He recommended Stephanie Sterbenz to Mr. Keteri for the softball coach position.
- He received resignations from Joe Romano, Ethan Kinnunen, and Rick Cormier in their coaching positions so those will need to be filled.

Action Items

- The Board discussed several action items.

Submitted by Valerie Dobson, South Range Elementary