

# BOE Meeting Highlights

Virtual Board of Education Meeting May 12,, 2020

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

- Val Dobson, Sports Booster Club President, asked if they could do a can drive when that's eventually allowed. The club is funding new uniforms for the Varsity Boys Basketball team and probably the Girls Varsity.

## Superintendent's Report-Tim Keteri

- With the stay at home order still in place, they will be doing a virtual Class Day. The schools sent letters to seniors and met with them virtually. It isn't ideal but the students need to know the scholarships they are receiving to make decisions about college. They will be recording videos and compiling them into one and it will be posted on the school's website. They will try for some sort of live commencement if allowed, depending on the Governor's order that will probably be addressed next week. Anything done has to be approved by the local health department. Laura Larson, a parent of a senior, asked if the video could be released a little earlier to seniors so they can watch it before the whole public.
- The budget for next year is bleak. There can be anywhere from a \$500-\$2000 per pupil cut, some places saying 25% which would be a \$1million cut for the district. The finance committee discussed different ideas for budget cuts including a teacher buy out, privatizing cleaning, no new textbooks, some virtual learning days, some support staff positions. They want to do everything they can before cutting direct teaching staff. The district has about \$300,000 in fund equity that will have to be used for next year. The district has to have some budget in place by July 1<sup>st</sup> but it can be amended later. The high school is looking at an increase in student population. Kindergarten numbers are very low at this point without being able to have a registration day, they are trying to spread the word for the online registration. There is also a possibility of this year's budget from the state being affected. There is a state meeting Friday about this year's budget where they will find out more.
- School next year is going to be different. Cleaning will significantly have to change. The state may mandate taking student and employee temperatures. Sports may have to be played without

fans. Different options will have to be considered such as rotating classes.

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#### **Principal's Report-Kim Harris, South Range Elementary**

- Virtual learning is going better than it could have been imagined a month ago. Teachers are having 80-90% participation.
- Spread the word about kindergarten registration. She knows there are still children out there that need to register.
- The Booster Club did a nice job with Teacher Appreciation week, delivering signs and treats to their doors.

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

- The Europe trip has been postponed to spring break. Ms. Raether also received a NEA grant for professional development.
- Ms. Torp would like to fundraise for volleyball when it's eventually allowed.
- Mrs. Pera is facilitating virtual professional development for teachers.
- He anticipates 11 students from E.B. Homan to make the freshman class 46 students.
- For next year, MHSAA is waiving the sports physicals as long as the student had one this year that was done on or after April 15, 2019. Students and their parents/guardians will have to complete a two page questionnaire, 'MHSAA Annual Sports Health Questionnaire' on MHSAA.com
- Basketball players will be allowed to play in 5 quarters per day so they can play JV and varsity games. It should encourage more schools to be able to field both teams.
- He recommends John Schutz as the Varsity Boys Basketball Coach.

#### **Action Items**

- The Board discussed several action items.

*Submitted by Valerie Dobson, South Range Elementary*