

BOE Meeting Highlights

Board of Education Meeting May 13, 2024

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.
- Board Member Niemi was a part of recent trainings with police personnel, first responders, and others that was held at Jeffers. It was impressive, and the leaders did a great job.

Superintendent's Report-Tim Keteri

- The bond project is getting near the ballot in August. SRES will get new windows, a new parking traffic pattern, and technology and security upgrades. JHS will get a new roof (WHERE), an addition to the trades, expanding the gym, upgrading the alumni room, and convert the old shop room into classrooms.
- Lucas Guili resigned as he will be moving back to Texas. He will be missed, as he did an excellent job with the students in his resource classroom. That position will be posted as well as some others. SRE will need a 3rd-grade teacher and a Young Fives teacher. JHS is also establishing a business path and will hire for that.
- The Post Office offered to buy their half of the building for \$60,000. The offer was declined.
- The administrative contracts can be rolled over for another 3 years.
- Negotiations with the union will begin.
- He thanked Val Dobson for doing the highlights for the Board in the past years in her role as a paraprofessional. Her role will be changing next year.

Principal's Report-Kim Harris, South Range Elementary

- ACES day (All Children Exercise Simultaneously) was recently held. Thank you to Portage Health's Angela Luskin for doing this every year.
- May 20-22 will be when the 6th grade goes to Camp Lahti. Mrs. Sondegrath, the JHS gym teacher, is leading this this year. The 6th grade is also doing a 2-day Hunter Safety Course.

- Classes have been getting out to a variety of outdoor activities at Houghton Nature Trail, Nara Nature Trail, Massto Hiito Trails, McLain's, Fort Wilkins, and the Delaware Mine.
- She wanted to acknowledge the Booster Club parents who went above and beyond for Teacher Appreciation Week.
- There was a problem with ground hornets on the playground, and it will have to be sprayed.
- The numbers for a potential Young 5s classroom are good. They will also need to post a 3rd grade position.

Principal's Report-John Sanregret, Jeffers High School

- A big congratulations to the Class of 2024! He has only had one year with the seniors but has been impressed by them. They are a class of 51. Many work currently, and he gets comments on the quality of their work. Half are planning on college, 1 in the military, and the other half will be entering the workforce.
- The underclassmen will also be recognized for their academic work and good attendance.
- He thanked Val Dobson for her work on social media for the district this year.
- The master schedule for next year is almost finished. He will have that and the student handbook ready to be approved soon.

Business and Athletic Report-Steve Nordstrom

- He has been preparing all of the end-of-the-year activities, like the final budget and next year's budget. There may be a slight per-pupil increase. Initiatives such as Free Breakfast and Lunch, GSRP, Mental Health, and At-Risk funding seem to be continuing.
- Jordan Klemett will be the Girls Varsity Basketball Coach next year.
- They are making the Kujula Award in sports to be awarded to both an outstanding male and female senior.
- Spring sports season has been busy. Superior Sand and Gravel donated top dressing for the softball and baseball fields. JHS will host the baseball districts. Softball will not participate in this year's district.
- It was an awesome year of JHS athletics. There was a lot to be proud of.

Action Items

The Board discussed several action items.

Submitted by Valerie Dobson, South Range Elementary