

BOE Meeting Highlights

Board of Education Meeting September 11, 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.

Superintendent's Report-Tim Keteri

- He introduced Tim Seppanen as the project manager for the upcoming building projects. He will give monthly reports to the Board.
- The ATEA union and Board agreed on a 2 year contract.
- It has been a great start to the year. Enrollment is up.
- The School Resource Officer position has been cut back in hours due to funding.
- The budget will have to be tight.

Project Manager's Report-Tim Seppanen

- He congratulated the Board on passing the Bond and thanked them for being a part of the team.
- UP Engineering is working on plans for the new shop and trades expansions, updating the science lab, updating the auditorium, new roof on the 2002 JHS addition, new windows at SRE, and expanding the parking lots there with a new entrance.

Principal's Report-Kim Harris, South Range Elementary

- SRE had two Inservice days prior to school. The open house during packet pick up had positive feedback from parents. Families were able to visit the classrooms and meet their teacher.
- Thank you to Mrs. Geshel, Miss Myers, Miss Weber, Ms. DeForge & Mrs. Wakeham. PreSchool & Kindergarten orientations were well attended and went very well prior to school starting. Again, this evening is much appreciated by parents. It makes the first day go more smoothly.
- PreSchool started this past Monday. They have increased from 16 to 18 four year olds this year.

- There were some changes to bus routes at the end of the day. The Stanton bus would be out until 5:30 so that was changed. Some elementary students have a longer ride because of it.
- Upcoming Events include an 11:30 Dismissal for a inservice and the Ice Cream Social 6:00-7:30
- MStep Scores were really increasing. Science scores were high.

Principal's Report-John Sanregret, Jeffers High School

- Start of a new school year is always interesting. They have been figuring out the master schedule and balancing class sizes and any conflicts.
- Enrollment is good at 272 students. The 10th grade is at 67. There are 21 students who are fulltime online. There are 56 students taking an online Edgenuity class, about half are taking one or more recovery courses.
- Behavioral Health Assessment Team meetings will begin soon, focusing on at-risk students. They find ways to give additional support.
- At the upcoming inservice they will assess how the school year began. Other key topics include student growth, reading interventions, building a positive school culture, and curriculum review.
- Xello is a new program that can help students plan for the future. It can help with class and career planning. It will help with the educational development plans for students.

Business and Athletic Report-Steve Nordstrom

- He has been busy with orders, invoices, state reporting, and the audit which will be coming up. He has been organizing how grants and other funding affects the budget.
- Open enrollment for staff health insurance options will be coming up.
- For Boys Varsity Basketball they hired Mike Saari, who helped with baseball in the past. They may not have a JV team because of low involvement.
- Jeffers has 14 players playing JV (5) and varsity football at Hancock (9).
- Cross country has won two of its first three meets. There are 11 varsity runners and 5 Middle school runners.
- Zach Dassance is the MS girls basektball coach. He agreed to coach girls jv if he is needed.
- Eventlink online purchases is being used. \$3600 worth of passes were purchased online to date.
- JHS will be participating in the D3 volleyball districts hosted by Calumet during the week of November 4.

Action Items

The Board discussed several action items.

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