

# BOE Meeting Highlights

## Board of Education Meeting October 9, 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

- Mr. Keteri was out of town and submitted a written report.

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

- The Ice Cream Social went well. Thank you to Mrs. Dobson, social worker, for doing the Book Fair for money for the library. Another thank you to Mrs. Raffaelli and her National Honor Society students for their help that night.
- The SRE Booster Club's Fall Fundraiser kicked off that day. They are doing their usual catalog fundraising.
- Fire Safety Day was last week. She thanked the local fire departments for doing that. The students gain a lot.
- Kindergarten through 2nd grade teachers are implementing Solid Start which integrated computer science standards with the general curriculum.
- Friday will be an inservice about the writing process. She is happy to have high quality training through a professional development grant.
- She recommends the hiring of Tara Pietila for the open position of GSRP parapro. She is currently working on her degree in Elementary Education.
- Classes have been busy utilizing community resources. Junior Jets, kindergarten, and 1st grade went to the Palosaari Pumpkin Farm. 4th grade went to Porcupine Mountain State park with the state program. The 6th grade went to MTU for a watershed activity. Kindergarten through 2nd grade will be going to Rosza.
- Upcoming events include Muffins in the Morning on October 25th, the Halloween Parade, and the end of the first marking period on November 1.

### Principal's Report-John Sanregret, Jeffers High School

- Macy Raffaelli has been named a Commended Student in the National Merit Scholarship Program. About 50,000 students are recognized throughout the nation each year for their exceptional academic promise.

- Jeffers High School is incredibly fortunate to have Chuck Palosaari as part of the team. Recently, Chuck completed the prestigious Michigan Middle School Master Teachers Fellowship Program (MTP), a six-year leadership development initiative funded by the National Science Foundation. Through this program, he earned a Master's degree in Applied Science Education from Michigan Technological University and contributed to science education reform efforts. Chuck's leadership projects include co-leading a grant on computer science integration, revising a Mi-STAR Science curriculum unit, and facilitating professional learning communities. His dedication has positively impacted students, colleagues, and the broader educational community.
- Parent/Teacher conferences will be Thursday, November 7th and will be 1-3pm and 5-7. They will be round robin style in the gym again.
- Juniors will be taking the PSAT/NMSQT in October. He thanked Ms. Raether on her good job of getting it organized.
- Absenteeism has improved over the same period (Weeks 3-5) last year. They will continue to make attendance a priority moving forward.
- At the November teacher inservice they will be analyzing our standardized assessment data to help guide decision-making related to curriculum and instruction.
- Edgenuity, our online curriculum platform, is a good learning option for students with strong time management skills. The content is rigorous and requires a considerable amount of self-discipline. Virtual learning serves a purpose but cannot replace the effectiveness of face-to-face instruction. We also utilize Edgenuity for those students who need to recover credit as a result of failing a class. Currently we have 50 students enrolled in one or more classes and approximately 21 students enrolled full-time.
- As part of the Career and College Readiness program, they are inviting guest speakers in to share their experiences and how they've navigated life after high school.

### **Business and Athletic Report-Steve Nordstrom**

- The audit was completed. It is being reviewed and is on target to be submitted to the state on time.
- He has been organizing grants ending, accounts payable, new transportation reports, and open enrollments for health care for employees.
- October 19th will be the UP Cross Country Finals. He is hoping for a 4th UP Championship for the Boys.
- The 5K/10K went smoothly. Numbers were a little down this year. There was a lot of events that day. He would like the athletes to participate more next year.
- On the 19th there will be a JV volleyball tournament at JHS.
- Winter sports will start soon.

- He would like to have a basketball program started in the spring for 3rd-6th graders to build interest in the program.

**Action Items**

The Board discussed several action items. They thanked the Culinary Students for the fruit and veggie pizzas.

*Submitted by Valerie Dobson, South Range Elementary*