BOE Meeting Highlights

Board of Education Meeting January 8, 2025

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

- Diane Keranen retired. She did an excellent job and he cannot speak highly enough of her. They will post the position.
- Jen Pera also retired. She has been a staple at JHS over the years and raised the bar for students. Between her and Mrs. Lisa Raffaelli, there was over 60 years of experience in the math department. Hannah Asiala is set to step in and keep the standard high.
- Mrs.Emily Raffaelli, band director, would like to fundraise for a senior band trip to Chicago.
- Tim Seppanen, bond project manager, has been busy. The plans are almost done being under review. Contingencies are being considered to stay within budget.

Principal's Report-Kim Harris, South Range Elementary

- Ms. Lehto, 6th grade teacher, will have a student teacher, Mrs. Maria Johnson Rautiola.
- There will be half days on Wednesday and Thursday during the JHS exam week to match up with their schedule and help with bussing.
- The Christmas break was appreciated but it is good to be back.

Principal's Report-John Sanregret, Jeffers High School

- Mrs. Pera will be missed. She has been an icon at Jeffers and has a tremendous reputation in the area. She will stay coaching the High School Bowl through their run. They will have their first match televised on January 13th.
- The JHS PSAT scores improved. Again, Mrs. Pera and Mrs. Raffaelli do great in math.
- Scheduling, sections, and staffing preparations have begun for next year.

- It was a great first semester with the student body and with the staff upholding standards.
- He is excited about the bond project as it will be a great thing for the district.

Business and Athletic Report-Steve Nordstrom

- He has been working on reports and 1099s. One area of concern in the budget is that expenses are starting to become higher than revenue.
- There was a WestPAC meeting he recently attended.
- Hockey is 'putting Jeffers on the map' with being ranked 7th in Division 3 in the state. Brit Heinonen is currently 3rd in the state.
- He will work on athletic records to create a JHS Athletic Hall of Fame.
- With Mrs. Jaehning being on a leave of absence, he will be posting for the softball coaching position.

Action Items

The Board discussed several action items.

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