

BOE Meeting Highlights

Board of Education Meeting July 10, 2019

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.

Project Manager Report-Tim Seppanen

- After the meeting he will give a tour of all the progress being done in the building. There are 30 workers on site and people working everywhere in both buildings.
- At SRE, the framing of the offices have been done. The roofing work has started. They broke ground for the new storage building. The 30 year warranty on the roof is a great warranty that is not pro-rated like many are. It will be a great asset for the next 30 years.
- At JHS, steel and block are going up. The new fire alarm is being worked on to be ready for the first day. There was some asbestos found in the pool ceiling but there was already a plan for a new ceiling. Issues that come up like this are built into the budget.
- School starts in 6 weeks and they plan to be inspected and ready for opening day.

Superintendent's Report-Tim Keteri

- L'Anse school does not want to pay for their student who co-oped with Jeffers for hockey and says the student should pay for it. It's being discussed, in the future if the school does not pay then Jeffers will probably not co-op with them in the future. The Hockey program is sustainable with its budget of families paying for trips.
- The state budget is not set yet. This is late compared to the last few years with the previous governor but not uncommon.
- There will be arbitration with the teachers' union about the retirement/insurance issue with a recent retiree. The district's lawyers say that retirement is the end date of insurance while the teachers' union say it's the end of the contract.
- He gave tours to the classes holding their 20th and 50th year reunions. Both groups liked all of the new improvements since that time.
- Mr. John Opie will be donating for a new JHS computer lab. At SRE they will be leasing computers for the lab. These things help with having a little more fund balance in the capital project fund to leave

for classroom furnishings. Pouring the sidewalks at Jeffers will also be a volunteer effort to help with costs.

Principal's Report-Kim Harris, South Range Elementary

- They have been interviewing and will have a recommendation for the 1st grade position upon an impending retirement.
- Talking with BHK, they hope to have a Best Start program next year. It would provide an aide in kindergarten if enough families qualify and participate in the program.
- SRE will have an AmeriCorps worker next year, Jaclyn Ek.

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

- Professional development is ongoing. Mr. Palosaari and Mrs. Pera teaching other teachers in a workshop this summer.
- Teacher assignments have been sent and the matrix was presented. They will begin scheduling students as soon as possible
- The student handbook and student athletic handbook will be ready with changes next month.
- Coaching positions have been posted. He hopes to have recommendations next month.

Action Items

- The Board discussed several action items.

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