

BOE Meeting Highlights

Board of Education Meeting September 11, 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

- Morgan Raether, JHS English teacher, asked for permission to fundraise this year for the planned trip to Europe. There are 8 students going this March. They would like to do monthly fundraisers including Keeweenaw Coffee, a can drive in January, and bake sales and 50/50 raffles at home volleyball games.

Project Manager Report-Tim Seppanen

- He cannot express how great the staff and administration have been during the project. Everyone pitched in to get the schools set up before opening day. Staff showed a lot of kindness and patience. The maintenance staff of Ron Outinen and Paul Ek are second to none and he wanted to emphasize to the Board how great they were.
- Phase 1 is now complete with 3 more phases to go. At JHS, the principal's office and new entry are still ready to be done in November. The gym should still be done after the holidays. The pool should be ready around November. The roofs at SRE and JHS will be inspected at the end of the month. All work being done is proceeding well.

Superintendent's Report-Tim Keteri

- Enrollment is up for the district.
- The state is still working on a budget.
- There is a letter of understanding that can be signed by the Board between them and the teachers' union. If agreed on, the district would pay retirees insurance through the end of August if they retire at the end of the school year. If agreed upon, they would not need to go into arbitration.
- John and Ruann Opie have a formal thank you from the district and board for their donation of \$34,000 for an all new Mac lab at the high school.
- The district is leasing computers for a new Mac lab at SRE.
- After looking at the snow unloader, they decided it would not be a good investment.
- The new sidewalk was put in with a lot of great help. Dave Mattila gave the district a donated discount of \$2,000. Pat, Dylan, and

Dominick Nettell volunteered time to help put it in. The district saved \$4-5,000 on the project.

Principal's Report-Kim Harris, South Range Elementary

- The year is off to a good start.
- The building looks good and the board is invited to check it out. The new view that the office has is great.
- The opening day inservice at SRE was a Playworks training paid through a grant. The teachers had a good day and many things were used from day 1.
- The Ice Cream Social will be next week.
- There is a half day inservice coming up soon.
- The Booster Club will be doing their annual fall fundraiser at the end of the month.

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

- The year is started and feels like they never left, just got new little people.
- Jeffers enrollment is at 263.
- Professional development is ongoing.
- Mrs. Johnson is working on creating compost in her Greenhouse class to use with her Culinary Arts classes.
- Mrs. Raffaelli, band director, would like to do monthly can drives to fundraise for a senior band trip.
- The Hockey team is also doing a can drive this Saturday and will be bagging groceries at Econo.
- Last year JHS staff had an Emergency Management team and an Attendance team. They will be doing this again as well as an At-Risk Team.
- He recommends the hiring of Becky Therrian as the junior high girls basketball coach.
- The 5K/10K will be September 21st.

Action Items

- The Board discussed several action items.

Submitted by Valerie Dobson, South Range Elementary