

BOE Meeting Highlights

Board of Education Meeting July 8, 2020

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.

Here are some highlights from the meeting held on July 8. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. in the Jeffers Media Center.

Public Participation

- There were no public comments.

Superintendent's Report-Tim Keteri

- The funding for the 2019-2020 year from the state was cut by \$171 per pupil but it will be back paid with federal money at \$180 per pupil. The state cut is expected to be carried through the 2020-2021 year but may be made up by federal money from the CARES Act. A concern is for the 2021-22 year when the CARES money is gone to not replace the cut.
- The state provided a Return to Learn plan and the district has to make their plans based on it. The district has to submit 3 plans depending on which phase the area is in regards to covid. There will be a committee of teachers, principals, board members, and parents to finalize it. The state says that when we are in phases 1, 2, and 3, the schools would have to do remote learning. In phase 4, the schools can be open with reduced class sizes, mandated distancing and masks, and a lot of cleaning. In phases 5 and 6, it is recommended that masks are worn and deep cleaning is done. Currently the UP is in phase 5 which he believes is doable. The schools will have to change when and how they clean, changing recesses and lunches. He and the principals have been getting calls from parents' concerns and they are trying to balance what the community wants with what the state mandates. Once the district's plan is in place, it does not change unless the U.P.'s phase changes. If/when a person in the building does get covid, the plan and procedures would remain the same.
- With funding restored, the district can begin the callback procedure for those laidoff.
- Gary Miller, industrial tech teacher, and Trish Sherman, guidance counselor, took the early retirement buyout.

- There are some NEOLA policies to be updated including attendance policy, e-signatures, and reporting requirements.

Principal's Report-Kim Harris, South Range Elementary

- There will be summer school for 3 weeks. Miss Nordstrom, Title 1 teacher, will be doing reading with K-3. Miss Myers, kindergarten teacher, will be doing k-1 math. Mrs. Pyykkonen, second grade teacher, will be doing 2-3 math.
- Teaching assignments were sent out. This is going to be her first year of not needing to hire a new teacher over summer.
- Kindergarten numbers haven't changed since last month but there will probably be more over the next few weeks.

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

- Professional development is ongoing.
- Teaching assignments will be sent out once the matrix is approved. Student schedules will be able to be worked on then. Room assignments and new evacuation routes are also being worked on.
- Changes to the Student Handbook and Athletic Code will be presented in August.
- He recommends the hiring of Lucas Guili for the vacant special education position at Jeffers and hopes he will be here long term.
- Coaching positions have been posted and he will have recommendations for the coaching staff in August.

Action Items

The Board discussed several action items.

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