

BOE Meeting Highlights

Board of Education Meeting August 12, 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.

Public Participation

- There were no public comments. When the meeting adjourned, Mr. Keteri answered several parent questions about the Return to Learn Plan.

Superintendent's Report-Tim Keteri

- The budget from the state should be announced soon. Last school year's had been cut but money from the CARES Act covered it.
- The administration contracts are ready to be approved to be extended a year without raises.
- Lunch prices will increase by \$0.10 to \$2.75 at JHS and \$2.50 at SRE.
- Paul Ek, maintenance at JHS, recently had an accident while mowing the lawn and severely injured his foot.
- The district had to make a Safe Start Plan in accordance with the State's plan. There was a committee of administration, board members, and teachers that sampled parents. The committee adopted everything that was strongly recommended for Phase 5, which we are currently in. In transition times, such as in the hallways, entering the building, and in lunch lines, masks will be required. Within the classes they can be removed but are recommended. The district purchased neck gators for every student and staff member to use that will be distributed on the first day or during a packet pickup if the schools still have that this year, it is to be decided. Students are encouraged to use the provided gator masks but ones from home may be worn. There will be an extra lunch period in both buildings to have fewer students at a time. The 4th-6th graders usually switch classes for subjects, this year the teachers will switch the rooms and the students will stay. At all recesses, lunches and prep times, the rooms will be disinfected. On the buses, masks will be required and sanitizers will be available. They will be cleaned inbetween runs. They are looking into having families sit together and possibly another bus run. All of these precautions will not stop covid but will limit the exposure across the district. If we are moved to Phase 4, it would be mandatory masks for 6-12 and more cleaning. If we are moved

to Phases 1-3, learning would have to be virtual. Positive cases and quarantining is a part of the role of the Health Department and they make those calls, not the district.

Principal's Report-Kim Harris, South Range Elementary

- There is a change to the handbook about mandated reporting.
- Normally there are Kindergarten and 4th grade orientations but these will not be held as normal and the plan is being worked on. 4th grade will probably be for parents who haven't had an upper el student before. Kindergarten might be scheduled at intervals.
- There isn't a packet pick up scheduled as it can be emailed or mailed, unless they decided to do so for the neck gator pick up.
- Mrs. Geshel and Ms. Myers, kindergarten teachers, have been doing training for Kindergarten readiness.
- Summer school had a great turnout of 35 students who were highly excited. Miss Nordstrom, Title 1 teacher, did reading with K-3, Ms. Myers did math K-1 and Mrs. Pyykkonen, 2nd grade teacher, did 2-3 math. Board Member Archambeau complimented the fantastic job the teachers did.

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

- Mr. Palosaari, science teacher, and Mrs. Pera, math and science teacher, have been doing ongoing training and development.
- The tentative schedule pickup will be Monday, August 24 until 5:30 at JHS.
- 7th and 9th grade orientations will not be taking place. New students can call the office to set up a time to tour the building.
- There are a few small changes to the handbook.
- MHSAA will be making an announcement on Friday regarding fall sports of volleyball and football. As of now, their competitions are not approved, only practice. A lot of changes are to be expected for sports this year.
- Coaching assignments were presented. Jeffers is not co-oping with Hancock for hockey.

Action Items

- The Board discussed several action items.

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