

# BOE Meeting Highlights

Board of Education Meeting March 10, 2021

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

- It has been over 50 days without a Covid case for the district and SRE has only had 1 to date. The end of January was JHS's last case.
- Summer school is being planned out.
- The budget is something to be watching. Instead of hiring a new counselor for JHS, they will use current staff to fill holes. There are some concerning low numbers at SRE. Next year's budget may see an increase. Kindergarten and 9<sup>th</sup> grade numbers may be up next year. The new charter school may draw some students away. There are a lot of uncertainties. If things are the same next year, the district will not be able to continue with the same budget.
- The governor's January order defined a mask and the district will have to define a mask as 2 ply or nontransparent.
- The district received a \$10,000 fine from being reported to MiOSHA due to not having adequate training or signage. He is working on getting the fine abating by fixing issues.
- There is a teacher that is teaching remotely due to a medical issue. According to MiOSHA, under the health department's orders, if a teacher with a medical issue can work remotely then they can unless the district can prove it's a financial hardship or that students are negatively affected, which is not the case for the district.
- Some land in Atlantic Mine was donated anonymously. The district will be able to put up boardwalks and use the wetlands for different activities such as snowshoeing.
- Al and Barbara Stevens will be making a donation to the foundation for a scholarship for girls going into the STEM fields.
- He shared nominees for Board Awards this year.
- He will be taking a well-deserved vacation.

## Principal's Report-Kim Harris, South Range Elementary

- Mrs. Harris was the administrator at the Hockey game and submitted a written report.

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

- Mrs. Lewandowski, art teacher, shared pictures of the SKY grant recipients. There were also 20 art pieces from Jeffers students that were selected for Celebrating Youth Arts Month at the Copper Country Arts Center in Hancock.
- Mr. Palosaari and Mrs. Pera are leading a Professional Learning Community for Western UP Mi-STAR teachers along with the director. Mrs. Pera is also leading a Professional Learning Community of Noyce fellows to design lessons about career connections in science.
- Mrs. Bertuuci would like to hold bake sales and sell Little Caesar's pizza kits for the planned Costa Rica trip.
- Mrs. E. Raffaelli would like to do a senior band trip to Minneapolis and to do 2 can drives between now and the end of April.
- Spring Break will be March 29.
- For athletics
  - Jeffers has 197 students and he fully expects to be Class C again
  - District and Regional Tournaments will be seeded
  - Jeffers will also host a Class D tournament game 3-29
  - Spring sports can be practicing at the end of the month.
  - The elementary basketball season will be after spring break.
  - The junior high volleyball season will be the end of March/beginning of April.

### **Action Items**

- The Board discussed several action items.

*Submitted by Valerie Dobson, South Range Elementary*