

BOE Meeting Highlights

Board of Education Meeting July 14, 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

- A contract with the teachers' union was agreed on to be approved by the Board. It included a raise and steps as well as changing the insurance cap to next year's state limit and a change in cash in lieu for those that do not take insurance.
- He recommends using At Risk funding that the district gets to hire a paraprofessional for those students.
- He recommends splitting the upcoming 4th grade class of 25 into two sections. If the district gets a few more students in that grade, it would be a large section. Two sections would allow less crowding. This will lead to needing another teaching position in the district.
- The new Copper Island Academy is looking for bids for providing lunch. He will put in a bid. It would require another person for a few hours in the kitchen but head cook Pam Stevens thinks it would be a good opportunity.
- He has been on a committee with other school leaders and the health department and others looking at what next year will look like. As of today there will be no mandates from the Health Department and will be up to districts' Boards. He recommends giving ownership back to the community and letting parents decide to mask and not having the district make any requirements. It would be good for the district to ask parents for help in keeping sick students home. This past year had one reported positive case at the elementary and around 10 cases at the high school. Using information like that as well as the community spread not being reflected in schools can help make educational decisions. The district can keep split lunches and extra cleaning practices in place. He declined an opportunity for a Health Advocate to come in and do weekly covid testing on all students and staff.

Principal's Report-Kim Harris, South Range Elementary

- Mrs. Harris was not present and had a written report for the Board.

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

- Professional development is ongoing this summer.
- Proposed changes to the Student Handbook and Athletic Handbook will be presented next month.
- The matrix is done and student scheduling will begin next month.
- He recommends Julie Laban for the Culinary Arts position at JHS.
- He recommends Amy Richards for the At-Risk Paraprofessional position at JHS.

Action Items

- The Board discussed several action items.

Submitted by Valerie Dobson, South Range Elementary