

BOE Meeting Highlights

Board of Education Meeting October 13, 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

- The 5K/10K went well. There was a net gain of around \$6,000 after all the donations and participation.
- He'd like to get light sensors in the locker rooms since the lights are never shut off.
- The district has had 2 positive covid cases this year. They have a couple of probable cases right now. He is pleased with the numbers and thinks the district is managing well doing things the way they are. They are balancing their students' education with public health. The local hospitals let the local districts know weekly how they are. There are a lot of open hospital beds right now. A Board member asked if there is a concern about a shortage of substitute teachers. Mr. Keteri replied that is a realistic possibility. More concerning is the shortage of bus drivers. If a driver is out, it can pose a big problem.
- Karl Rautiola is a senior that transferred this year from Chassell. Chassell will not sign off to allow him to play basketball for Jeffers. Jeffers appealed twice to the MHSAA and were denied. His personal feeling is that this should be resolved so that a kid doesn't have to suffer the consequence of adult decisions. Mr. Lishinski added he was not recruited, it was an educational decision of his parents. Chassell will probably not have a Boys Varsity basketball program this year due to lack of numbers.
- He would like to purchase a new Kioti tractor. They can get a good trade in value for the current John Deere tractor and pay a net cost of about \$23,000.

Principal's Report-Kim Harris, South Range Elementary

- She thanked Val Dobson, librarian, for her work on the Back to School Book Fair that raises a nice profit for new books for the library.
- The SRE Booster Club is running their annual fundraiser selling RADA. <https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=4791259.7fc323> The Booster Club does a lot for the students and staff.

- At their inservice on Friday, a lot of the teachers listened to a speaker about student trauma. It was well received.
- Mrs. Barb Irizarry, first grade teacher, went to a grant writing workshop and is already looking into a \$5,000 grant from Walmart.
- They recently had an author in to speak to the upper el about her book, 'Sunken' about shipwrecks in the Great Lakes.
- Semco and UPPCO also presented to the upper el students.
- Kindergarten and First graders went on a field trip to Hulkkonen Farm.
- Friday is Fire Prevention day. K-3 will go to the fire hall. 4-6 will see a Jaws of Life demonstration.
- The Halloween parade will be Friday, October 29.

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

- Last Friday's inservice went well.
- The National Honor Society had their induction dinner and inducted 3 new members.
- Mrs. Jen Pera, science and math teacher, took the 8th grade on a field trip to MTU and got to go aboard the Agassiz. She will be taking the High School Bowl team to compete in Marquette against the winner of Munising and Watersmeet. He thanked Ms. Cheryl Ruohonen, retired teacher, for volunteering on the field trip.
- Mrs. Emily Raffaelli, band director, will be taking the 8-12 grade band to Band Day at NMU.
- The 5K/10K went well and he thanked everyone who helped out.
- The volleyball tournament is during the week of 11/1. They have a bye first round and will be in the second round at either L'Anse or Lake Linden on 11/3 at 6PM. The Championship match will be at 6PM on 11/4 in Dollar Bay, Baraga, or Chassell.
- The Cross Country UP Finals are in Marquette on 10/23.
- Stephanie Sterbenz has resigned from coaching. She will be moving out of the area.

Action Items

- The Board discussed several action items.

Submitted by Valerie Dobson, South Range Elementary