

BOE Meeting Highlights

Board of Education Meeting September 14, 2022

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.

Regular Meeting

Public Participation

- Ms. Raether, JHS English teacher, would like to take the Travel Club on a trip to Minneapolis, MN to see the play "Hamilton" and do other sightseeing activities. She would like to do fundraising for it every other month. She would need at least 30 students and a few chaperones.

Superintendent's Report-Tim Keteri

- He and the Board gave their condolences to Eric and the Mattila family on the passing of his father, Leo Mattila. He was a big supporter of Jeffers and the Alumni Association.
- Amy Richards, SRE paraprofessional, resigned. Hannah Holmes, district parapro for ESSR, has been filling in the gap. They may have to move around paraprofessionals to fix the schedule.
- The enrollment is slowly climbing. Next year's 9th grade class is expected to be large. Teachers' schedules will have to change.
- The budget is in good shape.
- The year has started well.
- Mrs. Harris has done a great job with organizing bus schedules with the limitations in place. It is not perfect or sustainable but kids are getting to school. Ron Outinen, head maintenance/bus driver, is doing a double route in the mornings. Stops have been reduced. Two teachers, Mr. Heltunen and Mr. Miller, are training to be drivers and will split a route AM/PM. Another teacher, Miss Kantola, is doing the Toivola route with a new van, which will pay for itself in the savings of not having a bus by the end of the year. Other solutions are being looked into.
- October 5th will be the Foundation's Annual Dinner.

Principal's Report-Kim Harris, South Range Elementary

- The staff had an inservice day at the ISD on PBIS. It was helpful for new teachers and everyone learned some new tools.
- Junior Jets and Kindergarten orientation went well. She thanked those teachers for going above and beyond. The Junior Jets program is going really well. Miss Kantola is amazing with the 13 kids in there. They add a lot to the school!

- It is great having Mr. Segula, 4th grade, back.
- The community has been great with transportation and new bus routes.
- The Ice Cream Social will be September 22.
- September 23 will be a half day inservice.

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

- Enrollment for JHS is 253.
- The new year is going well. Seems like they never left and the kids just got a little taller. New teachers are fitting in. Mr. Outinen is doing cool stuff with his Current Events class.
- BHAT team meetings from the PREPaRE grant will start next week.
- They will also have a half day inservice next week.
- There was an issue with student discipline regarding a student who also gets serviced by the ISD. The event warranted a long term suspension. An expulsion would bar the student from Michigan schools, including the ISD. The student will be back at the ISD and will not be at Jeffers for the remainder of the school year.
- Fall sports have started, the gym is hopping.
- The 5K/10K will be on October 1st. The trail is still TBD.
- Evelyn Pennala resigned as the JV Girls Basketball coach. It has been posted. Luke Paul, baseball coach, also resigned because he will be the Head Baseball Coach at Finlandia. It will be posted soon.
- Mr. Palosaari will have an open house next month on Esports.

Action Items

- The Board discussed several action items.

Submitted by Valerie Dobson, South Range Elementary