

BOE Meeting Highlights

Board of Education Meeting March 13, 2024

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 proposed state budget has an increase in per-pupil funding. This would be good but may not be sustainable for the state budget. Certain funding sources may end up being reduced. The district's budget is looking solid. There should be 11-12% in fund equity, he would like to see 15%. The negotiating committee will have to meet soon to consider contracts. SRE has a possible retirement. JHS will need another teacher due to increased enrollment.
- The bond project has been reorganized a little. SRES will be getting new windows with their traffic flow. The school would like to be able to stop the parent drop-offs in the bus lane. JHS will get a new central roof, an upgrade to the trades building, an addition to the current gym, a Board room built into the library, and an upgrade to the auditorium. The shop class in the JHS main building would move into the trades center, allowing for that space to become classrooms.
- The Copper Shores Foundation is providing funding for a Farm to School initiative to have a culinary course for Junior High students and health topics for grades 4-6. Chuck Palosaari was awarded a grant for K-12 technology. These will both give more opportunities to kids. The technology will be looked at in how to make it a skill based opportunity that kids are engaged in learning. Board Member Marier asked if a Robotics team has ever been pursued. There has not been enough interest in JHS students to make a team.

Principal's Report-Kim Harris, South Range Elementary

- March is Reading Month, which is a nice way to carry students and staff through the month to Spring Break. The school has been enjoying the One School, One Book of The Lemonade War and all of the extra activities. Family Reading Night was a big success. It is nice having the opportunity to make the connections with the whole family. She thanked all the staff that helped out with the night. The

Book Fair continues through this week, which brings a lot of funding for library books. Local author Johnny Storm will be visiting the school next week. The JHS art students were there that day to paint SRE student faces. They did a phenomenal job, and it was great to have a collaboration with the older students.

- The 5th & 6th Grade boys & girls basketball season has started. The games will be in April.
- Kindergarten Registration is set for Friday, April 12. They will also include Young 5's in the registration process
- The 4-year-old PreSchool Program (GSRP) will be a separate registration. Information will be sent out as soon as the registration process becomes available. They intend to move forward with filling 16 slots again and do not anticipate that being an issue.
- Last Friday was an in-service day. Staff had the opportunity to meet as grade-level teams and also had time set aside to make parent contacts. In the afternoon the staff worked together as a District working on School Improvement needs.

Principal's Report-John Sanregret, Jeffers High School

- Congratulations to our winter sports teams! It was a season to remember. He really appreciated seeing the school spirit out in full force. He is an advocate for athletics and the values learned in them.
- The band continues to perform well. They have attended several competitions and events recently and represent JHS very well each time. He 'cannot say enough good things' about Mrs. E. Raffaelli. The Spring Arts Night will be April 24, showcasing the arts, including industrial arts.
- At the in-service, JHS teachers met to work on school improvement. In addition to discussing overall performance and goal setting, they also reviewed the attendance policy, exam exemption policy, the master schedule, and teacher and admin evaluation.
- Upcoming dates include the end of 3rd quarter, spring break, class day and graduation, and final exams.

Business and Athletic Report-Steve Nordstrom

- It has been a busy month with winter playoffs!
- The special election was on Tuesday, Feb. 27, and it passed. The district will receive its full revenue per pupil foundation allowance, which will be levied to restore millage lost as a reduction required by the "Headlee" amendment.
- He is starting the planning process for the 23-24 Audit and working with Hungerford Nichols CPAs, which is tentatively scheduled for the Week of August 15, 2024.
- A SET SEG meeting informed the district that the Property and Casualty insurance will probably increase.
- It was a banner year for sports. It is a credit to all of the athletes. He is an advocate for strength training and how it will help athletes build values and

commitment to their sports.

- JHS will be Class C again next year.
- They are looking to increase participation in Track & Field.

Action Items

The Board had no action items.

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