

BOE Meeting Highlights

Board of Education Meeting April 10, 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 Bond project will be to keep the current levy. It will include replacing windows at SRES, changing the bus drop off, class furnishings, relocating the JHS greenhouse by the culinary building, a new roof for the main building, adding onto the trades building, a weight room, class renovations, and updating the Alumni room.
- The amended budget is ready and is looking good and should have a surplus. The food service budget is close to even, which is not normally the case.
- The negotiations committee will have to meet to discuss contract negotiations.
- He recently attended a meeting about human trafficking. As a district, he feels the need to be aware and prepared as it is an issue that affects students.

Principal's Report-Kim Harris, South Range Elementary

- Friday is kindergarten registration day. They will also be gauging interest in young 5s. The Great Start Readiness Program for 4-year-olds is a different registration and will be in April.
- The 5th/6th-grade basketball games start this week. There are about 13 girls and 20 boys participating.
- She highly recommends all teachers up for tenure and probationary status. It is nice having such a veteran staff.
- The Book Fair went well this year, and she appreciates all the work Val Dobson and Brooke Erikkila did for it. The school makes sure every student gets a book, either by purchasing it themselves, at Family Reading Night, or at another time, thanks to the Booster Club.
- The partnerships with Michigan Tech are growing. The MTU Enterprise Team has been working with 6th graders making fuel cell cars.

- Bob Wheeler donated \$750 for SRE to purchase science books and resources for classrooms. He has a developed nature trail, offering school field trips that SRE classes will use this spring.
- Congratulations to Hanna Larson, parapro, who will be recognized at the Parent Advisory Special Education Awards on April 30th. Hanna works with kindergarten students and is doing a phenomenal job.
-

Principal's Report-John Sanregret, Jeffers High School

- Congratulations to Ms. Bertucci! She will be graduating from Grand Valley State University with a degree in school counseling. In addition to serving as JHS school counselor, she teaches Spanish and works hard setting up all required tests for the high school. The SAT/PSAT and ACT Workkeys are taking place during the month of April.
- Mr. Arens, Mr. Miller, Mrs. Laban, Mrs. Lewandowski, and Mrs. E. Raffaelli will host the Spring Arts Night and Band Concert on April 24th. The doors will open at 4:30 pm, and the concert will begin at 6 pm. Student work in all of the art classes will be showcased to the community.
- The 4th quarter is underway and moving quickly toward graduation, which takes place on May 24th at 6:00 p.m.
- He recommends all teachers for tenure and probationary status. It is nice to have a quality group being retained.

Business and Athletic Report-Steve Nordstrom

- Completed the General Fund amended budget. The goal is to move slowly higher in fund equity. There was a discussion of the rise and falls of past budgets.
- Girls basketball coaches Chad Larson (Varsity) and Gracia Rajala (JV) resigned.
- Levi Frahm was named to the All-UP Dream Team and 2nd Team All-State Division 3. Matthew Schutz was named to the First Team All-UP team.
- Baseball has 25 players on their roster; Softball has 15 players and four from Chassell. Golf has four girls and seven boys participating. High School and Middle School Track has 12 athletes participating. Jeffers will host the Division 4 boys baseball districts at Stanton from May 28 through June 1.

Action Items

The Board discussed several action items.

Submitted by Valerie Dobson, South Range Elementary