

# BOE Meeting Highlights

Board of Education Meeting December 12, 2018

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.

## **Bond Building Report-Tim Seppanen and Karin Cooper from Up Engineering**

- Each month until building is completed, Mr. Seppanen will update the Board on progress and answer any questions.
- Ms. Cooper had slides of design for Jeffers to show.
- The new entry will also have the new principal and secretary's offices which will have a line of sight on the entrance and parking lot. There will also be a mezzanine for the students.
- The new cafeteria will be a unique room that will be an inviting commons area for students. There will be a counter with USB ports running along the windows and wall as well as round tables in the room. Hospitality Purchasing Groups helped with determining kitchen supplies.
- The process is still on schedule. Bidding should begin in March. They will be keeping a schedule with contractors. Work on the elementary should be done in the summer. The new entry at JHS should be done by October for the start of basketball seasons. The cafeteria structure will be done before school but it won't be completed and ready until January/February of 2019, leaving that spring for the renovations of turning the present kitchen into locker and weight rooms.

## **Superintendent's Report-Tim Keteri**

- The Merit policy may want to be looked at again. He would like to include recess days as days exempt from counting as absences. There are also different ways the policy can be done. It has to be done by the end of the year. No other districts have put anything in place yet.
- Lamers bussing does cost more than RNA did but it has been well worth it. They are a phenomenal company to work with and haven't had any issues and the students have been safely transported.
- The audit and amended budget were presented. The audit came back clean with no issues. Fund equity is up, partly due to a donation for the culinary building that will be coming out this year, making it look like the fund equity takes a hit. The district is in solid

financial footing. The district gained a lot of students this year but also had to add staffing for it. They've also been doing needed building maintenance.

**Principal's Report-Kim Harris, South Range Elementary**

- Mrs. Harris was not present but submitted a written report, highlighting the wonderful job Mrs. Raffaelli, band director, did with the SRE Christmas program.

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

- Mrs. Jaehnig started the Salmon in the Classroom project that Jeffers has done the past few years.
- Ms. Raether, English and German teacher, received a Culture Trek grant. It will pay for transportation to Marquette this spring to a showing of Beauty and the Beast.
- Mrs. Raffaelli, band director, had two very good concerts at SRE and Jeffers.
- Mrs. Sherman, counselor, will be taking 11 girls to the Women in CTE event next week.
- Mrs. Pera, math and science teacher, has been doing a lot with Mi-STAR. She also had Engineering Ambassadors from MTU visit her 8<sup>th</sup> grade class and received a letter from them saying how impressed they were by her students.
- Mrs. Johnson, culinary teacher, would like to have an evening cooking class on January 4<sup>th</sup>.
- He and Mr. Keteri attended a leadership workshop. They are in year two.
- It's hard to believe Christmas break is here already. Students return January 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball tournaments are this week. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade are the number 1 seed. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade are number 3 seed because the top three teams had the same record and they drew for spots.
- The hockey and boys and girls varsity tournaments are scheduled.

**Action Items**

- The Board discussed several action items.

*Submitted by Valerie Dobson, South Range Elementary*