

# BOE Meeting Highlights

Board of Education Meeting June 14, 2023

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.

## **Budget Meeting**

- Business manager Steve Nordstrom helped work on and present the upcoming year's budget. The state budget is not complete so they went off of a conservative budget. The ATEA has not settled a contract so that had to be assumed as well. School lunches may or may not be free for all, but that budget is doing well. There will be an increase for mental health funding. Transportation was considered. The new GSRP will bring in revenue but the expenditures will be about equal.

## **Regular Meeting**

### **Public Participation**

- There were no public comments.

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

- They received resignations from both Steve Lishinski and Nikki Lishinski (5/6 English and K-6 technology teacher). Both educators had a tremendous impact on the district and he wishes them well for the future. To fill Mr. Lishinski's role, he would like to start with posting a high school principal position. The athletic director position is not able to be full time and will be considered.
- For ATEA negotiations, he would like to go into closed session.
- He thanked the Sports Booster Club for their work to help buy several different sports team items.
- He recommends the hiring of Loretta Lasanen as the head cook for the district. She will be a wonderful addition. He also recommends the hiring of Brittany DeForge for the GSRP teaching position.

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

- There was a last minute Summer Exploration program that was able to be at the school. It will be Monday-Thursday from 9-12. There are at least 16 students signed up already for every week.
- Camp Nesbit was good but the bugs had never been so bad. They were bad enough to impact activities but the students did get to spend a lot of time at the water. Ms. Lehto, 5/6 math teacher, did her last year after running Camp for 15 years. Ms. Sondgerath, junior high teacher, will be taking it over.
- Picnic Day in Twin Lakes was a great day.

- Miss Nordstrom, Title I teacher, opened up a Book Barn in Atlantic Mine for kids.
- The GSRP process is moving along. The licensing process and online application process are underway. She recommends Brittney DeForge for the teaching position. She has 7 years of preschool experience and has been recently in a K-2 classroom setting. She has her Child Development Associate which is needed for licensing.
- The MTSS team sent out a parent survey and heard back that 100% of families feel their child receives adequate reading support. 87% of SRE students are at benchmark. Kindergarten scores went from 46% at benchmark in the fall to 97% by the end of the year. This is thanks to the new reading series, teachers being trained in ECRI, and a lot of hard work put in by teachers.

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

- Class Day and Commencement went well. They will miss this good group of seniors.
- Ms. Raether would like to run a couple of fundraisers for travel club including inflatables supervision at Bridgefest and a bake sale at the VFW.
- Mr. Palosaari is working on a computer science curriculum through SCRIPT at the ISD this year and next. He will also be participating in different trainings. He also spearheaded getting \$16,000 through 3P Grants and Flex Farms. He thanked Jen Pera and Emily Gochis for helping write the grant.
- Mrs. Pera's Noyce Fellowship group had an article published.
- Various teachers will be participating in professional development this summer.
- He recommends Raena Kangas for the Freshman Volleyball Coach position and Sienna Jaehnig for the Softball Coach position. The girls junior high basketball position is still open.
- The hockey team would like to run a can drive in the few days after July 4.
- The 2023-24 MHSAA Membership Resolution is due.
- He thanked the Board and Mr. Keteri for all the opportunities in the past 15 years. He enjoyed his time here but it is a move for his family. The Board in return thanked him for all of his work and wished him good luck.

#### **Action Items**

- The Board discussed several action items before entering closed session.

*Submitted by Valerie Dobson, South Range Elementary*