

# BOE Meeting Highlights

## Board of Education Meeting March 12, 2025

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

- Copper Country Association of School Board Award candidates were presented.
- In the bond project, they are considering issues that may arise with tariffs on steel. A bigger part of the project is masonry, concrete, and windows which would not have that problem. There will be an upcoming walk-through for contractors.
- Hats off to the Hockey team, and a huge thanks to the community for the 'unbelievable pouring of support.'

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

- She highly recommended one of the CCASB community nominees for the award for all the help she gives at the grade school.
- March is Reading Month, and it is off and running. They are again doing 'One School, One Book,' with this year's selection being "*Fenway & Hattie*". The calendar of events has been created for the month. Students are enjoying the extra activities. Family Reading Night was a big success. It is a nice opportunity to have a lot of families in the building. Thank you to Mrs. Geshel and Miss Myers for reading and Mrs. Lewandowski for designing art projects and having her students do artwork for our center court area. They also had several other teachers help out during the evening as well as students from the National Honor Society. Mrs. Dobson is running the Book Fair. The Booster Club is once again funding a free book for all students.
- Elementary boys & girls basketball has started. Practice is throughout March with 5 games being played in April. They have two new coaches this year: Betsy Rajala and Eric Kinnunen.
- Kindergarten Registration is set for Friday, April 11. They will also include Young 5's in the registration process. The 4-year-old PreSchool Program (GSRP) will be a separate registration. This registration will be on May 16. We will shoot for filling 18 slots and do not anticipate that being an issue.

- A big thank you to parent Amanda Kilpela. There was a group of students interested in having a Drama Club. Amanda agreed to lead students in grades 1-3.
- The school has had a lot of community participation in our classes:
  - 4th grade: UPPCO Electrical Safety Presentation  
Healthy Kids through the Health Department
  - 5th & 6th: Taste Buds, Copper Shores Farm to School
  - 6th grade: AWIM (Michigan Tech Engineering Students)

### **Principal's Report-John Sanregret, Jeffers High School**

- The Hockey Team! It has been so much fun this season. They are a humble, modest, and low-key group. The pep assembly held for them was great.
- April brings a lot of state testing.
- He recently watched the band practicing. He could see how much the band loves what they do and the pride they take in it. The JHS Arts Night is upcoming which will feature the bands as well as other visual arts.
- During the week of March 17th, students will be immersed in a variety of activities and events, all focused around a common theme, copper.
- There are only 10 more weeks! He shared some important dates, such as graduation on May 23rd.

### **Business and Athletic Report-Steve Nordstrom**

- The accounting software will be changed with the new audit being done with it.
- He presented an amended budget that better reflects the year.
- The district is reimbursing the 3% healthcare per the state.
- USF bids were received.
- Not much more can be said about the hockey team. The community was 'amazing' with their donations. It is 'hard to put into words' the support felt, not just money but cheering them on. The coaches deserve a lot of credit for molding them into a team.
- They will not be doing a co-op with softball or baseball at this time because there is a lot of interest in JHS students. Ironwood dissolved their hockey co-op. He asked the other schools to let them know if they are staying in or not.
- The new basketball coaches did an outstanding job as first-year coaches.

### **Action Items**

The Board discussed several action items.

*Submitted by Valerie Dobson, South Range Elementary*