

**MINUTES AS RECORDED BUT SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE FEBRUARY 21, 2018 MEETING**

**SURING PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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411 E. Algoma Street, Suring WI 54174

**Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, January 10, 2018 - 5:30 P.M. - Conference Room #300**

The regular meeting of the Suring School Board was called to order by Board President Sleeter.

Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members present: Lundgren, School, Sleeter, Strehlow, Ustianowski, Wozniak.

Absent: Piepkorn.

Administration present: Mrs. Casper, Mrs. Berg.

Visitors present: Heidi Gerndt, Cindy Scheunemann, Mitch Taylor, Tim Grimes, Johnathon Miller, Nicholas Buhrandt, Ethan Hill, Mike Whiting, Tonia Kruschke, Monica Wagner with guests Greg Zeitler and Emily Ferrell.

Motion by Wozniak, seconded by School to approve the consent items (Agenda, Minutes of December 13, 2017 Regular Meeting, Bills-check numbers 90023 through 90111, Treasurer Report) as listed. Carried 6-0.

Treasurer Report as follows:

Balance on hand December 1, 2017 \$1,797,724.78

Receipts for December, 2017 57,915.30

\$1,855,640.08

December Disbursements

Net Payroll \$145,495.30

Accounts Payable 336,440.14

(\$481,935.44)

Total Disbursements for December, 2017 \$ 481,935.44

Balance on hand December 31, 2017 \$1,373,704.64

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - Head Football Coach Mitch Taylor spoke to the board in regards to the decision made at the December 13, 2017 meeting to have 8 man football and asked if there could be more discussion before the change. He feels there's more opportunity for students to play and would like to see the program continue as 11 man. He feels his yearly team trip and camping to Holcombe which builds unity would not be able to continue. He has concerns having the 8 man teams and the distance of game travel.

Monica Wagner introduced guests Greg Zeitler and Emily Ferrell, who are coaches from Gillett. They talked to the board and expressed support for Suring to start up and join them in cross country competition.

Junior High Head Football Coach Tim Grimes addressed the board regarding his feelings of 8 man and 11 man football.

The district spotlight featured Monica Wagner and students Johnathon Miller, Nicholas Buhrandt, Ethan Hill, and Mike Whiting, from her Environmental Science. The students shared their STEM projects with the board. Students showed pictures of the demonstration of their projects with solar powered cars.

Cindy Scheunemann presented the food service report. She reported on the November food service audit and talked about some minor changes requested by the auditors. She has added a suggestion box for student and staff input. She is working on changes requested by both the After School Program Audit and the Food Service Audit for the after school snacks. Cindy will bring information back to the board for approval regarding a

sharing table. Recent changes with the states "formula" for free and reduced lunch is showing an increase in free and reduced lunch participation numbers.

Mrs. Casper presented the transportation report. She reported fuel costs going up and why there are increases in transportation mileage.

Athletic Director Heidi Gerndt reported at the AD meeting today all Junior High sports scheduling for next year was completed. Sports news included: She added a one year contract for a football game with Hurley. Boys' basketball Military Night will honor three veterans and there are shirts available for purchase. At the present time we have one high school student involved in wrestling and ten junior high students. She was recently informed that our junior high students make up the whole wrestling team. Track will be hosting the conference meet and regionals which will be held at Oconto Falls. Recent sign-up shows at this time we will have six girls out for softball and the boy's baseball may not have a team. Nine boys were at the baseball meeting but several have changed their minds on participating. In golf, Brittany Story has offered to be the coach. At the next principal meeting they will be voting on cross country being a conference sport.

Principal Pam Berg's report consisted of pictures showing an NHS student with a 4k student when they helped write letters to Santa, Chief Christenson visiting an elementary classroom when he read "We're not Scared because we're Prepared", the Junior High Ugly Sweater Day, and the After School Program Cookie Decorating. She reported all students in grades 6-12 participated in the ACP Community Service Day. Students are now gearing up for midterm exams, standardized tests including the ACT in February, our Olympic celebration and Military Night.

Mrs. Casper informed the board of a very generous scholarship donation being set up that will be a four year renewable scholarship for a student interested in education or the science/engineering fields.

She also reminded the board that the renewal for the wrestling contract is coming up. She then showed the board an example of the new district web page design.

After receiving legal advice the board would like to look at developing a policy for drug testing of staff.

The board was reminded to get their comments or questions to WASB Convention Delegate Dennis Piepkorn. Mrs. Casper shared her comments/concerns on the resolutions for Hours of Instruction, High- Poverty Aid, Public School Transportation, Safe Schools, WIAA Autonomy, Local Fiscal Control, Referendum Restrictions, and Teacher Certification/Licensing.

The open enrollment brochure for 2018-19 was presented to the board. Administration will continue to promote our school. The district also will set no limits of applications. Mrs. Lundgren restated that the district must have the resources necessary for those children with IEPs.

Mrs. Casper updated the board on referendum expenditures. She feels we have met goals to stay current in education trends by updating math/science books. We have maintained the current educational programs and extra-curricular opportunities. We have upgraded the wireless infrastructure and purchased chrome books to provide student access. We have upgraded the telephone system, servers and copy machines. We have also been able insert a needed ADA ramp and painted areas in need.

Monica Wagner presented to the board ideas that she could use for fundraising in order raise money to assist with starting a cross country running team. Ideas included an example of a donation letter, a March Madness Board, Green Valley Dairy work, running a raffle, races with free entry fees, grant applications, private donations, and offering sponsorship.

After much discussion the board failed to have enough votes for a motion to approve starting a cross country running team because of budget concerns.

Motion by School, seconded by Lundgren to approve the school calendar for 2018-2019 as presented. Carried 6-0.

Motion by Lundgren, seconded by Ustianowski to approve the 2018-2019 Course Description Booklet as presented. Carried 6-0.

Motion by Lundgren, seconded by Wozniak to accept the resignation of Cheryl Ustianowski as school board member representing the Towns of Doty, Mountain and Riverview area effective March 31, 2018. Carried 5-0. Ustianowski abstained.

A press release will be put in the newspapers, on the district website, and on the district Facebook page stating that the Suring Board of Education is accepting applications from citizens in the Towns of Doty, Mountain, Riverview area who are interested in being appointed to a one-year term replacing School Board Member Cheryl Ustianowski who effective March 31, 2018 will be resigning from the School Board. Interested individuals may contact the school district office at 920-842-2178 ext. 1041 for an application. Deadline for indicating interest and returning applications is Friday, February 2, 2018.

Items for future board consideration will include the Sharing Table, After School Program Audit, Drug Testing Policy, and Football if the WIAA meeting has changes which would affect us.

There will be an administration committee meeting for policy work on January 31 at 5pm. Mark Strehow will be available to fill in if there is a committee member unable to be there.

The regular board meeting that was scheduled for February 14, 2018, will be rescheduled to Wed., February 21, 2018 in Conference Room #300 at 5:30pm.

There were no updates regarding the school signs (on and off school property).

Mrs. Casper just recently received information regarding the behavior analysis workshop for high school students and hasn't had time to review the information. It will be brought back to the board.

Board members attending the WASB Convention on January 17-19, 2018 should visit the WASB site to view sessions of interest. Those attending should plan to meet at 8am Wednesday morning to ride together.

There were no questions & comments from the public at this time.

There was no need for the board to convene in closed session.

Motion by Wozniak, seconded by Lundgren to adjourn the Open Meeting. Carried 6-0.

Sharon Jansen, District Secretary

Time: 8:19 P.M.