

SURING PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, August 11, 2021 - 5:30 P.M. – Small Gym

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members present: Lally, Lundgren, Piepkorn, Regal, Seibert, Sleeter, Wozniak.  
Administration present: Mrs. Casper, Mrs. Berg.

Visitors present: Greg Jaeger, Troy Blanchard, Tabitha Fendrick, Michelle Thomson, Tabitha School, Desiree Frank, Kristina Brighum, Jeremy Krueger.

Motion by Piepkorn, seconded by Lally to approve the consent items (Agenda with removal of letters A, B and C under Matters Requiring Board Action, Minutes of July 14, 2021 Regular Meeting, Bills-96688 through 96736, Treasurer Report) as listed. Carried 7-0.

Treasurer Report as follows:

		Balance on hand July 1, 2021	\$3,641,512.45
		Revenues for July, 2021	<u>170,662.72</u>
			\$3,812,175.17
July Expense			
Net Payroll	\$ 48,098.55		
Accounts Payable	<u>422,249.23</u>		
	(\$470,347.78)		
		Total Expenses for July, 2021	<u>\$ 470,347.78</u>
		Balance on hand July 31, 2021	\$3,341,827.39

There was no public input at this time.

Tabitha Fendrick, School Social Worker, and Kristina Brighum, School Counselor, shared their roles and focus for the pupil service team during the 2020-2021 school year. In their report, they shared gaps that were identified, along with changes and support for the 2021-2022 school year to fill the gaps. Fendrick shared the family programming summary for 2020-2021 school year and Brighum shared the truancy plan for 2021-2022.

Greg Jaeger and Troy Blanchard, building and grounds supervisors updated the board on the status of the summer projects at the athletic field including bathroom updates, concession stand improvements, underground electrical to interior of track for timing system, press box window repair, new locks on doors, replacing signage and the new ticket booth that was constructed. They also shared updates on the track project, new scoreboard and tree removal from recent storms. Other completed projects included replacing exterior entry and service doors, adding a door between the metal and wood shop, shop sink basins installed, walls and 2 classrooms painted, cafeteria tables received, gym floor refinished, track board received, and fourteen interactive boards installed.

Mrs. Berg's report included details on summer school swim lessons and "Fun to be 4". Berg also shared an update on the welding grant improvements that will take place in fall, 2020-21 Wellness report and the new Safe and Healthy Schools program.

Mrs. Casper informed the board that the new signage at the football field was paid for from a donation by Lotter's BP in connection with the Eagle's Pride Pump. Casper also mentioned that the district newsletter was sent out at the beginning of August to all residents in the Suring and Mountain postal routes.

Mr. Lally informed the board that at the recent CESA 8 meeting information was shared on ESSER Funds and the recent state budget.

Mr. Dave Honish, CESA 8 Agency Administrator, shared a copy of the school district culture and climate survey that he prepared for the Suring Public School District. Honish recommended direct contact from the board as an important piece in presenting the survey to all staff, along with the intent of creating a great work environment and finding places to improve. Staff will be provided a link to take the survey during in-service in August with results sent to CESA 8. Honish stated that once he processes the results, he will share the information with the board, and the board will decide what is shared with staff. Honish also recommended doing the survey at the beginning of the year and then repeating six months from now to see if actions were appreciated.

Back-The-Track fundraising update was shared with the board in a written report from Heidi Gerndt. Mrs. Berg and Ms. Brigham shared information on how virtual learning will take place during the 2021-2022 school year. Mrs. Casper explained census 2021 numbers and the change in acquiring those numbers. The Board reviewed the Dual Sport Participation form, the letter that was sent to parties involved in the sale of property by the football field/track area, and District and Board goals of 2020-2021. The goals for 2021-2022 will be discussed after the school climate survey results are received and after the board retreat. Casper informed the board that she is working on job descriptions and will share them through Google docs. The support staff handbook was discussed. Two areas of concern that need to be addressed are time off and compensation. Casper recommended a Finance Committee meeting be set up to further discuss those two areas of concern.

The COVID Matrix and Back-To-School Plan was discussed. The Matrix that was used last school year will be used again for the 2021-2022 school year as a guideline for administration with changes to social distancing and number of quarantine days needed. Casper share a draft of the letter going out to parents/guardians of students within the district outlining the Back-To-School plan for 2021-2022. At this time, school will be five days, normal start and end times following the 2021-2022 approved district calendar. Masks will be recommended but not required at this time. Masks will be required for all students riding the bus at any time. Lamers follows DPI and CDC guidelines and masks are required for public transportation at this time. The district will not have a limit on the number of spectators for the start of fall athletics. This will be monitored as the school year progresses. Parents and community member should be aware that the district would follow any protocols dictated by the WIAA (this includes masking, etc.).

Motion by Lundgren, seconded by Lally to approve hiring Amber Wozniak as the After School Coordinator 2021-22. Carried 6-0, Wozniak abstained.

Motion by Piepkorn, seconded by Lally to approve hiring Cole Stillings as Head Wrestling Coach for 2021-22. Carried 7-0.

Motion by Piepkorn, seconded by Regal to accept the milk bid of NDSM-DePere – Rank Distributing as presented for the 2021-22 school year. Carried 7-0.

Motion by Lally, seconded by Piepkorn to approve Michael Gardebrecht snow plowing/removal bids as presented for 2021-22. Carried 6-0, Regal abstained.

Motion by Lally, seconded by Lundgren to approve the 2021-22 Support Staff Employment Handbook as discussed. Carried 6-0, Regal abstained.

Motion by Piepkorn, seconded by Wozniak to approve 2021-22 School Emergency Response Plan (SERP) for 2021-22 as discussed. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Regal, seconded by Lundgren to approve the Back-To-School Plan as presented. Carried 7-0.

The next regular board meeting will be Wednesday, September 8, 2021, Boardroom #300, at 5:30pm. The board retreat is scheduled for September 15, 2021, 5:30pm at Bagley Rapids. Piepkorn will follow-up on the School sign on Firgen's property with a possible donation and discussion with Mrs. Firgen.

Michelle Thomson address the board during public input regarding the Back-To-School Plan and Jeremy Krueger addressed the board in regards to the State Wrestling tickets previously purchased by the Gillett Youth Wrestling Club.

Motion by Piepkorn, seconded by Wozniak to convene in Closed Session if approved by roll call vote of the Board. Roll Call Vote: Lally-yes, Lundgren-yes, Piepkorn-yes, Regal-yes, Seibert-yes, Sleeter-yes, Wozniak-yes. Carried 7-0.

#### RECONVENE OPEN SESSION AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

A Finance Committee meeting was set for August 17, 2021, 6:00PM, Boardroom #300. A Special Board meeting was set for August 25, 2021, 6:00PM, Boardroom #300.

Motion by Piepkorn, Seconded by Regal to accept the resignation of Charlie Breed. Carried 7-0.

Motion by Regal, seconded by Lally to accept Kristian Brigham as Senior Class Advisor. Carried 7-0.

Motion by Piepkorn, seconded by Seibert to adjourn the Open Meeting. Carried 7-0.

Joy Rohde, District Secretary

Time: 8:18P.M.