

SURING PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 11, 2020 - 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, Seibert, Sleeter, Wozniak.

Administration present: Mrs. Casper, Mrs. Pendl.

Visitors present: Pete Cramer, Gina Cramer, Mitchell Woulf, Greg Jaeger, Laura Strehlow.

Motion by Piepkorn, seconded by Seibert to approve the consent items (Agenda, Minutes of October 14, 2020 Regular Meeting, October 26, 2020 Special Meeting, Bills-95751 through 95846, Treasurer Report) as listed, Carried 6-0.

Treasurer Report as follows:

	Balance on hand October 1, 2020	\$3,868,452.95
	Revenues for October, 2020	<u>23,740.99</u>
		\$3,892,193.94
October Expenses		
Net Payroll	\$232,439.32	
Accounts Payable	<u>417,910.12</u>	
	(\$650,349.44)	
	Total Expenses for October, 2020	<u>\$ 650,349.44</u>
	Balance on hand October 31, 2020	\$3,241,844.50

During public input, Mitchell Woulf, Teacher and Girls' basketball coach asked the board to consider proceeding with the winter sports timeline as set by the WIAA. Woulf stated he and the players would follow recommended precautions. Woulf stated the players are willing to practice during Thanksgiving break in anticipation for the season to begin as scheduled.

The District Spotlight was a recommendation by Mrs. Casper to view the Veteran's Day video prepared by students and staff thanking veterans for their service. The link to the video was shared on the District Facebook page, school Website and on cards printed and given to Veterans at the Veteran's meal that was held off-site.

Greg Jaeger, Head of Buildings and Grounds, updated the board on projects that have been completed and projects in progress at the present time. He included an update on the sale of the 2006 Chrysler Town and Country, wall hangings in the gym, science room near completion, track repair, winterizing the building and football field, scoreboard repairs needed and stage curtains. Mr. Jaeger also indicated that he has been working on getting prices together for cafeteria tables, hallway lockers, hallway flooring and door mullions.

Michelle Pendl, Curriculum and Assessment Director, shared curriculum and assessment data. Data was shown comparing how our students in Suring did last spring to now in the fall. Pendl explained average changes in the areas of reading and math for Elementary and High School scores.

There was no transportation report to share at this time.

Principal Berg's written report included information on donations received from school clubs and organizations for the purchase of the Eagle masks that were supplied to every staff member and students in grades 6-12. Berg's report also included National Honor Society induction, Halloween treat bags for every student donated by the community, cupcakes donated by Emerdoodle Custom Baking for staff and students, activities for Homecoming week and preparation to teach students off-site for most of November.

Athletic Director Heidi Gerndt's written report included an update on Football, Volleyball, and Cross Country. She informed the board that she is working on Boys and Girls basketball schedules and is waiting for a revised schedule for wrestling. Track schedule is complete but Mrs. Gerndt has not received schedules for baseball or softball from Gillett yet.

District Administrator Kelly Casper informed the board that her decision to shut down in person learning for students until after Thanksgiving break was a hard decision to make. Casper explained that she followed the matrix approved by the board, and when the district had ten positive cases, she made the decision to move to off-site learning for all students. The first packet pick-up for students is scheduled for today, November 11, 2020 with pick-up taking place in Suring or Mountain.

Amanda Seibert's CESA 8 report included some information that was discussed at a virtual meeting regarding rapid testing versus regular testing for COVID.

Laura Strehlow, Technology Director, presented the board with two quotes for the purchase of 2021-2022 Chromebooks. Strehlow explained that due to the lack of devices and high demand, several vendors recommended to order devices now in order to have them by next summer. Strehlow is recommending the purchase of HP 11 G8 EE and Google management from Vanguard. These are the same model Chromebooks that were purchased last spring.

Two seats on the Suring School Board will be up for election on April 6, 2021. The seats are as follows: one board member residing in the Village of Suring, and one board member from the Town of Breed. Dennis Piepkorn currently represents the Village of Suring seat and is completing his twentieth year serving since 2000. Wendy Wozniak currently represents the Town of Breed completing her sixth year on the board serving since 2014.

Board members were given information about the virtual WASB Convention in January. Decision on registration needs to be given to the district office by November 30, 2020. Piepkorn will serve as WASB delegate. The delegate assembly will also be held virtually this year.

An updated summer 2020 referendum project list with cost of projects was presented. Also included was the projects scheduled for 2020-2021 school year.

The part-time custodial position was discussed. The open position was posted on the district Facebook page, district Website, school sign and an ad was in the paper for two weeks. The district received no applications for the part-time position.

The COVID matrix and plan was discussed. Direction on extra-curricular activities was discussed. The decision to go to off-site learning for all students was due ten positive cases within the district, which quickly jumped to sixteen positive. As per the matrix, when students return to school after

Thanksgiving break, we will return to the cohort model that we were operating at before the closure. November 30, 2020 Cohort A will return to school and December 3, 2020 Cohort B will return. The next board meeting in December, discussion will take place on how the district is being effected after returning from the closure.

Motion by Lundgren, seconded by Piepkorn to approve the purchasing of 2021-2022 Chromebooks from Vanguard not to exceed \$16,012.20. Carried 6-0.

Motion by Piepkorn, seconded by Lally to approve the resignation of Jen Sarkela, Title I teacher. Carried 6-0.

Motion by Lally, seconded by Seibert to approve hiring David Slempek as JV Boys basketball coach for 2020-21. Carried 6-0.

Motion by Piepkorn, seconded by Lally to approve athletics starting at the scheduled time following WIAA guidelines. Carried 6-0.

The next regular board meeting will be Wednesday, December 9, 2020, in the small gym at 5:30 P.M.

The administration committee will meet on Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. to review Board Policy Update Vol. 29 No. 2, Technical Corrections Vol. 29 No. 2, PPE, Coronavirus Disease, and Federal Funds.

Updating the school sign on the property of Roger and Erika Firgens was brought up for future board consideration. Marking off-site property lines and awareness remains as unfinished business.

Mitch Woulf, Teacher and Girls' basketball coach thanked the board for their decision to start the winter athletic schedule as planned.

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, Seibert-yes, Sleeter-yes, Wozniak-yes. Carried 6-0.

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

Motion by Piepkorn seconded by Lally to approve hiring a full-time custodial positon immediately. Carried 6-0.

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

Joy Rohde, District Secretary

Time: 7:19 P.M.