

MINUTES AS RECORDED BUT SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE FEBRUARY 10, 2021 MEETING

SURING PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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411 E. Algoma Street, Suring, WI 54174

**Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 13, 2021 - 5:30 P.M. – Small Gym**

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members present: Lally, Lundgren, Piepkorn, Regal, Seibert, Wozniak.

Board Member absent: Sleeter

Administration present: Mrs. Casper, Mrs. Berg, Mrs. Pendl.

Visitors present: Emily Marcheske, Heidi Gerndt, Kathy Runge, Ron Christensen, Kris Christensen, Melissa Hischke, Laura Strehlow, Martin Runge, Terry Garrigan.

Motion by Lally, seconded by Wozniak to approve the consent items (Agenda, Minutes of December 9, 2020 Regular Meeting, Bills-check numbers 95930 through 96061, Treasurer Report as listed. Carried 6-0.

Treasurer Report as follows:

	Balance on hand December 1, 2020	\$2,857,001.54
	Revenues for December, 2020	<u>98,579.54</u>
		\$2,955,581.08
December Expenses		
Net Payroll	\$148,780.59	
Accounts Payable	<u>388,792.28</u>	
	(\$487,572.87)	
	Total Expenses for December, 2020	<u>\$ 487,572.87</u>
	Balance on hand December 31, 2020	\$2,468,008.21

During public input, Ron Christensen addressed his concerns regarding the placement of the flag in the high school gym.

The district spotlight featured a tour of the facility highlighting the gym, locker rooms and science rooms. The areas that were shown were from projects completed on the 2020 referendum list.

Emily Marcheske, Food Service Director, shared information on bag lunches, the after school snack program and the overabundance of inventory that was shared with other area school districts. Marcheske also expressed her hope for an increase in lunch numbers with students returning to in-person learning.

Laura Strehlow, Technology Director, shared her written report with the board. Some of the highlighted areas in her report included Chromebook damages and repairs, MiFi's purchased by the district, equipment that has been replaced and the update and addition of access points within the school.

The transportation report was presented by Mrs. Casper. Casper explained the report shows mileage breakdown and the fact that the district is paying for the cost of transportation five days per week even if we were not in session in November due to the fact that we still transported students to St. John's. At the present time, transportation costs are under budget, but the fluctuation of fuel cost can change that.

Principal Pam Berg reported that December was a quick month with her focus on distant learners. Berg shared a letter that was sent to all distant learners expressing the expectations of academic standings to be able to continue with distant learning. Midterm exams are set for first semester. Cohort A exams will be January 18th and 19th. Cohort B exams will be January 20th and 21st. January 22, 2021 is a scheduled in-service for staff with no school for students. A draft of ACT prep and the ACT perspective shared with the junior class was explained. On a positive note, Berg recognized Sophie Lally. Ms. Lally has been awarded a scholarship for writing an essay that moved from our VFW region to state. Lally then went on to win as the top essay for the state and is moving on to Washington DC where she will compete once more. This is a highly regarded award with stiff competition. No one from our region has moved this far before and the VFW reached out to give Sophie this news here at school. A brief celebration was held at school with select staff and her family.

A written monthly Athletic report was shared by Athletic Director Heidi Gerndt. Gerndt also shared that Kylie Stelzer reached 1000 points in basketball, Middle School girls' basketball has enough participants for two teams, and Middle School wrestling has eight participants. Gerndt informed the board that spring sports schedules are ready to go and fall sports schedules are also set for next year.

Discussion took place regarding Middle School return to five days in-person instruction, High School return to five days in-person instruction, use of masks within the school building after the mask mandate ends on January 19, 2021, and how to deal with staff attendance regarding COVID time off since the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) ended on December 31, 2020.

The open enrollment brochure for 2021-2022 was presented to the board. The application period for the 2021-2022 school year is from February 1-April 30, 2021. Copies of the brochure will be available in the District Office. Open Enrollment limits for 2021-2022 were discussed. Pendl shared how space criteria for Special Education Programs is established. Administration recommendation for Regular Education space availability for Open Enrollment in 2021-2022 using class size limits is calculated as:

- Kindergarten: four spaces
- 1st Grade: eight spaces
- 2nd Grade: three spaces

Special Education space availability for Open Enrollment in 2020-2021 using caseload and number of staff is calculated as:

- Lower Elementary (5K-2) Cross Categorical: 3 spaces
- Upper Elementary Cross Categorical (3-5): 7 spaces
- Middle School Cross Categorical (6-8): no space
- High School Cross Categorical (9-12): no space
- Specialized Cross Categorical (K-12): no space
- Speech/Language Programing: no space

Next, the 2021-2022 school year learning platform was discussed. The district goal is to keep students coming to the Suring Public School District. Looking at options and being proactive by offering distant learning within our school will keep student here in our district.

Mrs. Casper shared information regarding the WASB resolutions that will be address at the Wisconsin School Board Association virtual conference.

Highlights of the 2019-20 audit report were given.

WASB Survey information was shared. Board members were asked to have the survey completed by February 5, 2021. Results of the survey will be shared at the February board meeting.

Snow days will be handled as they have in the past. If we have a snow day, there will be no school for students or staff. If we exhaust our allotted time that is built in the calendar for anticipated snow days, we would then move the district into virtual learning on those days.

A draft of the proposed 2021-2022 school calendar was shared.

Referendum 2020 upcoming projects were shared. Upcoming projects include street locker replacement, hallway flooring, cafeteria flooring and cafeteria tables.

The addition of drug testing for new employees in the District Handbooks will be discussed further at a policy meeting.

The second reading of Policies Vol. 29, No. 2, Technical Corrections Vol. 29, No. 2, PPE, Coronavirus Disease, Federal Funds, and Title IX took place.

Motion by Lundgren, seconded by Regal to approve Middle School return to five days of in-person instruction on January 25, 2021. Carried 6-0.

Motion by Lally, seconded by Lundgren to approve High School return to five days of in-person instruction on February 1, 2021. Carried 6-0.

Motion by Lally, seconded by Seibert to approve maintaining the safety precaution of using masks in the school building until the next board meeting. Carried 6-0.

Motion by Lundgren, seconded by Wozniak to approve following the FFCRA practice that was taken first semester with staff attendance. Carried 6-0.

Motion by Regal, seconded by Seibert to approve following the practice that was taken first semester in quarantining staff and students with review at next board meeting. Carried 6-0.

Motion by Lundgren, seconded by Regal to approve 2021-2022 Open Enrollment Limits in Regular Education as Kindergarten: four spaces; 1st Grade: eight spaces; 2nd Grade: three spaces. In Special Education Lower Elementary (5K-2) Cross Categorical: 3 spaces; Upper Elementary Cross Categorical (3-5): 7 spaces; Middle School Cross Categorical (6-8): no space; High School Cross Categorical (9-12): no space; Specialized Cross Categorical (K-12): no space; Speech/Language Programing: no space. Carried 6-0.

Motion by Lundgren, seconded by Lally to approve the 2021-2022 school calendar as presented. Carried 6-0.

Motion by Lundgren, seconded by Seibert to approve the second reading and review of Policies: Vol. 29 No. 2 as presented. Carried 6-0.

Motion by Lundgren, seconded by Wozniak to approve the second reading and review of Policies: Technical Corrections Vol. 29, No. 2. Carried 6-0.

Motion by Lundgren, seconded by Seibert to approve the second reading and review of Policies: PPE as presented. Carried 6-0.

Motion by Lundgren, seconded by Wozniak to approve the second reading and review of Policies: Coronavirus Disease as presented. Carried 6-0.

Motion by Lundgren, seconded by Seibert to approve the second reading and review of Policies: Federal Funds as presented. Carried 6-0.

Motion by Regal, seconded by Lundgren to approve the second reading and review of Policies: Title IX as presented. Carried 6-0.

Items for future board consideration will include Virtual Learning Platform and the gym flag.

The next regular board meeting will be Wednesday, February 10, 2021 in the small gym at 5:30pm.

Unfinished business included a reminder of the Wisconsin Association School Board virtual conference that will take place January 20-22, 2021, marking off-site property lines and awareness and the Suring School Sign on Firgens property.

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

Motion by Lundgren, 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, Wozniak – yes. Carried 6-0. Time: 7:48 P.M.

Motion by Lally, seconded by Seibert to adjourn the Closed Session and reconvene in Open Session. Carried 6-0. Time: 9:40 P.M.

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

Motion by Regal, seconded by Lally to approve the termination of an open enrolled student discussed in closed session at the end of first semester. Carried 6-0.

Motion by Lally, seconded by Seibert to approve hiring Craig Gerndt as 7th grade Girls Basketball coach for 2020-2021. Carried 6-0.

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

Joy Rohde, District Secretary

Time: 9:43 P.M.