

SURING PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, February 10, 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, Regal, Seibert, Sleeter, Wozniak.

Absent: Piepkorn

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

Visitors present: Greg Jaeger, Gina Cramer, Heather Blanchard, Troy Blanchard

Motion by Lally, seconded by Wozniak to approve the consent items (Agenda, Minutes of January 13, 2021 Regular Meeting, Bills-check numbers 96062 through 96161, Treasurer Report) as listed. Carried 6-0.

Treasurer Report as follows:

		Balance on hand January 1, 2021	\$2,468,008.21
		Revenues for January, 2021	<u>1,865,552.97</u>
			\$4,333,561.18
January Expenses			
Net Payroll	\$147,220.31		
Accounts Payable	<u>256,954.75</u>		
	(\$404,175.06)		
		Total Expenses for January, 2021	<u>\$ 404,175.06</u>
		Balance on hand January 31, 2021	\$3,929,386.12

There were no questions or comments from the public.

The September Third Friday Count and the January Second Friday Enrollment Count information was shared with the board. Mrs. Casper pointed out that the district is down ten students from the first Friday count.

The transportation report was not available but Mrs. Casper reminded the board that with the increase in fuel costs the board will see an increase in transportation cost.

Mrs. Berg presented a written report to the Board. She shared an update of distant learners indicating that for second semester there is a decline in the number of distant learners from fifty-eight students to thirty-one students. Monday's remain as packet pick-up for families of distant learners. Berg also shared that ACT prep is going great with the help of staff. Mr. Keefe, Mr. Bedroske and Mr. Doherty are facilitating ACT Math prep, Mrs. Thomson is facilitating English, Reading and Writing, and Mr. Stillings and Mrs. Brady are facilitating Science. The board also was informed that six juniors and eight seniors received Honor Passes for second semester. Berg also shared that the FBLA did a great job at their recent competition. Twenty-two FBLA students placed in competition with fifteen qualifying for state competition. The Suring FBLA chapter finished fifth out of twenty-six chapters.

Athletic Director, Heidi Gerndt, in her written report informed the board that girls' basketball received a one seed for regionals and will have home games, wrestling finished with three athletes placing fourth at regionals, track is ready to go and she will reach out to Gillett for numbers for softball and baseball. She also indicated that fall sports schedules for next school year are set.

Mrs. Berg presented the Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR) report explaining where grades K-3 are at with meeting the states expectations.

In her District Administrators report, Mrs. Casper shared some preliminary insurance information, an update on the increased water bill, and recent legislation directing aid to schools holding in-person learning. Greg Jaeger explained the recent bids he received for the purchase of a new truck and the removal, installation and purchase of hall lockers.

Amanda Seibert gave the CESA 8 report. She informed the board about Academic and Career Planning that was discussed at a recent meeting.

The mask mandate and use within the facility was discussed along with setting up an advisory committee to set goals and communicate with legislators and other school districts. Use of the facilities for open gym, weight room and other activities was then discussed.

Off-site virtual programs for the 2021-2022 school year were discussed.

Mrs. Casper shared information that was given to the senior class in regards to graduation expectations. She also shared that the Hall of Fame nomination paperwork is available on the school website, or from the District Office with a due date of April 23, 2021.

ACT state testing was discussed. Juniors will be required to be in-person on March 9, 2021 when the ACT test will be administered and students 4K-10 and seniors will be educated virtually that day.

Dennis Piepkorn spoke with Ms. Firgens in regards to the school sign on her property. Ms. Firgens is in favor of the school updating the sign. Mrs. Casper will work with Katy Kegel to complete this project.

Motion by Regal, seconded by Lally to approve purchasing a 2020 RAM 2500 truck per quote from S&L Motors not to exceed \$36,146.00. Carried 6-0.

Motion by Seibert, seconded by Regal to approve the removal of 443 existing lockers, purchasing 240 new lockers and installation of new lockers from School Lockers.com not to exceed \$60,792.00. Carried 6-0.

Items for Future Board Consideration includes items under COVID matrix and plan including facility use.

The next regular monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, in the Small Gym at 5:30pm. A Board retreat will not be held on a specific date this year, but goals will be discussed individually at each board meeting going forward. The Administration Committee will meet on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 5:30pm to discuss coronavirus protocols, practices and community communication.

Wayne Sleeter and Mrs. Casper shared information about the virtual WASB convention and information received. Marking off-site property lines and awareness remains as unfinished business.

There was no public input at this time.

Motion by Lally, seconded by Seibert to convene in Closed Session if approved by roll call vote of the Board.  
Roll call vote: Lally – yes, Lundgren – yes, Regal – yes, Seibert – yes, Sleeter – yes, Wozniak – yes.  
Carried 6-0. Time: 7:07 P.M.

Motion by Lally, seconded by Wozniak to adjourn the Closed Session and reconvene in Open Session.  
Carried 6-0. Time: 8:30 P.M.

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

Motion by Seibert, seconded by Wozniak to approve the hiring of Troy Blanchard as full-time Buildings & Grounds /Custodian. Carried 6-0.

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

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

Joy Rohde, District Secretary

Time: 8:32 P.M.