

SURING PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, June 9, 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. Pendl.

Visitors present: Terry Garrigan, Heidi Gerndt, Tabitha Fendrick, Pete Cramer, Gina Cramer, Birdie Cramer, Bunny Cramer, Chloe Schroeder, Lynn Kuchenbecker, Mitch Taylor, Sheila Sleeter, Christine Sleeter, Laura Strehlow, Troy Blanchard.

Motion by Regal, seconded by Wozniak to approve the consent items (Agenda, Minutes of May 12, 2021 Regular Meeting, Bills-96464 through 96582, Treasurer Report) and changes in sequence as presented. Carried 6-0.

Treasurer Report as follows:

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|                   | Balance on hand May 1, 2021       | \$4,558,585.85       |
|                   | Revenues for May, 2021            | <u>44,538.51</u>     |
|                   |                                   | \$4,514,047.34       |
| May Disbursements |                                   |                      |
| Net Payroll       | \$180,919.83                      |                      |
| Accounts Payable  | <u>399,656.83</u>                 |                      |
|                   | (\$580,576.66)                    |                      |
|                   | Total Disbursements for May, 2021 | <u>\$ 580,576.66</u> |
|                   | Balance on hand May 31, 2021      | \$4,022,547.70       |

During public input, Athletic Director, Heidi Gerndt expressed her concern about the two-sport athlete item on the board agenda. Gerndt shared her opinion of the pros and cons and indicated to the board that as a coach she is not in favor of two sport athletes at Suring. Lynn Kuchenbecker, resident of Suring, addressed the board on the purchase of land from the district. Kuchenbecker informed the board that the Village of Suring does not have a minimum amount for the sale of land as indicated in a letter that was sent from the Village. Kuchenbecker also asked that a statement reflect that she never denied purchase of land in the past because she was not the homeowner at the time. Wayne Sleeter stated that at the time of the sale, all current homeowners were contacted. Troy Blanchard informed the board that he unofficially marked the property lines out by the football field/track area. Terry Garrigan, coach, informed that board that he also is not in favor of dual sport athletes, and gave supporting comments for his opinion.

Technology Director, Laura Strehlow, gave an e-Rate update, informed the board on the Emergency Connect Fund, and Chromebook repairs for the year. Strehlow also shared that a Google Workspace Assessment that was done by AmplifiedIT to assess the health of the school's Google domain.

Pam Berg, Principal, shared a written report with the board. The report included information on the FFA Petting Zoo, Field Day, Graduation, Department of Workforce Development Grant, All-School Picnic, Elementary Concert in the park and the School Evacuation drill. Berg also shared end of the year student accomplishments. Major awards for 2020-2021 school year for Middle School were: Principal's Award for Academic Excellence – Contessa Losurdo, Principal's Award for Exceptional Citizenship – Ginger Gerndt. High School Awards Student of the Year were: Class of 2021 – Leo Taylor, Class of 2022 – Katherine Mahoney, Class of 2023 – Mackenzie Bailey, Class of 2024 – Samantha Seibert.

Heidi Gerndt, Athletic Director, shared some things happening next school year. She informed the board that Wrestling Team Sectional Finals will be held in Suring, Military Night will be back, Suring will host the High School and Middle School Conference Track Meets, and that she is putting in for Regional Track for 2022. Gerndt also gave an update on athletics for the 2021-2022 school year.

Mrs. Casper informed the board that the transportation report has not been received by the meeting but transportation costs have been on budget. Casper also suggested they take a walk around the building after the meeting to see progress on the locker removal and see the old walls that have been exposed.

Board member Dave Lally shared information he received from the recent CESA 8 Annual Convention.

Discussion took place on summer in-person conferences and trainings for students and two sport athletes. Staff drug testing information was shared on the cost of a rapid ten-panel drug screen versus a ten-panel drug screen that would be sent to a lab with results in 48-72 hours. Casper shared board policy for the sale of property and the procedures that need to be followed. Troy Blanchard presented the board with a photo of the truss that could be a part of the new scoreboard. The truss was not approved at the May board meeting, but as final design approval is needed, Blanchard showed two options; one with the truss and one without. For discussion on the Seal-Flex Latex Bounded Resilient Surface for the track, Pete Cramer was asked to present his proposal. The Cramer's presented a bid from AFS for updating the track with a rubber latex surface after the approved track repair is completed this summer. Cramer shared information on generating funds for future upkeep and community support and contributions to date. In closing, Cramer stated, "Every day is a great day to be a Suring Eagle".

Motion by Lally, seconded by Lundgren to approve allowing students to attend school affiliated in-person conferences and trainings during the summer. Carried 6-0.

Motion by Lundgren, seconded by Regal to approve staff drug testing as discussed. Carried 6-0.

Motion by Lundgren, seconded by Wozniak to approve the Start College Now Students for 2021-2022 as presented. Carried 6-0.

Motion by Wozniak, seconded by Seibert to approve the WIAA Affiliation for the 2021-2022 School Year. Carried 6-0.

Motion by Lally, seconded by Seibert to approve Co-op contracts with Gillett for Wrestling, Baseball and softball for the 2021-2022 school year. Carried 6-0.

Motion by Regal, seconded by Seibert to approve hiring Amanda Sonnenburg as Cook/Server/Dishwasher for the 2021-2022 school year. Carried 6-0.

Motion by Wozniak, seconded by Regal to approve the scoreboard truss as discussed. Carried 6-0.

Motion by Regal, seconded by Lally to approve moving forward with the Seal-Flex Bounded Resilient Surface (rubberized track). Carried 6-0.

At this time, Michelle Pendl, shared a PowerPoint presentation with the board on state test score comparison.

The next regular Board meeting will be on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, in the Boardroom at 5:30 P.M. Items for future board consideration are the AGR report, two sport athletes, track funding update and the sale of property by the football field/track area.

Unfinished business included marking off-site property lines completion and setting a date in August for the board retreat.

During public comment, Heidi Gerndt reminded the board that if the two sport athlete will go to a vote, we need to make Gillett aware due to the fact that we co-op three sports with them.

Motion by Lundgren, 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.

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

Motion by Wozniak, seconded by Lally to approve Athletic Directors compensation as presented. Carried 6-0.

Motion by Lally, seconded by Regal to approve hiring Natalie Rennhack as Instrumental & General Music Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Carried 6-0.

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

Joy Rohde, District Secretary

Time 9:15 P.M.