

MINUTES  
SCHOOL BOARD  
SURING PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Regular Meeting - Suring School Library  
Wednesday, May 8, 2013  
6:00 P.M.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members present: Lundgren, Piepkorn, School, Sleeter, Strehlow, Trepanier, Ustianowski.

Administration present: Mr. Ray, Mr. Parkovich.

Visitors present: Laura Fisher, Nels J. Jensen, Amy Kasten, Jenny Breed, Greg Jaeger, Liza Steffek, Hope Buhrandt, John Quigley.

Motion by Sleeter, seconded by Lundgren to approve the agenda. Carried 7-0.

Motion by Lundgren, seconded by Ustianowski to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 10, 2013. Carried 7-0.

**ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD FOR 2013-14**

Motion by Sleeter, to nominate Dennis Piepkorn for president. Piepkorn respectfully declined.

Motion by Piepkorn, seconded by Lundgren to nominate Melissa Trepanier as president.

Motion by Piepkorn, seconded by Sleeter to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Melissa Trepanier for president. Carried 7-0. Melissa Trepanier is the board president.

Motion by Ustianowski, seconded by Trepanier to nominate Lundgren for vice-president.

Motion by Sleeter seconded by Strehlow to nominate Piepkorn for vice-president.

Motion by Sleeter, seconded by Strehlow to close nominations for vice-president. Carried 7-0.

Vote for Piepkorn – 4, Vote for Lundgren -3. Dennis Piepkorn is the board vice-president.

Motion by Trepanier, seconded by Sleeter to nominate Ustianowski for clerk/correspondent.

Motion by School, seconded by Trepanier to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Ustianowski for clerk/correspondent. Carried 7-0. Cheryl Ustianowski is the board clerk/correspondent.

Motion by School, seconded by Trepanier to nominate Lundgren for treasurer.

Motion by Strehlow, seconded by Ustianowski to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Lundgren for treasurer. Carried 7-0. Cathy Lundgren is the board treasurer.

Motion by Trepanier, seconded by Lundgren to nominate Piepkorn for WASB delegate.

Motion by Ustianowski, seconded by Strehlow to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Piepkorn for WASB delegate. Carried 7-0. Dennis Piepkorn is the board WASB delegate.

Motion by Piepkorn, seconded by Lundgren to nominate Trepanier for CESA 8 delegate.

Motion by Piepkorn, seconded by Ustianowski to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Trepanier for CESA 8 delegate. Carried 7-0. Melissa Trepanier is the board CESA 8 delegate.

Committee Assignments: Finance–Ustianowski, Trepanier, Piepkorn. Administration–Lundgren, Strehlow, Trepanier. Property and Transportation–Sleeter, School, Trepanier.

Cheryl Ustianowski appointed Cathy Lundgren as deputy clerk.

Motion by School, seconded by Sleeter to designate the Suring Office of the First Merit Bank, Wells Fargo, Harris N.A., NEW Credit Union as the official depositories for the Suring Public School District. Carried 7-0.

Motion by Lundgren, seconded by Strehlow to hold the regular monthly meeting on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 PM in the high school library. If needed a second meeting to be held on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Carried 7-0.

COMMUNICATIONS - Charlie Breed advised the Board of Education of the help he received from Amy Kasten in securing a grant for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class trip to Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya. Mrs. Kasten also was able to secure a grant for the 10<sup>th</sup> grade class. Thank you to Amy Kasten for the work she put into getting these grants.

PUBLIC INPUT - None.

Robert Ray shared with the board the report of the administrative committee meeting held on April 10, 2013.

Motion by Sleeter, seconded by School to approve the April Financial Report as stated. Carried 7-0. Financial Report as follows:

	Balance on hand April 1, 2013	\$3,203,870.48
	Receipts for April, 2013	<u>124,984.30</u>
		\$3,328,854.78
April Disbursements		
Net Payroll	\$134,425.55	
Accounts Payable	<u>375,766.45</u>	
	(\$510,192.00)	
	Total Disbursements for April, 2013	<u>\$ 510,192.00</u>
	Balance on hand April 30, 2013	\$2,818,662.78

Motion by Lundgren, seconded by Strehlow to approve and pay bills - check numbers 84181 through 84264. Carried 7-0.

John Quigley accompanied by Liza Steffeck and Hope Buhrandt presented a PowerPoint and an update of the Solo and Ensemble held at Suring School. Thank you to Sharon Jansen and Micki Carlson for their help with the festival along with the students and staff. Hope Buhrandt received a 1<sup>st</sup> place at State and Ally Britten and Taylor Quandt received 2<sup>nd</sup> places.

Amy Kasten presented a video and an update on the recently released WKCE test scores. Amy addressed the recent newspaper article regarding our low graduation rate. Along with Mr. Ray, Amy found the foundation of the rate which was published. A total of five students did not graduate due to extenuating circumstances.

Nels Jensen gave a reading specialist report. He addressed the reading test scores. He stated that Suring has led the conference in these test scores. A district goal was to increase the WKCE test scores and Mr. Jensen feels that that goal should have been set higher. As a proctor for a math test, Mr. Jensen feels that no distractions are acceptable during the test, this needs to be considered for future testing.

As the reading specialist, Mr. Jensen is in charge of the Book Fair, Book It, library usage, Spelling Bee, Accelerated Reader, District Book Depot and other special activities. At this time, he sees great progress in the lower elementary grade students.

The Title 1 program improvements are entrance criteria, record management, parental involvement, super classroom/learning environment, networking, RTI, leveled book collections, great aide and parent volunteer, FUN for everyone (even struggling readers), and Welcome "Title 1-Derfuls" and other guests. Mr. Jensen offered his thanks to Barb Gerndt and Renee Wolf for all of the help which they provide to this program.

Motion by School, seconded by Lundgren to accept the resignation of Charlie Breed as Head Junior High Track Coach effective at the end of the current school year. Carried 7-0.

Motion by Trepanier seconded by School to approve Luke Runge as extra summer help for custodial lawn care. Carried 7-0.

Laura Fisher presented the technology report. She stated that SBAC testing was successful. Sue Anderson observed the test while the students were taking it. She stated that she felt that the test was very inappropriate for 10<sup>th</sup> grade students. The expectations of this test are unattainable. There was a technology meeting in which the technology plan was discussed. Also discussed were the guidelines for the use of the mobile wireless cart. Reorganization of one of the computer labs was requested by Becky Dickson and Tammy Steffeck. Laura feels that this is doable and understands the need for their request.

Laura Fisher shared the Technology Plan which is updated every three years. After board approval the plan is submitted to the DPI for approval.

Motion by Lundgren, seconded by Sleeter to accept the Suring Technology Plan as presented. Carried 7-0.

Greg Jaeger presented the building and grounds report. The weight room project has been completed. He thanks Scott VanBellinger, the custodial staff, Terry Garrigan, Jim Keeffe, Mr. Lechleitner's Construction II Class, Mike Druckery, Ron Christenson and everyone else who helped complete this project. The year-end projects are Passport upgrade, truck repair, door repair, gym floor refinish and asphalt maintenance. Greg participated in a webinar "Transforming the Learning Environment One Piece at a Time" and shared what he learned.

Wayne Sleeter asked about exhaust fans in the weight room.

There was no transportation report at this time.

The motion for lunch and breakfast prices for 2013-14 was tabled at this time. The Board requests more information regarding the proposed price increase at the June meeting.

Motion by Ustianowski, seconded by Lundgren to participate in the Wisconsin School Day Milk Break Program for the 2013-14 school year. Carried 7-0.

Motion by Sleeter, seconded by Lundgren to approve fees for the 2013-14 school year as presented with the exception of the lunch/breakfast/milk prices. Carried 7-0.

Mr. Ray thanked Mr. Parkovich and Melissa Hischke for their work that was put in to the handbook revisions for 2013-14.

Motion by Lundgren, seconded by Trepanier to approve the handbook revisions for the 2013-14 school year with the exception of the lunch/breakfast/milk prices as presented. Carried 7-0.

Motion by Lundgren, seconded by School to approve open enrollment applications #1 and #2 for non-resident students to attend the Suring Public School District in 2013-14, which brings the possible total to 26 non-resident students into the district. Carried 7-0.

Motion by School, seconded by Trepanier to approve open enrollment applications #1 thru #8 for resident students to attend non-resident districts in 2013-14, which brings the possible total to 42 students out of the district, pending cost estimates received from non-resident school districts. Carried 7-0.

Mr. Ray reported the school wide title application for 2013-14 was approved. Progress monitoring is in effect.

Mr. Ray stated that the budget for 2013-14 is starting to look a little bit better with a possible increase in funding in the per pupil increase.

Mr. Ray has met with the district health insurance carrier on various occasions. Alternatives are being looked at. Not all employees have participated in the Bio-Metrics survey. In order to receive a lower percentage increase, a percentage of employees were required to participate.

Mr. Ray stated that the summer school booklet has been distributed and it is on the website. Jen Breed is the coordinator of the program.

Mr. Ray shared with the board that the NWTC consortium could be implemented in the 2014-2015 school year. It is still in the planning stages with Lena, Coleman and Gillett.

Mr. Ray suggested that there be an additional meeting of the finance committee to concentrate on updating the employment guide and presenting a final draft to the board.

Bruce Parkovich shared with the board a video of Jay Tienor from the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholar Athlete Awards Ceremony. Jay excelled in both academics and athletics. Jay is Suring School District's first ever WIAA scholar winner. Mr. Parkovich also shared with the board a video of Coach Gary Regal, who was voted Bellin Sports Medicine Night of Champions Commitment to Excellence Award. Coach Regal is the first from the Suring School District to receive this award. Congratulations to both Jay and Gary!

Bellin Sports Medicine has offered to provide athletic physicals in school for next year. At the annual WIAA meeting, a resolution to allow unlimited contact with athletes in the sports of volleyball and basketball was voted down.

At the FBLA State Leadership Conference, Joshua Frischkorn received a 7<sup>th</sup> place in Future Business Leader and Stormy Gerndt placed 4<sup>th</sup> place in Who's Who is FBLA, and 6<sup>th</sup> in Digital Design. Mr. Parkovich thanked Mr. Lechleitner and Mr. Wagner for working with the junior class prom.

Melissa Trepanier reported that the annual CESA convention is June 6 at 7pm. She also shared what was discussed at the monthly meeting.

The special meeting on May 29 will no longer be necessary because open enrollment applications will be addressed at this regular meeting.

Items for future board consideration will be on the July agenda.

Discussion took place on the parameters of implementing a teacher/employee of the year award. Trepanier will contact CESA 8 to see if they would be interested.

The current wellness committee is inactive. When leadership committees are formed and the new principal is here a wellness committee will be addressed and put on the July agenda.

Piepkorn, School and Ustianowski are the board representatives for graduation.

PUBLIC INPUT - Nels Jensen, Town of Mountain, asked the board to revisit the student/parent handbook to make sure testing was addressed in the handbook.

Motion by Sleeter, seconded by Lundgren to convene in Closed Session if approved by roll call vote of the Board. Roll Call Vote: Lundgren-Yes, Piepkorn-Yes, School-Yes, Sleeter-Yes, Strehlow-Yes, Trepanier-Yes, Ustianowski-Yes. Carried 7-0.

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

Motion by Sleeter, seconded by Lundgren to adjourn the Open Meeting. Carried 7-0.

Cheryl Ustianowski, Clerk

Time: 9:21 P.M.