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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Administration present: Mrs. Casper, Mrs. Berg.

Visitors present: Monica Wagner, Shaun Wagner, Gina Cramer, Pete Cramer, Mitch Taylor, Timothy Grimes, Heidi Gerndt, Greg Jaeger, Mary Smith, FFA Students: Caleb Lally, Johnathon Miller, Nicholas Buhrandt, Josh Reed, Kelsey Smith, Kylee Stelzer.

Motion by Ustianowski, seconded by Lundgren to approve the consent items (Agenda, Minutes of October 11, 2017 Regular Meeting, Bills-check numbers 89739 through 89837, Treasurer Report) as listed. Carried 7-0.

Treasurer Report as follows:

Balance on hand October 1, 2017 $2,553,594.48
Receipts for October, 2017 144,377.03
$2,697,971.51

October Disbursements
Net Payroll $159,821.12
Accounts Payable 283,323.43
($443,144.55)

Total Disbursements for October, 2017 $ 443,144.55
Balance on hand October 31, 2017 $2,254,826.96

There were no questions or comments from the public.

The Administration Committee Report of November 1, 2017 was presented to the board. The committee reviewed and discussed policies from Neola Volume 26 No.2 and the July 2017 special update.

Greg Jaeger, head of buildings & grounds, addressed the upcoming agenda items for the property & transportation committee meeting on November 15. He reported the athletic field bathroom roof and wall panel repair work has been completed and will summarize total repairs and cost so he can submit to the insurance company. He also reported that the school forest neighbors/loggers are nearing completion and observed that the loggers did an awesome job on keeping the gate locked at all times when not working on the property and no district road or property damage occurred.

Mrs. Casper presented the September and October food service reports to the board. The food service department continues to have a healthy fund balance.

The transportation report was presented to the board. Fuel adjustment costs have already doubled from last year.

Athletic Director Heidi Gerndt reported that football placed 5th in the M&O Conference and eight athletes received conference honor recognition. Volleyball placed 3rd in the M&O Conference and three athletes received conference honor recognition. At this time there are 20 boys and 14 girls interested in playing basketball this year. We have no high school students interested in wrestling, but there may be six junior high students
interested. The baseball/softball teams will travel together this year to save money for districts, but next year the softball season starts earlier.

Mrs. Casper reminded the board of our Veterans Day program on Friday, November 10 at 1pm.

Wendy Wozniak recently attended two school board training sessions. The WASB training focused on strong community relations to help with understanding and support. At the CESA 8 board leadership training the presenter talked on behavioral sciences and dealing with different personalities.

Agriculture Teacher and FFA Advisor Mary Smith and six students presented information to the board on the FFA National Convention that they recently attended. Suring FFA students toured Wetherby Cranberry Farm in Warrens WI, Kendrick Forest Products in Edgewood IA and the John Deere Seeding Factory in Moline IL. While at convention they attended the Expo and Career Fair, AgriScience Fair and educational sessions. They also got to tour Indiana Downs Horse Racing Track and enjoyed the musical "Ghost" at Beef and Boards Dinner Theatre. A fun and educational trip!

Principal Pam Berg shared recent events with the board. The middle school spirit week focused on building a middle school identity involving dress up days, design a flag competition, trivia game, pep rally, walk-a thon fundraiser, and a dance to end the week. She indicated that the staff did an awesome job of finding math related activities for families on Math Night. The M&O Volleyball “Spike for a Cure” is a conference wide event and each year money is raised for a local cancer patient. This year’s recipient was the district’s Speech Therapist Amanda Roddy.

The district will need to make a decision regarding 8 or 11 man football for the start of the 2019 season. This decision will be a two year commitment. The conference has set a decision deadline for January 2018. The WIAA has also made comments of putting football teams into districts which would make a change to everything that has been discussed and done in the past.

Football Coach Mitch Taylor reported that numbers change throughout the year. In the spring interest is high for football and by August some students change their minds so you can’t be sure of numbers. He would love to and wants to stay at 11 man.

Board Member Mark Strehlow collected some information from the WIAA regarding football numbers and the data shows participation numbers are dropping across the state.

Two seats on the Suring School Board will be up for election on April 3, 2018: one board member residing in the Town of Breed area and one board member residing in the Village of Suring area. Wendy Wozniak currently represents the Town of Breed seat and is completing her first term serving since 2014 and is the board treasurer. Dennis Piepkorn currently represents the Village of Suring seat and is completing his sixth term, serving since 2000 and is the board vice-president.

The board was asked who was interested in attending the WASB convention in January 2018 and to let Mrs. Casper know by November 15 if they are interested in attending in order to reserve rooms before rates goes up.

Shaun and Monica Wagner have requested that the board consider offering cross country running to our students in Suring. Cross Country is a fall sport that is offered to both males and females. At this time we have football and volleyball in the fall. The WIAA deadline to register a new sport or co-op is February 3.

Discussion on the community school recognition sign will be addressed at the buildings & grounds committee meeting on Wednesday, November 15.

Motion by Piepkorn, seconded by Lundgren to approve the 2017-18 Board Goals. Carried 7-0.

The Board of Education Goals 2017-2018 are:
1) The Suring Board of Education will foster and facilitate an open door policy while building positive relationships with parents and the community during the 2017-18 school year. This will be accomplished by:
   a) listening to parent questions and concerns
   b) being visible at extra-curricular school related events
   c) Proactive - using the newsletter and other forms of media to educate the public (example open enrollment)
   d) Recognition - by letter, at a board meeting, etc.

2) During the 2017-18 school year the board of education will support administration and professional teaching staff as they create a personalized learning environment that allows all students to be active participants in their own learning. The board will do this by:
   a) Financial support
   b) Inviting staff members to present at board meetings
   c) Support staff in exploring options with personalized learning

3) The board of education will create and promote a learning environment that is physically and emotionally safe for all students, throughout the 2017-18 school year. Ways we will accomplish this include:
   a) Educating ourselves on protocols and procedures such as ALICE
   b) Financial support to help keep our staff trained
   c) Having trained responders on staff

Motion by Piepkorn, seconded by Lundgren to approve the first reading of the Policies: Vol. 26 No. 2 as listed below: Except 5421 Grading.
1. 0100 Definitions
2. 0131.1 Bylaws and Policies
3. 0144.1 Compensation
4. 0164.1 Regular Meetings
5. 0164.2 Special Meetings
6. 0166 Agenda
7. 1630.01 Family & Medical Leave of Absence (“FMLA”)
8. 2260 Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity
9. 2261.01 Parent and Family Engagement Participation in TITLE I Programs
10. 2370 Educational Options
11. 2411 School Counseling and Academic and Career Planning
12. 2430 District-Sponsored Clubs and Activities
13. 2431 Interscholastic Athletics
14. 3122.01 Drug-Free Workplace
15. 3430.01 Family & Medical Leave of Absence (“FMLA”)
16. 4122.01 Drug-Free Workplace
17. 4430.01 Family & Medical Leave of Absence (“FMLA”)
18. 5111 Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students
19. 5130 Withdrawal/Dropout from School
20. 5310.01 Emergency Nursing Services
21. 5330 Administration of Medication/Emergency Care
22. 5421 Grading
23. 5517 Student Anti-Harassment
24. 5540 The Schools and Governmental Agencies
25. 5610 Suspension and Expulsion
26. 5771 Search and Seizure
27. 5830 Student Fundraising
28. 6800 System of Accounting
29. 7530.02 Staff Use of Personal Communication Devices
30. 8146 2370 Notification of Educational Options
31. 8310 Public Records
32. 8320 Personnel Records
33. 8320.01 Unauthorized Acquisition of Staff Personal Information
34. 8330 Student Records  
35. 8350 Confidentiality  
36. 8452 Automated External Defibrillators (AED)  
37. 8510 Wellness  
38. 8605 Use of Electronic Wireless Communication Devices by District Employees Who Operate Board-Owned or Operated Vehicles  
39. 9700 Relations with Non-School Affiliated Groups

Carried 7-0.

Motion by Lundgren, seconded by Ustianowski to approve the first reading of the Policies: Special Update – July 2017 as listed below:
1. 8500 Food Service  
2. 6152 Student Fees, Fines, and Charges  
Carried 7-0.

Motion by Lundgren, seconded by Ustianowski to approve the first reading of the Policies: Tech Update – Phase I, II, III as listed below:

Phase I
1. 0100 Definitions  
2. 7540 Computer Technology Network, and Internet Acceptable Use and Safety  
3. 7540.01V2 Technology Privacy  
4. 7540.02 District Web Page Content, Services, and Apps  

Phase II
1. 8300 Continuity of Organizational Operations Plan  
2. 8305 Information Security  

Phase III
1. 5136 Personal Communication Devices  
2. 5136.01 Technology Resources and Other Electronic Equipment  
3. 7540.03 Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety  
4. 7540.04 Staff Technology Acceptable Use and Safety  
5. 7540.06 District-Issued Staff E-Mail Account  
6. 7540.07 District-Issued Student E-Mail Account

Carried 7-0.

Items for future board consideration will include cross country running, football, a policy for drug testing of staff, and behavior analysis.

The next regular school board meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 in conference room #300 at 5:30pm.

There will be a property & transportation committee meeting on Wednesday, November 15, 2017, in conference room #300 at 5pm.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

Motion by Piepkorn, 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, Ustianowski-yes, Wozniak-yes. Carried 7-0.

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

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

Sharon Jansen, District Secretary  
Time: 7:52 P.M.