

**SWALLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT
W299 N5614 Highway E
Hartland, Wisconsin 53029**

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

May 13, 2015

5:00 p.m.

Present: Rebecca Morrison, John Fuhs, John Stahl, Susie Polentini, Aaron Dentz, Melissa Thompson, Joan Fritzler, Kyle Moore, and Kim Zabel.

Also in attendance: Four (4) citizens were in attendance as well as staff members Rachel Crockford, Tim Lemke, Kate Garman, Krissy Perugini and special guest Bill Foster from School Perceptions, LLC.

CALL TO ORDER

Rebecca Morrison, President, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., read the Notice of the Meeting, and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

John Fuhs motioned to approve the agenda. John Stahl seconded and the motion carried 5-0 on a voice vote.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Mr. Bill Foster of School Perceptions, LLC presented the results from the annual student, parent, and staff survey. Board members reviewed and discussed the results.

CELEBRATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS

Mr. Lemke, Ms. Heard, Ms. Mosey, and Ms. VanMullem reviewed the progress made throughout the school year in SOAR and the Hawk's Nest as a result of the Innovation Grant received.

Mr. Hodel reviewed the progress made throughout the school year in Physical Education with the PolarGoFit application that was purchased through an Innovation Grant.

CITIZENS' FORUM

No comments were made.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Superintendent's Report

Ms. Thompson presented the following information:

Health Insurance Renewal Rate and Projected Costs for 2015-16 – Ms. Fritzler reported that Swallow will have a -1% increase in next year's health insurance costs as a result of earning the full 3% in Wellness Program Discounts.

Employee Handbook and Addendum Revisions – The board reviewed and discussed the final versions of the Employee Handbook and addendums.

Review of Approved Summer Construction and Relocation Projects – Planning for projects to be completed over the summer is underway. The garage door has been raised and staff office space and a new music practice room are currently being finished to allow for summer construction of the Discovery Center, Discovery Lab, and secure front entry.

Recommendations for Reading and Language Arts Program as a Result of Curricular & Programmatic Review Process – Ms. Crockford, Ms. Perugini, and the RLA committee reviewed the RLA mission statement, process, and recommendations for programmatic changes in the areas of reading, spelling, handwriting, and typing.

Recommendations for Spanish Program as a Result of Curricular & Programmatic Review Process – Ms. Whaley, Ms. Wenner, and Ms. Hanson reviewed the Spanish review process and recommendations for the program moving forward.

6-8th Grade 1:1 Device Program for 2015-16 – Mr. Moore reviewed the guidelines that will be shared with parents and students for program which will deploy a 1:1 device initiative in 6-8th grades in the 2015-16 school year.

Revision of Curricular Documents – In June, the board will be asked to approve the curricular documents that teaching staff has been working on updating throughout the year.

Principal's Report

Mr. Moore reported that the Swallow Education Foundation Casino Night in April was a success and reached the fundraising goal. The middle school held the “Coffee for a Cause” fundraiser which raised money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The 8th grade Washington, D.C. trip is scheduled to depart at the end of May. Teachers have been working on revising learning targets and assessment plans for next year during the professional development days. Mr. Moore also reviewed the upcoming 15-month professional development plan.

ACTION ITEMS

The Board reviewed and took action on the following items:

Approval of Minutes

John Fuhs motioned to approve the following minutes: April 16, 2015 – Regular Board Meeting; April 16, 2015 – Executive Session; May 4, 2015 – Special School Board Meeting; and May 6, 2015 – Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting. Susie Polentini seconded and the motion carried 5-0 on a voice vote.

Employee Relations

John Stahl moved to approve the 2015-16 individual teacher contracts, as presented. Aaron Dentz seconded and the motion carried 5-0 on a voice vote.

Monthly Accounts

Susie Polentini moved to approve receipts in the amount of \$92,975 and expenditures as presented in the amount of \$371,630 during the month of April 2015. John Stahl seconded and the motion carried 5-0 on a voice vote.

Policy

John Stahl motioned to waive the third reading and approve the Employee Handbook, the Teacher Addendum to the Employee Handbook, and the Non-Contracted Staff Addendum to the Employee Handbook as presented with the addition of the 2015 year notation in the professional learning reimbursement sections of both the teacher and non-contracted staff addendums. John Fuhs seconded and the motion carried 5-0 on a voice vote.

Teaching and Learning

Recommendations for Reading and Language Arts Program as a Result of Curricular & Programmatic Review Process - John Fuhs moved to approve the recommendations for the Making Meaning program in reading to be implemented using the reader's workshop instructional model, Words Their Way program in K-5 Spelling, Prestwick House program in 6-8th vocabulary development, Zaner Bloser and D'Nealian programs in Handwriting, Typing Agent K-8 for typing skill development, and the implementation timeline as presented. Susie Polentini seconded and the motion carried 5-0 on a voice vote.

Recommendations for Spanish Program as a Result of Curricular & Programmatic Review Process - Susie Polentini moved to approve the recommendation to continue the Spanish program K-8 using the FLES model of instructional delivery with level-based groupings in grades 5-8 where scheduling permits, as presented. The board further reviewed and discussed other recommendations for the Spanish program and requested more information for the June board meeting in order to consider the approval of further recommendations. John Stahl seconded and the motion carried 5-0 on a voice vote.

6-8th Grade 1:1 Device Program for 2015-16 - John Stahl moved to approve the 6-8th grade 1:1 device program beginning in the 2015-16 school year. Aaron Dentz seconded and the motion carried 5-0 on a voice vote.

Approval of Arrowhead Area Summer Beginning Band Camp Cooperative - John Fuhs moved to approve the Arrowhead Annual Band Camp Cooperative. Aaron Dentz seconded and the motion carried 5-0 on a voice vote.

Open Enrollment

Action on Grade Levels with Space Available - Susie Polentini moved to approve the following grade levels with space available: KG – 0 seats; 1st -1 seat; 2nd – 5 seats; 3rd -3 seats; 4th -5 seats; 5th – 6 seats; 6th – 0 seats; 7th – 6 seats; 8th – 0 seats. John Stahl seconded and the motion carried 5-0 on a voice vote.

Approval of Waitlist Selection - Susie Polentini motioned to approve the following grade levels with the designated number of applicants on the waiting list: KG – 8; 1st – 6; 2nd – 0; 3rd – 0; 4th – 2; 5th – 5; 6th – 8; 7th – 7; and 8th – 11. John Stahl seconded and the motion carried 5-0 on a voice vote.

John Stahl motioned to deny the following applications due to no comparable pre-kindergarten program: PK – 3 students. Aaron Dentz seconded and the motion carried 5-0 on a voice vote.

Approval of Applications to Attend Other Districts - John Fuhs moved to approve 22 applicants for resident students to attend other districts via open enrollment. John Stahl seconded and the motion carried 5-0 on a voice vote.

John Fuhs moved to deny 2 applications for resident pre-kindergarten students attend another school due to no comparable pre-kindergarten program in their resident school district. John Stahl seconded and the motion carried 5-0 on a voice vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Budget Development Update

Ms. Fritzler updated the board on the 2015-16 budget development process.

Preparation for Upcoming Work Session on Strategic Planning

The board discussed the upcoming strategic planning work session to be held at the Maverick Innovation Lab.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board reviewed and discussed upcoming events.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:58 p.m. the Board of Education convened into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (e), “deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.” This session is being held specifically to discuss contract negotiations with AUTO. (Roll Call Vote Required) Dentz – YES, Fuhs – YES, Stahl – Yes, Morrison – YES, and Polentini – YES

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

At 9:38 p.m. the Board of Education reconvened into open session. Dentz – YES, Fuhs – YES, Stahl – Yes, Morrison – YES, and Polentini – YES

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:39 p.m., John Fuhs made the motion to adjourn which was seconded by John Stahl and carried 5-0 on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Thompson
Superintendent

Approved: _____

_____, President

_____, Clerk