SWALLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT
W299 N5614 County Road E
Hartland, Wisconsin 53029

SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING May 4, 2023 7:00 a.m.

Present: Kevin Scott, Haley Sweeney, Kim Khoury (until 9:03 a.m.), Wendy Szafranski, Mike Hoida, Melissa Thompson, Rob Nelson, and Anton Shircel.

Community members in attendance: Jeannine Ruby, Dave Michaelis, Amy Robertson, Jenny Lindee, John Marzion, Heather Boundy, Andrea Rice, Gretchen Nelson, Jeanne Hanson, Megan Arreola, Laura McGuire, Geoff Seufert, Colleen Berkowitz and Stephanie Christiano.

CALL TO ORDER

School Board President Kevin Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m., read the Notice of the Meeting and verified proper notice per Wis. Stats. 19.84(2), and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. Wendy Szafranski motioned to approve the agenda. Kim Khoury seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

CELEBRATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS

Commendations for Laurie Calbaum, Rebecca Mork, Tom Mancuso, and Gail Schroeder-Hoffman for their hard work making Family Arts Night a huge success, for Annie DiPietro for her hard work in making Literacy Week a huge success, and for Robert Nelson for earning WASBO Risk Manager Certification.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Fine Arts Curriculum and Programmatic Review Process Updates- Fine Arts staff members Laurie Calbaum, Rebecca Mork, and Tom Mancuso joined Assistant Principal/Curriculum Coordinator Shircel to provide an annual programmatic update, highlighting the recent and well attended Family Arts Night.

Student Council Update- Four Student representatives and advisors presented the year to date activities and successes and highlighted the upcoming end of year activities. Board members commended Student Council on a successful Blood Drive.

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

Wendy Szafranski made the motion to approve the individual teacher contracts for the 2023-2024 school year as presented. Kim Khoury seconded and the motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

2023-24 Health Insurance Plan Offering Update and Potential Action Regarding Membership in the Waukesha County Area Schools Health Insurance Cooperative – A discussion was had regarding the recent changes to the Health Insurance Cooperative membership and its likely dissolution, along with the health insurance marketing process to obtain new coverage administration is working on given the 49% rate increase provided to the District to date. Kevin Scott made the motion to provide Superintendent Thompson the authority to vote to dissolve the Waukesha County Area Schools Health Insurance Purchasing Cooperative (Coop) due to five of the ten districts leaving the Coop and the remaining Districts being unable to continue in the Coop due to a lack of health insurance companies willing to insure only a five District Coop. Kim Khoury seconded and the motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Annual Student, Parent and Staff Survey – Superintendent Thompson provided the draft versions of the surveys and solicited any Board member changes. None were requested.

Discussion of Superintendent Search Process – Board President Kevin Scott updated the board on the status of the search for the new Superintendent and Board members discussed the hiring process and timeline moving forward.

Discussion of Ad Hoc Search/Transition Committee – A discussion was had regarding the current status of the Ad Hoc Search/Transition committee and any next steps.

Discussion of Curriculum Transparency – Superintendent Melissa Thompson presented the addition of this section of the website to the Board and then discussion was had about the Board's follow up on the distinction between controversial issues and sensitive topics and if there are any values of the District the Board wishes to add, or remove, from the current Long Range Plan. Consensus was reached that the current Board policy on Controversial Issues was sufficient as are the District's values. A suggestion was made that as a part of Strong Start Conferences teachers solicit from families if there are any sensitive topics which should be noted with children.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:15 a.m. Haley Sweeney made the motion to adjourn which was seconded by Wendy Szafranski. Haley Sweeney then shared her letter of resignation from the School Board, effective June 1, 2023. The motion carried 4-0 on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Superintendent Dr. Melissa Thompson

Superintendent

Approved: _____

_____, President

_____, Clerk