SWALLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT
W299 N5614 Highway E
Hartland, Wisconsin 53029

SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION December 6, 2019 7:00 a.m.

Board Members Present: John Stahl, Susie Polentini, Peggy Moede, and Greg Zimmerman.

Excused: Darin Clark

Also in attendance: Students: Teagan Safranek, Ava Tassone, Lindsey Landowski, and Madeline Mayhew. Swallow staff members Jackie Hagenow, Jen Ruhland, Cindy Felsher, Andrew Joseph, Adam Scanlan, Jeremy Struss, and Melissa Thompson.

CALL TO ORDER

The work session began at 7:01 a.m.

DISCUSSION

The Board heard updates about the construction project, including completing a virtual tour and description of the areas completed and what is next on the schedule along with a review of budget to date. The project was noted to be 28% complete with only 9% of contingency draw to date. Communications efforts including the student-led video series and recent in-home mailing were also shared.

Jackie Hagenow and Andrew Joseph provided an overview of the Social Studies Curriculum and Programmatic Review process, which is in implementation year 4. Next steps include continued emphasis on using an inquiry-based instructional model within the five strands of social studies (behavioral sciences, political science, economics, history, and geography), non-fiction reading materials and primary source documents, and finding ways for students to collaborate with others across the world to learn with and from them.

Student Council student representatives and leaders shared accomplishments for the year to date including the Halloween Dance and Blood Drive and previewed the Evening with Elves and spring event plans.

Andrew Joseph provided an analysis of CoGat assessment results over time and noted that student data has remained nearly the same since the 1990s when Swallow started giving this assessment. Swallow students score about one standard deviation above national norms and grow more than their peer groups according to the information available from the assessment company.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Thompson
Superintendent

Approved: _____

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_____, Clerk