

**MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
SLINGER SCHOOL DISTRICT
SLINGER, WISCONSIN
June 22, 2020**

High School IMC

Routine Business:

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Strupp at 7:00 PM in the High School IMC.

Members answering roll were: Ken Strupp, Roman Weninger, Jody Strupp, Cherie Rhodes, Bruce Hassler, and Gary Feltz. Excused: Joe Havey. Also present were administrators and directors: Daren Sievers, Jim Curler, Karen Hug, Patrick Armstrong, and 6 in person guests and 11 guests on the phone.

Sievers affirmed the public notice.

Motion by Weninger, seconded by Hassler, to approve the 4 sets of minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Feltz reviewed the highlights of the financial report and asked if there were any questions on the financial report. After discussion, there was a motion by Rhodes, seconded by Weninger, to dispense with the reading of the financial statement and approve as presented. Motion carried.

After discussion and clarifications of the voucher report, motion by Weninger, seconded by Feltz, to approve check numbers 133843-134107, payroll check numbers 58635-58636, direct deposit numbers 901047374-901048353, A/P ACH numbers 192001076-192001147, the retirement ACH transfer of \$202,081.66, and tax deposit ACH transfers totaling \$437,202.60 wire transfers 201900010-201900011 for \$12,794.32, and voided checks: (133826, wrong vendor). Motion carried.

New Business:

Public Comments:

Unknown Caller: Regarding the parent survey questionnaire that went out; there was a scenario that indicated that students could attend school in person less than 5x/week. The caller felt that the district should not be paying full salaries to the teachers/aides if a situation like that was selected.

C.Martin: Does not agree with the public comment made by the caller. As a teacher herself in another district, she expressed the sentiment that a lot more goes into on-line teaching than what people think. And having students on site less than 5x/week does not generate less work by a staff member.

Correspondence: Nothing at this time.

Sievers presented an administrative recommendation to accept one letter of resignation from Terry Wussow, a special education aide at the high school. Motion by Weninger, seconded by Rhodes, to accept the resignation, and to express their appreciation for his service. Motion carried.

Scott Gundrum, SEA (Slinger Educational Association) representative, shared the results of a teacher survey the SEA conducted with staff. The questions were to understand how the homebound learning experience went and their initial thoughts/concerns with the COVID-19 pandemic. Gundrum summarized the survey and highlighted a few comments for each question. The SEA was the first district to extend a survey like this and now it is being used by many districts. Approximately 150 teachers responded (3/4 of staff); 125 gave comments.

On behalf of the SEA, Gundrum thanked the Board for not modifying contracts this year. The SEA is trusting the Board will do what is right for the re-opening of school in fall. Staff have many questions and comments on precautions being taken to lessen the likelihood of COVID-19 issues for the fall. Need to look into how to handle sick days due to COVID-19. Board thanked Gundrum/SEA for the feedback.

Sievers presented an administrative recommendation to reclassify support staff aide positions; to make three categories (Instructional Assistants/Special Education Aide/Teacher Aide) into one (Educational Assistant) with same pay rate. Increasing Health Room Assistant rate to equal Educational Assistant rate. After discussion, motion by Feltz, seconded by Hassler, to approve the reclassification as presented. Motion carried.

Feltz gave a report regarding the virtual June CESA 6 (Cooperative Educational Service Agency) Annual Meeting. Four objectives for CESA 6 this year are: superintendent search services; math coaching, staff development for special education staff, and a co-op model. Election of 4 new members to the Board of Control.

Sievers presented a report regarding CARES monies eligibility for the 2020-2021 school year related to COVID-19 expenses. Money was allocated to districts based on Title I formula (free/reduced) with a \$40,000 basement. Slinger is getting \$58,969 with approximately \$3,000 going to St Peter's Catholic School.

Sievers presented an administrative recommendation to renew several insurance policies through R&R Insurance. While health insurance went up; all other insurance services stayed relatively the same with a slight overall increase of 2.7%. Work comp mod went down again. Special thank you to Linda O'Rourke and Cindy Fassbender for their commitment and efforts. Report back to Board next month on additional insurance for terrorist and riot attack coverage. After discussion, motion by Rhodes, seconded by Weninger, to approve the policies as presented. Motion carried.

Sievers/K.Strupp presented an administrative recommendation to enter into a land leasing contract of 25 acres with the William Nehm family. They would like to continue to farm the land until the school needs to build on it. They have invested in planting crops. After discussion, motion by Weninger, seconded by Feltz to approve the lease as presented at \$102 an acre. Motion carried.

Hassler presented a report from the Transportation Committee regarding a performance review of Go Riteway Transportation Group. In addition, he presented a recommendation for the extension of the contract with Go Riteway through 2025-2026, and the rate of increase for the Go Riteway contract for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years. 2.25% rate of increase for the next two years; dropping from 3.5% in 2019-20. Riteway also purchased the remaining fuel from E.H. Wolf that the District had pre-purchased. After discussion, motion by Rhodes, seconded by Hassler to approve the contract and raise as presented. Motion carried.

Curler presented a report from the Policy Committee and conducted the second reading of policies:

- Policy 383_Animals in Schools- new
- Policy 383.1 Service animals- new
- Policy 131 Board elections – updated language
- Policy 171 Board meetings- update
- Policy 174 Board Organization- updated language
- 342.3 Rule Gifted and Talented Identification- updated language

Katelyn Dei is requesting an explanation of the first two policies and how they will affect her class structure and curriculum. Jim Curler will respond.

Motion by Feltz, seconded by Weninger to approve the policies. Motion carried.

Public Comments and Questions: None

Future Dates to Remember:

June 24 th	Special Board Meeting	7:00 PM
July 8 th	Special Board Meeting	6:00 PM
July 11 th	Graduation	1:00 PM
July 12 th	Graduation Rain Date	1:00 PM
July 15 th	Closed Board Session	6:00 PM
July 21 st	Closed Board Session	6:00 PM
July 22 nd	Special Board Meeting (tentative)	6:00 PM
July 27 th	Regular Board Meeting	7:00 PM
August 24 th	Regular Board Meeting	7:00 PM

Motion by J.Strupp, seconded by Weninger to enter into closed session under state statute 19.85 a(f) to discuss a personnel issue. Motion carried.

Motion by Rhodes, seconded by Feltz to come out of closed session.

Motion by Feltz seconded by Hassler to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cherie Rhodes, Clerk